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for the purpose. (If wanted for market, & value removed to be replaced by cash.)

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Terms of 10-11
\$1,000,000

K. Bass

1. Capital to be paid off ^{at least 25%}
(a) at ~~an option~~ provided that 25% has been paid up it, at any chosen time.
(b) at the end of 5 years. 17/11/11

This payment to be secured by:

- (a) Stock from Pickfords to that face value (\$1,000,000) to be set aside for the purpose. (If wanted for market, the value removed to be replaced by cash.) ^{or stock of new public}
- (b) ~~York's personal guarantee~~
- (c) Crowley's ditto

2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to be paid at once to ^{at} for removal of wardrobe etc.

3. 6% interest to be payable quarterly.

4. Profits in excess of this to be distributed as ~~what~~? (This seems to imply another contract)

Terms of loan
\$10,000⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

H. Bass

1. Capital to be paid off ^{of face. at least.}
 - (a) at ~~one~~ option, provided that 25% has been paid on it, at any chosen time.
 - (b) at the end of 5 years. ^{17/12/14}

This payment to be secured by:

- (a) Stock from Pitfords to that face value (\$10,000⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to be set aside for the purpose. (If wanted for market, ^{or stock of new public} value removed to be replaced by cash.)
- (b) ~~York's personal guarantee~~
- (c) Crowley's ditto

20/14

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3. 6% interest to be payable quarterly.
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Terms of loan
\$1,000.00/100.

R. Bass

- Capital to be paid off ^{for. at 25%}
 - at ~~an~~ option, provided that 25% has been paid on it, at any chosen time.
 - at the end of 5 years. ^{17/12/41}

This payment to be secured by:

- Stock from Pitfords to that face value (\$1,000.00) to be set aside for the purpose. (If wanted for market, ^{or stock of new public} value removed to be replaced by cash.)
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 6. The use of the capital shall be determined by a committee of U.S., ^{A.C.} ~~and~~ S. & R., to be determined to have the same in force.
 7. Any amount to be made to meet the case of death of any of the parties etc.
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This is a crude outline of the terms in which U.S. will lend. It might also serve as a basis for the possible readers. Who is to fix it up properly & send to Powers, Smith, & others? The U.S. it might be available by Sept 5; to please her to time is sending me some- thing we can sign. Then we could go ahead at once. 666.

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5. The sum of \$25,000 weekly to be paid to ^{U.S.} ~~her~~ as salary for her work as interpreter & \$50,000 weekly to ~~her~~ as traveling director (?)
6. The use of the capital shall be determined by a committee of U.S., ^{A.C.} ~~and~~ E.S.V., the last-named to have sole executive power.
7. Arrangements to be made to meet the case of death of any of the parties &c.

This is a crude outline of the terms on which U.S. could lend. It might also serve as a basis for other possible lenders. Will you fix it up properly & send to Penner, Smith, & others? The U.S. item might be available by Sept 5; so please lose no time in sending over something we can sign. Then we could go ahead at once. 666.

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5. The sum of \$25⁰⁰/₁₀₀ weekly to be paid to
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 at once. 666.

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5. The sum of \$250,000 weekly to be paid to
 H.S. ~~as~~ as salary for her work as interpreter,
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55 Avenue de Suffren

Paris, VII

December 4th, 1928

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Thanks for yours of the 1st. It was not that I was worrying about the £90; it was the other fellow. At 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon the check ^{que} had not come through, but they said they thought it would be payable on Saturday morning. It seemed absurd that it should take five days, but they told me that was the normal time.

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works, which was won by Captain Fuller with the "Star in the West." So please loosen the rope round the poor lady's neck!

Dealing with Rodker is going a little too far East to be odorous. He ^(14/13-14) was the dirtiest, slimiest kind of person that I ever met. He used to come round to my studio because there were free cigarettes. Mary Butts picked him out of the gutter; had him washed and dressed, and married him, owing to a complex which she had. She wants a man who will in no way compete with her, and ^{so bright} Rodker and Cecil Maitland. She left Rodker to live with the latter. My relations with her were never in any way intimate. We enjoyed exchanging views. I had a friendly letter from her two or three weeks ago in which she said she was going to Italy and would see me when she came back. I will try to find time to look her up between now and your visit, in case she has returned to Paris. We must talk the Rodker matter over at length.

I think your attitude about the A. A. system is all wrong. You cannot test out ^{the} a system unless you buy the black egg without haggling. I supposed that you had been doing this, and was correspondingly optimistic. The best evidence at your disposal is my Magical Diary. The Gods have been extremely generous with me. "Not ^{more than} others than I deserve, but God has given me more." They have come down very handsomely indeed in every matter but money, and I am pretty sure that I know the reason why I am not a millionaire. They have been training me to get over the feeling of anxiety about money. It is very largely gone, but I still have moments of weakness. It is not that I mind any possible hardship, but when things go wrong I

have a feeling partly of annoyance at the interference with the work, especially with regard to the possible destruction of the material, and partly of irritation at the stupidity of the people who have brought about the crisis, which ~~now~~ often includes myself! But I am not the least worried as to the present issue.

I take it that you will arrive by the usual train so I shall ask ^{Mr.} Mrs. Freeman definitely to lunch at 1 o'clock.

Astarte may still be here. She is in trouble with the dentist.

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Yours fraternally,

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P.S. I am trying to prove $\frac{1}{8} - \frac{7}{8} > \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5}$

P.P.S. There will be a Theatre on Friday night, & two actresses to supper - *supper of the 3 Wishes*

Gerald Yorke,
9, Mansfield Street,
London, England

(one of A.C. plan?)

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December 10th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

It was delightful of you to leave your shoes and shaving tackle. We are sending them to you in the morning.

It is very difficult to make a program, because we cannot be sure of the day of the arrival of the money from America, and I have either to pay a month's rent or get out on the 20th. I would prefer to get out, and take a month or two Magical Retirement, fixing up Pythagoras, and so on, leaving ^{the} Serpent in Paris to get everything ready for a Spring campaign. I don't want to do this before 'Magick' is definitely in the Press.

I shall probably see the Freemans tomorrow; and you never know your luck!

