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Dear Allice - Jon & Lon will be thinking  
that I have quite forgotten you. It is not  
the case, tho' my writing is certainly  
not my long suit these days. I thank  
you both for your good wishes at times  
and apologise, humbly, for not  
returning them sooner. I have just  
received your summer letter, too & it  
recalled so many familiar scenes  
and people & made me wish  
doubly that I could be with you  
all once again in Madagawater!  
You will have perhaps heard  
from Thelma that I am marrying  
again & will probably think I  
am old enough to know better!  
But it is a good feeling to know  
that I will not spend my old  
age alone and the man in  
question has all the qualities  
which go toward making common

life agreeable. I think you met him  
in Paris, tho' you will probably not  
remember him - We went, all together  
to Montmartre one evening - Jack  
knows & likes him very much. I  
cannot say just when we can be  
married. We thought it would be  
long before this. But we must wait  
until he has been officially  
taken on by the new government, as  
there is a law for trading employees  
of the state <sup>in the Foreign Office</sup> to marry foreigners &  
although I cannot be counted as  
such, being German (formerly  
Austrian) since 1907) he must  
apply for permission to marry me  
and this he cannot do before  
he is officially taken on. So I do  
not know much about the near  
or distant future, where we will  
live etc. By the way he bears  
the not uncommon name  
Schmid. I got all my papers

with Snell's help. They are most (I  
important and at the time I asked  
for them, so urgently we expected  
to be married in November. Since  
then this new law has been  
made.

Alma may go to America - she has  
the chance of a job there & if she  
goes, we leave in May. But  
all is vague as yet. Paul absolutely  
refuses to allow Lili to leave &  
so Alma must decide if she  
leaves her <sup>here</sup>. Jack & Tess very  
kindly offered to take her for  
as long as necessary until  
Alma got settled.

I hope you & Rex's family are  
spending a good winter and send  
you all my love & best wishes.  
Have you heard anything of the  
London Ramsays? I have only  
had one card from them since  
they left here. They told that  
they were embarking on a  
journey. Would like to know how

Roger! The son who was ill, is  
going on.

My love to you & Lou.

Do you remember the shopkeeper  
by you once sent me? It does  
me such good service & time!

Nellie

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