[34]

Saturday, January 16, 1937, I Tatti

Horrid

Naima Morra Trevy

Conte Mario Gigliucci (1971)

[35]

Sunday, January 17, 1937, I Tatti

Horrid

Naima Morra Trevy

Harry + to lunch

Sir Aurel Stein called

Just heard that Prof. Riefstahl is dead (1972)

[36]

Monday, January 18, 1937, I Tatti

Horrid

Naima Morra Trevy

Leartin O’Berne came to lunch, bringing Dr. Heknington, a female pioneer in doctoring women in India. She was dull, but had a lot of interesting things to say. If I didn’t fell so ill I could have enjoyed listening to her. She was mostly in the Punjank.

Trevy down with tonsilitis.

Finished Singer’s “The Brother Ashkenazi”, a horrible tale made up of sordidness and cruelty and mean-ness and mind ale and pogroms and revolutions. Scene Ladz and Petrograd. Nearly 800 pages. I suppose it is powerful.

[37]

Tuesday, January 19, 1937, I Tatti

Horrid

Naima Morra Trevy

Feeling ill

Seentia and Forman came about his play. I like her.

Pancrazi came to lunch but I did not get up.

The pain is awful, now I am trying to do without my dop (acedicon)

But Roger is well again and his own little angel self

More came out after 10 days reclusion with influenza

BB called on Vittoria de Vecchi

A most sweet little love letter from Karin, the first I have ever had

We take family affection for granted.

[38]

Monday, January 18, 1937, I Tatti

Glorious

Morra Trevy

Mrs. Hulton and Gioconda came to lunch, and were so boring that I felt horribly ill, and in fact suffered much pain. But came out to have tea with two young Chicago painters: Kraus and Ewers, very nice boys.

BB felt very ill, but got up for dinner to receive Lord and Lady Howard and Placci. Quiet, pleasant evening of harmless chat Morra came to dinner but Trevy is still in bed.

Finished Taste under the George (Stegmann).

A M Thackonas former Paris Consul dead (1973)

Mrs. Johnstone died on 16 (1974)

[39]

Thursday, January 21, 1937, I Tatti

Fair -ish

Morra Trevy

De Filippi and Sir Aurel Stein came to lunch and stayed till 3.20.

Dr. Levy gave me an inside examination – not very painful-

Forgot Senator and Mrs. Villari and Mr. Hultia (1977)

[40]

Friday, January 22, 1937, I Tatti

Scirocco

Morra Trevy

Lunch: Cecil Anrep, Signorina?

Horn Did not go down

Trevy read us his translation of Montaigne’s Essay on Repentance in the evening. Very good.

[41]

Saturday, January 23, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Morra Trevy

Ojetti to lunch, very tiring.

Had tea with Fern and Dora at the Villino. Trevy came too,

BB dined at the Consul’s and Morra and Alda’s Aubry came to dine with Trevy and me.

Read Cocteau’s “*La Machine Infernale.*” Unexpectedly tragic and impressive!

[42]

Sunday, January 24, 1937, I Tatti

Rainy

Trevy Morra

The Kuhens arrived at 6.30; Byba very much exhausted and ill went straight to bed.

Aurel Stein called. He said very nice thing about my “Modern Pilgrimage”

Dead Diego Angeli Clare Sheridan’s son and I forgot Lonty “Berticelli” (1981)

[43]

Monday, January 25, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Trevy

Forman (Josef) came to see me about the final draft of his Play “Margaret of Hainault.”

He was nicer than I imagined he could be, and I think his Play is extremely good.

Byba Khuen is very ill and I have got in Angia Parry as night nurse.

Finished “Maria Zen” by Paola Drigo. Very real, almost a great novel. But heart breaking.

[44]

Tuesday, January 26, 1937, I Tatti

Cloudy

Morra, Trevy Khuens

Byba Khuen still ill.

I feel very ill also, but struggled up to lunch and to take a drive, and came down to dinner.

Read Maurice Baring’s excellent introduction to the “Oxford Book of Russian Poetry”

[45]

Wednesday, January 27, 1937, I Tatti

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Morra, Trevy Khuens

Cecil Anrep to lunch, Karl Khuen was rejoined to have seen me to talk German to, and he was like a bursting man. He is a great talker and it is perhaps lucky for us that he is less fluent in English than in German!