In the meanwhile I am filled with immense courage and confidence.

The High Priestess snorts so furiously that I am compelled to break off what would otherwise be a long and charming letter.

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P.S. She explains that she was only laughing.

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P. S. II -

There is silence in heaven for the space of half an hour. I can now continue my informative narration. First, the French Post Office strenuously opposed all efforts to send your shoes. It appears that one has to go to some remote quarter of the city, and take a number of oaths before a notary public, and then it will cost 65 francs. As there is probably some method of bribing one or two ~~of the~~ cabinet ministers, negotiations are in progress. I hope to give you better news tomorrow.

I repeated my last month's operation with the tailor, so that we are now free from any possible anxiety until the end of the month. On that date there will be a check for five thousand francs to be honored. As this money is borrowed without interest, I think it is good business.

The one thing that really interests me to know is whether we can arrange to get out of here on the 20th. That is only ten days from now, and I think it would rather break up the even tenor of our progress towards the City of God. However we will see what the next few days bring forth.

I am mailing you the ritual tomorrow, as I have to go through it and put in some of the things that could not be typed.

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Thanks for your letter of the 10th. I am so glad the picture looks all right. It might have looked even better had it been better painted.

I think the storage charges of Pickfords at least ought to have been stopped pending negotiations. However, you do your best. Pyke has no authority to pay any money to Mrs. Walker, who, spontaneously, offered to pay the whole arbitration charges, and ought to be made to do so. But the original Yi symbol was the "Weak Beam" and I shall know what to think of it the next time it turns up, which I hope it won't.

I enclose the note which you request; also the other note.

You business men are so accurate that you give me a pain in the old, old place. I dated the note September 9th as you request, but in the full conviction that you mean December 9th. You business men!!

It is not exactly my view that the flat is too expensive. It is that we could get a much more suitable place for rather less. Now that we have not got that pill around we can have an honest-to-goodness studio where we can have a circle, and do honest-to-goodness dances.

I expect to hear this afternoon about "Magick." (Richard)
I think everything can be put through if you write and explain

the whole situation frankly to Miss Eaton.

I have really very good hopes with regard to Mrs. Corey. We seemed to take to each other at once. I think it is about a thousand years since she met a straight and simple man who would talk to her real self. She has been accustomed to all these syphilitic Achdwaes. She spontaneously remarked that I ought to be financed. I replied that I was in no need of money, but wanted a chaperone. About the best solution possible is a person with some social connections who will run about doing our business in the way that I originally wanted Kasimira to do.

With my remarkable powers of negotiation, I think I can probably fix up everything here including the printing of "Magick", provided that the \$3,000.00 comes from America before the end of the year. Next time you invoke Thoth, you might send a Bud-will to Cora.

Astarte gives you her kindest regards, and Madame sends you a Kiss.

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The rest of your letter has thrown us in such confusion that everything has been messed up for today. But the Serpent will undulate tomorrow toward the American Express, who will probably be much more genial than the Post Office.

I think it is rather a good sign that you left behind your social uniform to take away the magic robe.

Miss Eaton is too stupid for any words of mine to describe. It is the only thing that she can do to lose her money, to hold it up every time at the exact moment when something can be put over. She cannot possibly tell what is going on here, and I cannot even tell you everything that is going on. I should have to write you thousands of words and I have not time to do so. I can just indicate a typical case. Yesterday I went down to see the Studio at half past two; at half past three I was seeing someone (who is neither here nor there so to speak) who knows a whole lot of people who might finance the studio as a

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esses of Voodoo they are beyond reproach. But in business -- I heave a heavy sigh. In the best cases they do seem to have a sense of honor, but it works in such an eccentric manner that one would be much more at one's ease in dealing with a registered swindler duly accredited by fourteen countries ^{and} in the League of Nations.

I enclose a note for Pyke, but how to distinguish it from the note I previously wrote and enclosed you, I don't know. I also enclose the other note.

You talk about the trust agreement. But that agreement does not come into operation, as far as I can see, until the papers have been signed and until the capital has been subscribed for. What we really want is a man, with the appurtenances of a man from the beard downwards, preferably with thirteen magnificent streams of oil streaming down that beard, who will write off the whole debt as a liability and start things fair with an adequate amount of capital.

You remark that it would be folly to keep on the flat. But I put it to you, as president of Pop, whether it would not be even more foolish to leave the flat and at the same time to pay the rent for it. It appears that under my agreement with Zipporah we are subject to "tacit reconduction." If you have a dictionary which informs you as to the meaning of this expression, it is a better dictionary than that of the wife of the commissary of police of the 16th arrondissement! However, my conversation with her was perfectly friendly and perfectly fair. I ought to have given notice that I was going to leave the apartment, on the 5th of December. In ^{consequence} default of my having failed to

do this, I was technically liable to renew the lease for three months. She has, however, agreed to accept a notice at one month's date, so that we are liable to pay only until the 20th of January.

I may point out that we could not, ^{in any case} have done otherwise, as in the absence of this \$3,000 I have to economize in every possible way, and a move costs money. I am going to sign the agreement with the Red Cross heroine who was gassed by the Germans, provided that she will accept the terms dictated to her by my lawyer, and I think that this should envisage our entry into the studio on the 15th of January. But we could not undertake all the packing and moving and all the rest of it at such short notice, even if Mrs. Moses had preferred to ~~show~~ show us out, because the petty expenses of moving would have eaten up all our reserve petty cash.

I quite agree with you about the Bayley-problem. I wrote to him exactly the same thing myself. "Give us a lead" was the general tenor of my remarks.

I also feel that Ogden will do something sooner or later. That bird is a curious bird! He seems rather a survival of Victorian times. There were lots of people going around London with fifty ^{four} packs in their sleeves. For instance, Ogden has seven houses in Cambridge which he bought for some mysterious activity: if I remember correctly, to house secret societies for the purpose of studying Euripides or something equally formidable. He is therefore just the kind of person that would go head over heels into a scheme ~~that~~ in which he was to fail to appear as the Great God from the machine. He likes the sense of secret power. I am

See Mrs. Harte

extremely pleased to hear of your missionary efforts with General Blakeney, but the only thing that will convince these people really is an interview with me. I should say that if this well-meaning but misguided Patriot could go to American to get a document of no importance to anybody, including the recipient, he could venture as far as Paris to confront the Lion in His lair.

