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S. S. Manhattan
Off the English coast.
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Dear Ninny and Aunt Vonie:-

I am sitting in a room from whose window I can see the low bluff that is England slowly passing by. It is really a beautiful sight - my first glimpse of the Old Country. Most of the coast line is weathered cliffs, but occasionally it breaks and the neat green fields come right down to the sea. Many of the farm buildings are white, and we are so close to the shore that we can see them quite clearly. In a few hours we will reach Plymouth and tomorrow evening we will be at Havre, where I will disembark and resume my journey by land.

I firmly intended to write to you-all before I left home, but you have no idea how hectic my 13 days at home were. I was on the go nearly every minute: lots of things to buy, lots of people to see, a few parties, and all the rest. I hardly had time to think, and even now I wonder how much I will have forgotten.

We have had a very fine crossing. The weather

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has been beautifully clear all the time, and the sea as calm and smooth as a mill pond. I had a little trouble with indigestion when I first left home, due I think to the vibration of the ship, but I soon got over it and have enjoyed the trip very much. I have met several very interesting people and made some good acquaintances. The food has been very good, too good, I fear, for our own well-being. You can have nearly everything you want, served in a style to which I am totally unaccustomed.

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I do hope you are both well. They will miss you in Ohio this summer, I know, but I agree that the trip would not justify the expense and exertion. You can address me at the American Consulate, Stuttgart. Postage 5¢. All my love,
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