

Paris, 29th May '87.

My dear Newton,

We were so happy to get your letter & to learn the news of baby Newton. Compliments from both of us. I have written a sufficiently long and glib letter to Maria. To read it & pass it on to her and see that she does not misunderstand it. It's a little joke that seems to be developing itself. But we must have fun at times.

I hope Maria is well. Is she back from the hospital? Let's know about her & the baby. I say - what will be her name? We usually fix the name before the child is born.

I am glad to know that Baker got a job. I want to post this letter immediately though I have as usual a lot of things to write to you.

Hartwell is here. He sent me a letter & will come to see me today or tomorrow.

Yes both Pamela & Gira are engaged. I wonder how many hearts are broken. Excellent girls they are & even to me it is painful to see them belong to different countries. Anyway I hope they are happy.

Are you painting Newton. I wonder if you are. Remember our October exhibition is very important. We want at least 15 excellent pictures from you.