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I want to thank you for the Abramelin Incense, which is going to put everything right. We are going to burn it regularly, and do regular invocations, and that is going to put everything right in a very short time.

I already told you that Sieveking was certainly one of the Patriot people. I ought to put it on record that I am perfectly in agreement with the general aims of this crowd, supposing that they were in a position to execute their fiat without obstruction, metaphysically. Where we disagree is that they take every hollow turnip with a candle for the ghost of Judas Iscariot.

I am not sure whether my attitude to Catholicism is generally understood, especially by Catholics. I have little to criticize in the matter of Renaissance Popes, for example. I cannot see why they should want to graft a Jewish legend, which is utterly contemptible to every Jew, onto a Pagan system which would be perfectly admirable if it were interpreted in strictly magical terms. My quarrel with the provincial of the Jesuits

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I want to thank you for the Abramelin Incense, which is going to put everything right. We are going to burn it regularly, and do regular invocations, and that is going to put everything right in a very short time.

I already told you that Sieveking was certainly one of the Patriot people. I ought to put it on record that I am perfectly in agreement with the general aims of this crowd, supposing that they were in a position to execute their fiat without obstruction, metaphysically. Where we disagree is that they take every hollow turnip with a candle for the ghost of Judas Iscariot.

I am not sure whether my attitude to Catholicism is generally understood, especially by Catholics. I have little to criticize in the matter of Renaissance Popes, for example. I cannot see why they should want to graft a Jewish legend, which is utterly contemptible to every Jew, onto a Pagan system which would be perfectly admirable if it were interpreted in strictly magical terms. My quarrel with the provincial of the Jesuits

who came to see me in St. Moritz in 1904, was simply that he wanted me, as a member of the master class, to accept the slave psychology. ~~and~~ That we never got any further than that was due to my youth and ignorance. I feel sure that the point behind his insistence was that I could not use a doctrine to dominate the slaves unless I believed in it myself. They would find me out. This is evidently justified by the history of the French Revolution, where the nobles accepted Rousseau, mocked at the theory of kingship, and therefore had no true self-confidence whereby to dominate their serfs. They abdicated ~~their~~ spiritually, and were properly guillotined. It is the strength, as well as the weakness of these Patriot people that they really imagine every old clothes-dealer to be a secret emissary of Anti-Christ.

This circumstance makes it very difficult to deal with such people. The obvious practical way is simply to fool them; and my talents do not lie in that direction. On the other hand, the task of educating them to being genuine patriots with a sane outlook appears exceptionally ^{severe} high.

I enclose you a letter accrediting you as my agent.

I have no fear about the issue of Marengo.

Millage and Mrs. Page spent a couple of hours here on Tuesday night. They seem to be almost entirely ignorant of what I really ^{am} stood for. I found them extremely sensible, quite ready to listen to practical political programs instead of bothering about the minor details of the Law, and I think they are very sympathetic. But Mrs. Page had the idea that we could get subscribers by whistling a popular tune, which is quite wrong. I enclose my letter to Lecram on this point. Subscribers have been

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I wish that \$3,000.00 would arrive. I would arrange with Reggie to motor down and see him. I think he is a good sane man and a man of the world. About his magical attainments, I am not sure. I think he has been tied up rather too much with mere phenomena.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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55 Avenue de Suffren,

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December 14th, 1928

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You talk about business, -- and you are certainly very clever in extracting terms from Mr. Yorke, which are so very much more than generous that I find it difficult to find a polite word to describe it by, -- and yet I get a long letter from Gerner showing the utmost business incapacity.

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In the meantime, the net result of Mr. Yorke's letter to me of this morning is to make it impossible for me to keep two important business appointments that I had today. If you cannot see the point of all this, please show this letter to the first business man you meet in the street and he will explain to you that unless a business can be kept steadily going until such time as it can pay its own way, it will never pay its way.

As far as I can calculate, if Mr. Yorke receives the \$3,000.00 before the end of the year, we shall be able to carry on without serious inconvenience, and put over everything that is necessary.

But it is not the actual money that is wanted, but the knowledge that it will be here on a given date. I am expected in the course of the next fortyeight hours to enter into two important contracts, both very profitable. But if I am in doubt as to what is going to happen in New York, I am simply unable to go forward, and the whole thing drops through, and our opportunity is wasted, and everything goes to the ground.

I write in considerable bitterness of spirit. The monstrous stupidity of the whole business is impossible to endure.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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P.S. You may as well understand that counting on your positive promise to let us have the money before the end of the year, as is written in Germer's letter of November 16th, we have undertaken obligations which will involve us in absolute and complete ruin unless they are met.

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 309 West 57th Street,
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55 Avenue de Suffren,

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December 16th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I have ~~three~~^{two} letters from Gémér this morning, which (characteristically) contradict what you said in your letter received on the 14th.

He tells me, in so many words, not to pay too much attention to Miss Eaton's letter, because the money is coming over. He does not quite know when.

These people are perfectly absurd, and I am merely confirmed in my feeling that we should get rid of women, however well meaning, just as soon as we can.

Mr. Shoecraft sent me a letter the day before yesterday, from Mrs. Bass. It is really quite pathetic, and I am confirmed in my view that she is a little off her chump. I saw Shoecraft about it yesterday morning, and he rather agreed with me. I think he began by regarding her as a much wronged woman, but he has had sufficient evidence to make things clear. I have a feeling that we can count upon him to induce her to make a just settlement. ~~I have~~

I have had a letter from Smith, which is too delicious. I cannot deprive you of the flavor. I quote you a passage.

"After all this time and many efforts by letter, phone and calling, I saw Mrs. Reynolds. I felt it a duty to persist till I did succeed, just because you mentioned her in your letter.

ST. LOUIS, MO.
MAY 11, 1938

Dear Mr. [Name]

Dear Mr. [Name]

Do you know what I mean? I have three letters from [Name] this morning, and I am sure that you will find them very interesting. I have just received them and I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

He tells me, in so many words, that you are not only a very good person, but also a very good person. He has not only known you for a long time, but also knows you very well.