At tea time he stayed with Byba (still in bed) so I had a *chance* to read some of the Michael Field letters to BB and Morra and Trevy. I read those Field wrote when she knew she had only a few months (of ag\_\_) to live. Very beautiful and touching. BB and I both wept.

Nicky began to read us the “Letters of Ko\_\_\_”

[46]

Thursday, January 28, 1937, I Tatti

rain

Morra, Trevy Khuens

Placci and Franca Pecori came to lunch. I took her down to town and Morra t 3.

Called us Miss O’Bervine, who has put up a silly quarrel with Forman. She seems hysterical, but she has a painful abscess in the ear. How silly quarrels are!

Khuen dined with Alda, and I read to BB and Trevy and Morra what I have done about “Michael Field”

Byba still very ill

Frank Thomas dead (1982)

[47]

Friday, January 29, 1937, I Tatti

Rain and then fine

Morra, Trevy Khuens

Baron Stiebel for lunch. He looks a dying man, and it is tragic that his head is full of the most pretty gossips. I could hardly bear it at lunch.

At tea-time I finished reading the “Michael Field” to BB and Trevy and Morra.

Byba still very ill

Mrs. Balfour (Mollie Mac Carthy’s sister) died in Greece (1983)

[48]

Saturday, January 30, 1937, I Tatti

Morra left before lunch, Trevy and Khuen lunched out, so BB and I were left with Nicky and Alda, and enjoyed it very much.

Byba is a little better, but suffering much from her bronchitis cough – well do I know that suffering!

I feel distinctly better, and am glad to be on my 3° day without Acedicon and not \_\_\_ing it, or Allonal either, both of which I have taken almost daily for nearly a year and a half.

Forman came for the last work on his Play. I thought him very intelligent, for he had accepted all my criticisms and had done a lot of work to embody them in the play.

Clotilde arrived.

[49]

Sunday, January 31, 1937, I Tatti

Fine then cloudy

Khuens Trevy Clotilde

Drove over San Clemente - it was too long for me and I had 3 hours of painful pain and could only greet Vittoria de Vecchi.

Stein to tea, but I did not get up.

Read Michael Field’s “Works and Days” Vol. I Ed. Sturge Moore

Lady Jekyll (75) die

Arthur Hungerford Pollen (70) (1985)

[50]

Monday, February 1, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Trevy The Khuens Clotilde

Very much enfeebled by all that pain yesterday.

Aubrey Waterfield came to dine and was very agreeable

Finished “Sidelights on Queen Victoria”, to me not very interesting except to note the teacup storms in the royal entourage, so dull that \_\_ got in everyone nervous and so stickling for minute \_\_ of etiquette that important business was hideously delayed.

Lady Aberdeen died. I used to see a great deal of her in my “Literal Women’s \_\_” days. A gracious creature (1984)

[51]

Tuesday, February 2, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Trevy The Khuens Clotilde

Very uncomfortable, tho returned to Acedicon.

Pellegrina and Byba for tea.

BB is frighteningly tired. He had a visit from Paolini who brought photos of awful pictures.

[52]

Wednesday, February 3, 1937, I Tatti

Fine but too warm

Trevy The Khuens

Clotilde left.

[53-55]

Thursday-Saturday, February 4-6, 1937, I Tatti

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[56]

Sunday, February 7, 1937, I Tatti

Byba

Carl Khuen left. Byba much better.

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Monday, February 8, 1937, I Tatti

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[58]

Tuesday, February 9, 1937, I Tatti

Influenza

[59]

Wednesday, February 10, 1937, I Tatti

Ill

[60]

Thursday, February 11, 1937, I Tatti

Ill

[61]

Friday, February 12, 1937, I Tatti

Ill

Placci and Cora to lunch and Mrs. Cora and the Paoluccis tea

I saw no one

Piero Misciatelli suddenly died (1985)

[62]

Saturday, February 13, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Naima

Byba left after tea

Markevitch came to lunch I met him in the library afterwards. Agreeable and intelligent

A painter from Trieste and

[63]

Sunday, February 14, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Naima Ralph

G. Anthony to lunch.

Ralph Perry arrived in time for dinner, nicer than ever, one of the most congenial people we know.

