

2<sup>d</sup> of October 1936.

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My dearest friend

Heartiest thanks for your kind and interesting letter of 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept. - I am delighted that all is well with you. -

Since I wrote you last - "I had some little trouble" - I was operated at Vienna by Prof. Dr. Hans Loserj for a deep lying abscess and a old fistula in my intestines. All went well - I was over a fortnight in the Sanatorium Amersperg and came with the Prof. permission here on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. - where I have my humble home and my comfort. My operations-wound is healing faster as the doctor thought - and by the end of this week - I will say: Kein' Dokter - Kein' Pflaster mehr!

My daughter Anne Marie was well and flourishing - until I got a letter on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept. that she is in bed with a touch of bronchitis - but I got lately

an answer of a wire, that the temperature is normal again, but is still kept in bed on account of a cough - but there is not reason for anxiety - think he recovers - so I hope for the best -

My dear friend - you have forgotten the story! After you gave me a good lunch you kindly decided to make a sketch of me which is now my most treasured possession - but you could n't find a cartoon - after while searching you came back saying - "I found one - but I hope you don't mind to have a woman clinging to your back" - I saw afterwards what that meant - and so I became the proud possessor of "two Lady's" - - I don't mind to have Lady Johnstone on my back, but how disappointing to her - to charming, lively Lady - to be fixed permanently to an old man! -

The dropping of the British pound is rather unpleasant for all those who are living on the continent - like myself - The income on account

of all sort of reductions: smaller  
and the money less in value. Of course  
the £ will adjust itself in time, but  
I think one must reckon anyhow with  
a permanent loss of 15%? - But that does not  
matter, as long one feel well and can make  
both ends meet! -

My best wishes are with you on your  
journey to America. - Good luck and  
every success!

Meinen ergebensten Dankes für  
deine verehrte Frau Gemahlin and best  
love to you and all your dears! -  
Mit dem herzlichsten Grüssen - wir  
immer

dein treuer ergebenster Freund

R. Steiner -