These people are certainly about, and I am sure that you will find them very interesting. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

My thoughts are with you, and I am sure that you will find them very interesting. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

As you know, I think he began by regarding her as a very good person. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

I have a feeling that you will find them very interesting. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

I have had a letter from [Name], which is just what I needed. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

After all this time and many efforts, I am sure that you will find them very interesting. I am sure that you will find them very interesting.

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She has merely made lots of prognostications in regard to myself which were doubtless very bad for my "Cauliflower Ego."

I am shortly going to do great things. In fact I shall eclipse the achievement of any single individual since time was. Or pretty nearly so. I am going to do a great work for humanity, travel very widely, and lots of money is coming my way. The combination of me with you is of great import, and she tells me that I am in communication with you unconsciously in the early mornings which later I shall be aware of. A great vision will be given me and I shall suddenly touch the right button, so to speak, and wonder why I never did it before.

Oh yes, there was some more, but I guess this will do for now. She is very serious about it, however, and quite certain. I suppose you will wonder why I am giving you all this ravings but I have nothing else to tell you."

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Gerald Yorke, Esq.,
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 9, Newfield Street,
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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P.S. Please send me by return post, registered, the letter which Mrs. Bass caused Mrs. Reynolds to write to show you to throw dust in your eyes. It is an essential document in the plan which I have now formulated.

I am really quite hopeful about this plan. Everything depends on the next few days.

Since my last letter, I have received a telegram from Germer "Coras refusal final. Further efforts hopeless," from which I gather that we shall receive the money in a few hours from now. By the second post, came a letter from Cora which is too terribly stupid to discuss. I will send you a copy tomorrow with a copy of my reply to it. I want to say, however, that in case Miss Eaton maintains her present decision, she simply wipes out the \$2,000.00 that she has sent. She has caused us to put up not only her money but that of other people in a scheme, and then cut off our heads in the middle of the whole thing.

I am utterly sick trying to make deals with women. They want government security, money-lender's interest, marriage in the bargain! Then they refuse to fulfil their contract. They have no sense of honour, no sense of decency, no sense of business. And I am beginning to think that we had better try to get a concession to exploit the ^{oil} ~~palmitive~~ industry in Russia!

It is jolly lucky that we have got enough to go on with to the end of the year. Between now and then, I may be able to turn the trick.

I sent your things down to the American Express. I hope you have them by now. They agreed to send them by airmail and the whole bill was 32 fr. 50. Further comment on the French P.O. is unnecessary.

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55 Avenue de Suffren,
Paris, VII

December 20th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
Your letter of the 18th. I am really not surprised about that violent headache. We seem to be in the middle of a Magical attack, - about the worst there has been for a long while. We must surely be on the brink of some striking success. Everyone here has been ill in some way or another.

I think your idea of arranging the matter with Pickfords is a very good one. I should want to store them *books* elsewhere, in any case.

I have written to Clyde Criswell to get into touch directly with me about Mortadello.

I have not received the ephemerides. What happened, I cannot tell.

I spent a very pleasant hour with Mrs. Freeman yesterday. I think Hunt tried to make trouble, but did not succeed. I fancy things will develop sooner or later in a favorable sense, but I want to talk to Mr. Freeman, and not to her.

There is an enthymeme in your proposition about cynicism and sanity. I don't wish to be mistaken for Mr. G. K. Chesterton, but I do think it may be upheld that purely

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rational people are of necessity insane. The universe is not a rational universe. It is the mere mechanism which is rational, and one can no more observe it or conduct life on lines of pure analysis than one can do so in so ^{compactly} ~~apparently~~ simple proposition as a game of chess. I was boring Regardie only yesterday with a long lecture on this subject. A cynic might justifiably argue that a cash register itself operates business. I am reminded of Bloch (and Normal Angel) who were so busy proving twenty years ago that there could never be another war.

Thanks for the Geomancy details. We will have our maquette in a very few days.

About your guarantee, I wish you would write me a business letter stating the terms, so that I could put it before possible lenders.

Glad you got the clothes safely. We know now how to arrange these matters. The French Post Office is really unspeakable, both ways. They make all sorts of trouble about delivering things on totally incalculable grounds. I think I told you of some of my ^{mis} adventures trying to cash a money order, and so on. The Post Offices do not seem to know their own regulations, and when they do they don't abide by them.

Yours of the 17th. This arrived this morning, a day after yours of the 18th. Another beauty of the French Post Office. I am of course putting the matter in the hands of the Ministry of the Interior and the Surete Generale.

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(photograph of it in Vol III)*

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I admit that I was wrong about him. I thought he could at least do the job which he always has done, and I thought that he would do it because he must have known that we should look for results, especially as we told him so in the plainest possible terms. What he actually did was of course simply to pocket the money as if his uncle had given him a Christmas present.

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I don't know if this idea seems to you particularly brilliant or not. But to me it seems perfectly stupid, because there was a showdown within twenty four hours, and the whole thing came out, and everything was blown sky high. However, that is the sort of thing that Hunt does. At my interview with Mrs. Corey, it seemed clear that Hunt had introduced her on some false pretense or other, I don't quite know what. However, we got on very well, and she then invited me to go out to lunch and see her place in the country last Friday. Then Hunt's manoeuvres started, and I really don't know what they were. The point was that Hunt had described Mrs. Corey to me in the grossest terms, which are quite unjustified, exactly as he did in the case of Mrs. Freeman, and I made it plain that I was not going to be a cats-paw in any crooked scheme.

I cannot imagine that Hunt would be so asinine as to attract the attention of the Surete Generale to himself.

I quite agree with you that we have to concentrate on Book 4, Part III. I am going to refrain ~~from~~ from any overt action unless actually compelled to in defending myself.

I am very glad you take the view you do about Kasimira. It is an abiding grief to me that she should have gone so terribly off the line. I sometimes wonder whether I have not been foolish of late years in taking the banishing pentagram as red. But there is something about ceremonial magick which reminds one of certain diseases. At a certain point they begin to cure themselves. A resistance is set up against going on with the practice. It is quite an ir-

rational instinctive thing.