A little better

Finished “Shakers and Movers” by Mabel Dodge

[64]

Monday, February 15, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph Sybil Colefax

Really better.

Such nice talks with Ralph.

Barbara has got a new job, a very promising one, which the Times Book Club was not. I hour less a day, every other sat the whole day, lots of responsibility and in a growing advertising concern.

Sybil Colefax arrived at night.

[65]

Tuesday, February 16, 1937, I Tatti

Ralph Sybil Colefax

Ill again. O bother!

[66]

Wednesday, February 17, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Sybil Colefax

The Ralph Crams came to lunch. He has crank written all over him but they were agreeable.

[67]

Thursday, February 18, 1937, I Tatti

Ralph Sybil Colefax Miss Aldrich

H. Coster to lunch. I felt very ill.

Miss Aldrich arrived at 5.40

Cecil came to dinner to keep her with the List of Villas she is preparing for the American Academy.

I had to go to bed at once after dinner.

[68]

Friday, February 19, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph Miss Aldrich

Felt ill but worked with Miss Aldrich on her List of Villas.

Placci to lunch. We all drove out to Gricigliato to show Miss Aldrich the villa

Finished “Sacrifice to Attis” by Brend. A third class \_\_ well meant.

[69]

Saturday, February 20, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph Miss Aldrich

Byba and Cecil Anrep came to lunch.

Miss Aldrich left at 3. A new friend!! She is awfully nice.

[070]

Sunday, February 21, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph Naima

Felt very ill all day but got up for lunch and a \_\_ Freedberg from the Fogg came to lunch

[071]

Monday, February 22, 1937, I Tatti

Grey

Ralph Naima

Ill

Pellegrina came to lunch and walked with BB

Gamba came to tea

Roger ill. I sent for the doctor. Bronchitis from tooth.

[072]

Tuesday, February 23, 1937, I Tatti

rain

Ralph

Horn and Freedberg came to lunch. I feel awfully ill.

Ralph dined with Costers

Roger low

[073]

Wednesday, February 24, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph

In bed till dinner

The Stablers came to tea, and I saw her in my rooms.

Ralph reading William James

Roger his \_\_ \_\_again. O how I love him!!

Began my reminiscences of Reinach

[074]

Thursday, February 25, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

In bed all day

Ojetti came to lunch

Finished to read “The Late George Apley” (Marquand)

Ralph went on with his William James in the evening. I feel like – hell. But I am better, as I have no bladder pain (or very little) and I have stopped taking the Acedicon.

[075]

Friday, February 26, 1937, I Tatti

Fine but too warm

Finished my Reinach

Finished reading Pearl Buck’s “Fighting Angel”

[076]

Saturday, February 27, 1937, I Tatti

Ralph

Too ill to notice weather

Too ill to read

But no pain, only leisure to realize how ill I am!

Russo and Calamandrei to lunch.

[077]

Sunday, February 28, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Shapleys and Laentia lunch

I got up, but was too ill to notice anything.

Evening in library was hell!

[078]

Monday, March 1, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph

Better. Enjoyed evening

Read them my “Reinach[[1]](#footnote-1)” which they liked.

The Costers came to lunch bringing a very nice young American named Reinhardt.

Finished reading “Black Angels of Mount Athos” Choukas.

[079]

Tuesday, March 2, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Ralph

On the up grade I hope

Roger too enchanting! when he is well, he is an Angel.

Pancrazi, Loria and Tancredi to lunch. I did not go down.

Pellegrina and his artist friend came for a walk and tea

[[2]](#footnote-2)Began my “Carlo Placci”

[080]

Wednesday, March 3, 1937, I Tatti

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[081]

Thursday, March 4, 1937, I Tatti

Finished my Papafava[[3]](#footnote-3)

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Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, 1937, I Tatti

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[084]

Sunday, March 7, 1937, I Tatti

Lochoff and his sweet daughter came to lunch.

I felt awfully ill

[085]

Monday, March 8, 1937, I Tatti

Ray’s dinner for the Loan Fund to train girls for superior work.