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 my "unsuspecting secretary" to type it. I believe you have my own fault. My own great fault, about which I was told in the Vision and The Voice! It is the problem of keeping silent. Several times you have told Hunt things of which there was no need for him to know, and thus put weapons into his hands. Perhaps the most curious thing about the whole business is that I had a severe scolding from the priestess out of a perfectly clear sky, on exactly this point. I confess, frankly, that I don't understand this question of silence. The nearest I can give it is written in one of the Little Essays on Truth.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

Abb.

This in detail
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P. S. I. I send you herewith a copy of Lecram's letter, giving an estimate. I am going down there this afternoon to see them and will find out what that will work out at, for the whole book. It probably is more expensive than Turnbull & Spears, but we shall have less bother.

II. I think you should try to find out from Stapley what terms were likely to have been offered by a Sunday newspaper for those Memoirs. I have just seen General Holm, who, apropos of nothing at all, has just received a furious letter from Hunt. Hunt must be completely off his head. But it might be a useful weapon in defence if you obtain from Stapley, who is probably a solid man with a reputation to lose, as to the nature of the transaction which they contemplated.

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55 Avenue de Suffren,
Paris, VII

December 22nd, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Just a line about the Geomancy box. We have a sort of rough model, and only lack the geomantic sigils of the planets, which I thought you had given me at Carry. But I cannot find them anywhere.

Lecram promised to send me the sample page and a supplementary estimate yesterday, but it has not yet arrived. You shall have it as soon as it does.

There have been no new developments of any kind, and I am rather fed up with being sick.

I hope you will have a merrier Christmas than we are likely to.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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Gerald Yorke, Esq.,
9, Mansfield Street,
London, W. 1.

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55 Avenue de Suffren

Paris, VII

December 23rd, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

This is to confirm the post script of the letter mailed last night. I received a cable from Germer that he is mailing \$3,000 on Monday. Allowing for Christmas delays, I assume that this will be available in Paris by about the 3rd ~~of~~ proximo.

The plan which I propose is as follows. The experience of the whole of ^{this} last year seems to me to indicate that the opposition is first and foremost to the publication of 'Magick'. We have therefore to concentrate entirely upon this.

I enclose a copy of a letter to Lecram, which I think should do our business.

I propose to leave here on January 20th, and hide myself in some remote village with Pythagoras and the Yi-King, there to live in the very cheapest way possible. Most of the things ^{here} can be stored. What is really necessary for the carrying on of correspondence, and other essential business, can be left in charge of the Serpent. This will be good for him too, as he will be able to perform Yoga instead of cribbage.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter to Millage. I don't know if you have been writing to him, but I hope so, and that it has had some effect.

You will notice that I am contemplating an edition of 3,000 ~~400~~ copies. This means a very great economy in the long run, and gives us a reserve of stock. You must remember that books of this kind are not like best-sellers, but have a steady sale for years. Only yesterday I heard that people are still wanting the Goetia in America, despite the fact of it having been pirated by some Yankee thief.

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Yours fraternally,

H.B.

P.S. The Stella is still holding out bravely; in fact, some of the wise men are offering a reward to add that it will win by a U.O.

23 Dec 28

M. Ches. de Monmouth Millage,

Saint Raphael,

Var.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I should very much like to hear from you with reference to our conversation of the other evening. The point is that I am proposing to take a holiday on the 20th of January, and if there are any persons to suppose that you would be sufficiently interested in this work to make it worth while, I might arrange to spend a week or two in your vicinity.

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M. Cass. de Menemuth Millage.

Saint Michael.

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December 25th, 1928

Care Frater:

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Yours of the 20th. I am so glad that you are so depressed. Your letter has encouraged me beyond measure.

Hunt's original letter was, as I supposed, pure bluff. His recent letter to you is obviously his poor attempt to climb down without losing too much face. As I said before, the best thing we can do is to forget him. But since you ask about his psychology, his first letter was simply that of a person rendered desperate by stress of circumstances. He is not the representative of all those newspapers on his notepaper. He is just a person whom no one will trust, who relies for his living upon the luck of placing articles. He has tried every form of absurd falsehood, and his imagination is beginning to fail him. It is the nemesis of falsehood. I read through, pretty carefully, his letter to you. The main idea was to try to frighten you, and it was a psychological error to close it with that colossal impudence.

My marginal note was not intended to affirm that any given manuscripts have not been seized (you ~~right~~^{write} ceased, but I suppose you mean seized). It is, in fact, probable that duplicates of the diaries were in these cases, but I don't care in the least about that. What I meant by my note was that these particular manuscripts had not been destroyed. These ex-

ist, and I think it will be a reasonable precaution to have them re-typed and put away in different places for security.

I am delighted with your report about the Customs. It is deliciously characteristic that they should preserve just those portions which they suppose to be obscene, and destroy the rest. What other portion could they understand?

You say that the Attorney-General prosecuted. But what I want to know, who did he prosecute? I wrote to the police, -- whether Inspector Collins or Inspector Goddard, I am not quite sure -- offering to come to England on condition that I was prosecuted, and asking them to preserve the contents of the twelve cases as material for my prosecution. This challenge remained unanswered.

Please do not minimize these documents. They are clinical observations of the first importance. It has always seemed to me to be an important part of my job to cure the world of the plague of sex, and it should be obvious to nearly everybody that the first thing to do is, to explore the psychology and pathology of the subject in the most complete manner possible. (I don't make any considerable contribution to medical science, if I write that cancer is a troublesome disease, and that applications of lanoline often fail to cure it.)

Krafft-Ebbing, Freud and others, have done valuable work in the observation of the behaviourism on one side, and the subconscious psychology on the other. But what I have done is to analyze every detail, and to bring up every impulse in the region of rational consciousness.

If, for example, Mr. Robinson, the Church warden at

Little-Footling-on-Sea, without the slightest warning rapes his grand-daughter, what it concerns us to know is what the mind of Mr. Robinson was during the whole process of his conversion from a man whose principal pride in life is to pass around a velvet bag, to the atrocious madman who commits this crime.

I claim to have made a serious contribution to this problem. There is no sense in saying, "well, these things do occur," ~~and~~ and blaming the devil. We want to know why they occur, and not only on vague empirical motives, like the general iniquity of human nature, and the fantastic forms which insanity takes. We want to know, and follow the process step by step.

The whole ~~thing~~^{plan} about obscenity is an attempt to cover up the facts. No one in his ~~senses~~ wants unpleasant things to ^{happen to} anybody. But unpleasant things are always happening, and the chief reason is that the aetiology is not understood.

I find that in practice when I make some perfectly simple remark or statement of plain fact about this matter, I provoke either a frown or a leer. In either case, it means that I have uncovered something in my hearer which he wishes to keep concealed. I remember trying you out in the Luxembourg Garden by using the word "cunt." You would not have been shocked if I had said "finger-nail" (I refer you to my poem in the Equinox - "Sorites").

A surgeon has no such troubles. He may have to operate on a woman's brain or on her uterus; but his sole preoccupation is with the anatomy of the part. He is neither excited nor horrified. He has completely forgotten the fact that the generative organs possess the reproductive function, and we have got

to get the world to that state before any clean-mindedness can obtain.

Your remarks about Capri take us back into the Faerie Queen of the late Edmund Spenser. I went to Capri with Leah Hirzig, the afternoon of September 18th, 1920 e. v. We put up at the Hotel Tiberio. The following morning we went round the island in a boat to see all sorts of grottoes, which were all very boring and Leah was horribly sea-sick. That afternoon we returned to Naples. It was the most tourist thing I ever tried in my life, and it is really quite remarkable to think that I made all those enemies! We did not even speak to any people, other than the waiters and boatmen, etc. It really makes me cry to hear such bloody nonsense, if I may quote the pregnant phrase of Mr. George Bernard Shaw.

You rather surprise me in talking of the Sunday Express backed by the Daily Mail. The Daily Mail has, so far as I know, kept very sensibly out of the whole business. It has never printed anything disparaging to me. And then you go on again about Capri. Really, I begin to believe in the story of the bicycle pump and the twins that the "Duchess" gave the Prince of Wales. It may sound reasonable to you, but I can hardly read such stuff without wondering whether I have not myself lost my mind.

I have grave doubts whether the authorities could bring any such evidence as you suppose in any real or imaginary prosecution. We have not yet got that far.

As you will see^{have} from my last letter, my idea is (of course) to get "Magick" printed and distributed in Paris. It

never occurred to me that you should handle the distribution. Apart from any personal question, you have not got any of the machinery required.

I don't think you will hear much more of Jix a few months from now.

I think the Daily Mail is quite right in supposing that the flappers are in revolt, and I should not be in the least surprised to see Mr. Cook Minister of Occult Agriculture, or something similar. With DORA on the one hand and the entire corruption of the police on the other, England is morally riding for a fall. The people who are going to be hit are evidently the people who are not all to blame. England will go the way of Russia unless something serious is done about it. What makes me apprehensive is the complete blindness of all these people about the actual situation. They are frightened. They are too frightened to analyze conditions; Giving Christmas puddings to starving miners is not going to stave off any revolution that I ever heard of.

What annoys me is that if I am to become Home Secretary I shall have to stand as a Socialist, whereas I am not merely a Conservative, but a Tory, as nearly as possible like the first Duke of Wellington.

It would be a good plan for that 60 pounds to arrive without delay. It would leave the \$3,000 from America perfectly clear.

It is absurd to be depressed. Athanasius Contra Manicum
Decanum. But it was the world that lost out.

I have not received any sections of diary from you.
The Geomancy Box will be ready to go to the professional model maker within the next 48 hours.

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place the whole matter before the French Ministry of the Interior and the Sureté Générale who will communicate with Scotland Yard, the editors of JOHN BULL and SUNDAY EXPRESS, and all persons in England and America who have at any time been connected with him. The matter of my own hand in the spectacular rescue of Madame Kasimira Bass from Crowley's flat at 55 Avenue de Suffren, Paris, as corroborated by Lawyer Church, together with the experiences in Tunis by Gérard Aumont, Sergeant in the 10th Company, 3d Battalion, 28th Regiment de Tirailleurs Tunisiens, Caserne Serin, Lyon, and all the present circumstances of Crowley's activities as well as his whole record as published in English and American newspapers will be submitted for investigation by the Sureté Générale, Special Department for foreign undesirables. Any defamatory letters against me or any defamatory actions on the part of Crowley against me will be followed by immediate criminal action.

I am writing you this, my dear Yorke, because you should know. In London you looked happy and carefree. Here, after the fire hocus-pocus in Crowley's flat with the Creole "priestess" and his unsuspecting secretary, of which you told me, you seemed strangely nervous and oppressed. Can't you pull out of this thing? Is there anything I can do to help you?

With all the best wishes

Edw. ...

secured the only ~~single~~ bedroom, a
flat - five minutes walk from the Hotel entrance
offering an extensive view of the gardens and
lawn, when I shared a table with a German
and was
delightful to spend some time quietly in the
and to take a stroll into the valley. At dinner
with a group
up of bachelors, and it is not necessary
to be
at least the least animated table in the
quite a happy party, and the remainder
of the evening
spent amidst the beauties of the Com
was eloquent with ceaseless tales and discussions.
M A Y. Was awakened out of sleep by a
maid bringing my early cup of
tea, a
very welcome, and about 7 o'clock
I was
joining room

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Paris, VII

December 26th, 1928

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Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.

There was never any proper contract with Pickfords.

All I can say is that the rent was 30 s. a month.

As we seem unable to protect ourselves against negligence, the only thing that we can do is to see that the books are stored in a proper place to begin with. You can also take up the question of insurance. I suppose that ^{is} a question of finding the right kind of Jew and we can fix a date to touch the capital.

Yes, I have Criswell's address and have already written to him.

We cannot find the Seabrook cuttings. I don't think Hunt ever sent them back. He returned the parcel, and we did not examine it at the time. But on doing so later, we cannot find all those loose clippings. Their publication, however, started late in 1922, or early in 1923. One of the later articles deals with the Loveday tragedy.