[086]

Tuesday, March 9, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Cox left at 3.

The Bossi-Puccis came to dine. She says she now awfully wants another (4°) baby – he said she would have to find another father, as 3 children were quite enough for him.

[087]

Wednesday, March 10, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith

Feeling most awfully ill, but got up after dinner for the reading.

[088]

Thursday, March 11, 1937, I Tatti

Fine then cloudy

Ralph Judith

Prince and Princess Dietrichstein and Tancredi to lunch.

Finished Emile Ludwig’s “Nile.”

Very ill in afternoon

Went on with Ralph’s Life of William James

[089]

Friday, March 12, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith

Placci came to lunch

William James on long.

Feeling a tiny \_\_ \_\_ but oh how ill!

[090]

Saturday, March 13, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith Walkers

Walkers arrived

Just able to see them

[090]

Saturday, March 13, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith Walkers

[091]

Sunday, March 14, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith Walkers

Ill forget

The Walkers

Lochoff and his sweet daughter came to lunch

[092]

Monday, March 15, 1937, I Tatti

Clouds Rain

Ralph Judith the Walkers

BB went for a walk in the icy wind and got a horrible cold

Roger fanting

[093]

Tuesday, March 16, 1937, I Tatti

Horrid weather

Ralph Judith the Walkers

BB ill

Alberti lunch

[094]

Wednesday, March 17, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith

Walker left

BB ill

Roger recovered

[095]

Thursday, March 18, 1937, I Tatti

horrid

Ralph Judith

Very ill

BB still in bed

Big lunch

[096]

Friday, March 19, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith

BB still in bed, very sorry for himself.

Pellegrina came up to tea.

I read them my “Carlo Placci” they liked it.

Charles Shannon died – poor man, after years in an asylum, almost \_\_ imbecile, for a fall on the head (1992)

[097]

Saturday, March 20, 1937, I Tatti

Rain

Ralph Judith Naima Britta

Dorothy Palffy to lunch. Wordly and false

BB got up and received in his study.

Placci came.

I feel awfully ill, as if I were in for a spell of pathological melancholia

Ralph and Judith and Britte dined al Aldas’ and enjoyed it. Alda is an ideal hostess.

[098]

Sunday, March 21, 1937, I Tatti

bad

Ralph Judith Naima Bitta

Ill

[099]

Monday, March 22, 1937, I Tatti

Bad

Ralph Judith Naima Bitta

Pres. Neilson to lunch

BB up but feeling horrid

[100]

Tuesday, March 23, 1937, I Tatti

Cold and fine

Ralph and Judith

Ill

Lots of people to lunch

I saw no one

[101]

Wednesday, March 24, 1937, I Tatti

Cold and fine

Ralph and Judith Lady Berwick

Teresa Berwick came to tea and spend the night.

Lina and Mr. \_\_ and Miss Russell (his niece) came with her

I felt ill and everything was dark and ashes

[102]

Thursday, March 25, 1937, I Tatti

Cold clear

Ralph Judith

Feeling awfully ill

Judith and her friend Bettina Crump, Horn and \_\_\_ lunch

I could see no one, scarcely Roger.

[103]

Friday, March 26, 1937, I Tatti

Cold \_\_

Ralph Judith

Placci and Levis lunch

Feeling desperately ill.

[104-107]

Saturday- Tuesday, March 27-30, 1937, I Tatti

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[108]

Wednesday, March 31, 1937, I Tatti

Ill \_ ill

Nice thing: BB gave me $ 100

Lady Berkeley has given Lochoff a \_\_ \_ job.

The McClure left. Nice people, but she is crammed in commonplaces

De Filippi lunch, but I did not go down

Judith and Bettina tea

Too ill to see Judith more than 2 minutes.

[109]

Wednesday, April 1, 1937, I Tatti

Fine

Still very ill. O how can I bear it.

Nice things: Roger discovered the word Beat and applied it to noses .

2 nice American ladies of Worcester to lunch- I did not go down.

[110]

Thursday, April 2, 1937, I Tatti

Frank Griswold died (1994)

1. unpublished text friends [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. unpublished text friends [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. unpublished text friends [↑](#footnote-ref-3)