I am still on the sick list. I expect to know my number in the course of the afternoon.

We had a very good time with invocations last night. The Priestess went into a lucid state in which she saw the general O. T. O. symbol, and the interesting thing is that she saw it in such a form that it could not have been a memory of the symbol we normally use, in case she had happened to see it somehow.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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55 Avenue de Suffren,

Paris, .VII

December 28th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I hope to get the Geomancy Box to the modelers on Monday, expecting that your special sigils reach me by about then.

At the expense of the publication fund, I had Mr. George H. Slocombe to lunch. He is the Paris representative of the Daily Herald. He thinks that the elections will show a fair equality between the Conservatives and Socialists, so that the little tail of Lloyd George will be able to wag the dog, more or less as the Irish did in the days of Parnell. He further agrees with me that our hearts are likely to be still further ^xecoriated by the decease of our beloved monarch, and that the young Rehoboam will begin by cleaning out all the prehistoric Teutons who have been running the court for so long.

I give you this for what it is worth. It is the opinion of a very shrewd man, whose political ^{judgments} opinions are curiously devoid of prejudice. By this, I mean that the fact of his being professionally of a given shade of opinion does not interfere with his independent judgment of probabilities.

I should not have bothered you with all this nonsense if it were not for the fact that he is dining tonight with a man named Frazier Hunt, who is Hearst's general man in Europe. He is called "Spike" Hunt because of his being unusually tall and thin. He comes from Indiana, and is said to be a very simple soul with a vocabulary not exceeding 2,000 words. He worries, for example as to what "pornography" means. Everyone he knows talks about it all the time, and

wonders so much that he reminds one of the late John Keats who stood on his toes ^{and} until he wondered and wondered, and he stood on his toes ^{he} and wondered.

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The aforesaid Hunt is leaving for London tomorrow morning, and (unless I am deceived) will have been prepared by Slocombe, in respect of the Memoirs, for a favourable interview with this Og of Bashan.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the typescripts of the parts of the Memoirs which Cape had.

It appears that Cape made a perfect fool of himself by appealing to Jix. It reminds me of Paul who might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed unto Caesar. His doing ^{so} was a bluff, which was no good, because Jix had a secret bluff much deeper than anything than Cape can produce. For Cape is fundamentally an honest man, and Jix is fundamentally the offspring of Kasimira. Cape should have relied upon the good reviews of the "Well of Loneliness", which appeared in the Times and similar papers of reasonably good standing, and not been perturbed by the pornographic nonsense of James Douglas. The opinion of all decent people is quite sufficient protection; and if you go out of your way to ask the grocers' assistants whether the Bible is indecent, they will naturally pick out all the passages which excite them sexually, and which are the only ones they know (as in the case of my Cefalh diaries) and decide that the author is every kind of a criminal.

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There is a lot of wisdom in the above remarks, incoherent as they may appear. What we have to do is to rally commonsense and decency to our banner.

The mistake you have been making is to appeal to people whose experience connects them with this canaille, whose sole interests is in the obscene, and they naturally give you the reactions of just that kind of public, whose sole function in life is to damn everything decent. It is the sole satisfaction of their suppressed instincts.

You are an intelligent man with diplomatic qualities, and I am an ass. It is therefore your particular job to put these things over with the wisdom of the Serpent, I reserving to myself the innocence of the Dove.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

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If once we can break through the vicious circle at one point, the Victory will be ~~won~~. After all, things looked worse in March, 1918!

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

bbb.

55 Avenue de Suffren,
Paris, VII

December 29th, 1928

Care Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

My number is not 120, as it might have been, nor 0, as I thought quite possible. As a matter of fact, my diagnosis, both from a magical and medical point of view, has been vindicated with such distinction that I am liable to burst with pride. The trouble is a species of local infection, which appears to be the common characteristic of a magical attack, and I have an idea that we are subjected to something of the sort.

Mari de Mervin
The Shulamite is ~~is~~ herself completely under the weather, although not at all in the same way, and I am beginning to wonder if your silence of the last few days may not imply that you yourself have ~~not~~ been got at. You will remember that just before we left Paris, all three of the persons cooperating were stricken with blains and boils, ~~and moreover,~~ This happened exactly at the moment when we started to get some big things going in the magical line.

Things will be all right financially, provided relief arrives before the 3rd of January, though, it is, as a matter of fact, somewhat hard sledding.

I am quite determined to cut down expenses in the most radical way after January 20th, unless something quite unexpected turns up to justify us ~~carrying~~ ^{continuing} on something like our present scale. Unfortunately it is the old dilemma. If I have to live in Retirement, I cannot do any business.

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January 1st, 1929

Cafe Frater:

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I think Aumont may become very much more important than ever in the next few weeks. Some French people of importance are nibbling, and it ought to be possible to interest them in getting translations made, if it is only that they put up a certain amount to have copies of the first typescripts.

I return Aumont's letter. It is quite clear that Hunt was perfectly off his head when he wrote that stupid letter to you.

Thanks for the intervention in the matter of Foulsham.

Thanks for your attempts to get the Geomancy sigils. In the meantime I have found them. When I say that I have found them, it is a lie. The Serpent, whom I expect to develop into an Uraeus or a basilisk at any moment, found them. But this should really be a lesson to us. We have absolutely got to have a headquarters where all this information, jotted down in all sorts of difficult circumstances, can be concentrated.

I gave up hopes of that studio. The old woman was quite impossible. She wanted references, and I proposed an interview at Church's, where we could exchange references. For Church himself, very reasonably, wanted to know who she was, and whether she had any right to let the studio. She did not reply to my letter, but went to Church behind my back, and started trouble! It is

obviously impossible to have anything to do with such a person. However, we shall look for another studio (beginning tomorrow, when life resumes its sway in Paris) and if we can find one at, say, 1500 francs a month, it will be best to take it. In any case, Regardie's rent is now 500 francs, and even if I sleep under bridges, it will cost me more in roasted chestnuts. It is also a great pity to destroy the continuity of Work. They used to tell me as a child that "three moves were as bad as a fire." The Serpent will excuse my putting the quotation in so gentle a form.

The essential ^{requirement} ~~rule~~ about the Golden Verses is an honest-to-God crib. The fact is, that I am so uncertain of my scholarship that I am afraid to write down the translation which appears to me to be correct if it differs too obviously from that of Fabre d'Olivet.

It annoys me exceedingly when you write adjuring me to do just that which I have declared essential in the very letter which you are answering. If you want all the credit for it, I think you should have it cut into marble in some convenient cemetery. But please don't doubt that I am with you or you with me, as the case may be.

Lecram makes no difficulties about distributing the ^(Mepick) book. The main difficulty is that his sample page was quite unsatisfactory, Owing to the holidays, of course I cannot expect him to send the amended version before about Thursday, at the earliest. Naturally, the names and addresses are our property.

My immediate needs, as you humorously describe them, are approximately as follows: The tailor - 5,000 francs; Marge -

femme de ménage -

500 francs; concierge - 400. - An act of truth in the form of a check to get cash to buy actual food - 666 francs. I shall try and get another check for the same amount cashed this evening. *P.S. Nothing doing.*
 This is the damn nuisance of the thing. In order to cash a check when you haven't the money, you have to lunch or dine somewhere, and bang goes another saxepe.

There is a small check due on January 3rd, Besides the accursed tailor. The ~~two~~ others will be on the 6th.

But I need ^{assured} £70 extremely urgent. This will merely cover outstand^{ing} debts; it takes no account of "immediate necessities." (I am really annoyed about this; at least 5,000 francs could have been postponed indefinitely if there had been cash on hand.)

Mme de M...
 Cleopatra has come out very strong as a housekeeper. She makēs admirable soup out of the atmosphere when the wind is blowing from Grenelle. Incidentally, she is deeply touched by your expressions of esteem and affection, and I should think you will have the greatest difficulty in interpreting the secrets of the IX^o O. T. O. when you arrive in Paris.

Incidentally (again), we have been doing very intense magical work for some days past, despite ill-health and this acute attack of nixes in the kick.

To continue about the immediate needs, there is a check out for 300 francs approximately, and I have to pay Regardie's rent which is 400. In view of the heroic conduct of the aforesaid lady, I really think we ought to be able to manage on the ~~£~~10 a week. You have to remember, however, that I have had no salary for the last fortnight, and there is an overdraft of about ~~£~~8 at the bank.

The difficulty about your week-end is that everything will probably be in the confusion of packing. If I am to go away for a Magical Retirement with nothing but a rucksack, everything has to be ready for me to leave on the morning of the 20th. What we need is about \$10,000. If you should happen to win five or six times that amount at a bridge party, please remember us.

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Millage has not my letter.

On the other hand, my old and dear sister, Fidelis, wants me to go to Frankfort. But this is hardly the time of the year. I believe about the best thing if we have to move is to go to the Studio Hotel Apartments in the Rue Delambre, for say a week, in order to give you a reasonably good show here. But you cannot expect much of a show when everybody is all messed up with the idea of moving.

regards
Even the Serpent feels he ought to have something like a genuine headquarters to work in. Not merely a hotel room where he can stack books and manuscripts in a corner. We have gone so far on the road to complete reconstruction that it will really be rather a tragedy if we have to break the whole thing up.

The only books on lunacy suited for your perusal, are those of Henry Maudsley. Maudsley was an ultra-materialist, but probably the sanest man that I have ever met. In particular, he had the unique gift of writing on insanity without disquieting the reader on that particular point. Maudsley understood, and it is one of the greatest lessons that I ever had, that any given idea in itself is not necessarily insane. It is the exaggeration

of the importance which one can attach to it which determines the morbid condition. For example, I firmly believe that I am the Knight of the Holy Ghost, and I am prepared to argue in favour of that idea. But if it is going to come between me and my dinner, I am not going to bother about it for one minute. If I started worrying the House of Lords, and spending my time with lawyers, and the College of Heralds, and so forth, I should be a little bit touched on the subject. I want you to lay this very much to heart. Your own nervous composition is delicate, if not unstable. You get very rightly the proper reactions to various magical propositions, but so far you have not done anything stupid from the ordinary point of view of the ordinary man of the world. What I want you to do is to keep in that condition. At ^a the pinch, I want you to be able to say that you are merely playing ^a comedy, -- to take the point of view almost of my friend Arthur. On the other hand, that point of view is not to prevent you from making the supreme gestures, because you can equally well argue that the approval of ^{society} some, or whatever it may be, is just as much a bogey as Taphthartharath. }

I understand that you dislike doctors. There are very few left of the type that one respected and trusted. The essence of that type was that they were gentlemen. On the subject of doctors, I may mention that Paris is agog with the rumour that the King of England has been ^{dead} dead for some days.

You don't seem to have quite got the essence of this idea of crossing the street. The point is that Aumont was completely sceptical of Magick, and that a long chain of circumstances

convinced him that there was some mysterious opposition to the most ordinary matters being successfully accomplished where I was concerned.

The question of confidence does not arise. It is quite obvious that "if the sun and moon should doubt they'd immediately go out." That is (in fact) what I have been trying to drum into you and Germer. I never doubted for a moment that we should get this \$5,000.00. I therefore kept on writing to Germer to persevere, in the face of the plainest statements that all further attempts ^{we} are impossible.

Please don't quote against me the case of our unhappy friend, because there was deliberate bad faith, probably sent in motion by magical ^{Assesson} ~~opposition~~. If however, you suppose that I have given up the game, you are entirely mistaken. I keep everything in mind, and, at the right moment, strike,

Your remark that to admit the existence of occult opposition is to incur it, is, in a sense, quite true. But one must not shut ones eyes to plain facts and live in a fool's paradise. But don't you think, to come down to brass tacks, that you might try these theories on Ionides? But here we approach the question of silence, and I must again admit that I am very far from sure what that means in practical politics. It certainly does not refer to the mere cunning of the average knave or politician, who double-crosses his pals. The very sanctity of the idea shows that it cannot refer to anything less important than the settled habit of mind, and what that habit can be, I am not capable of making even a conjecture. Here, now, is an idea. The point at issue between Ionides and myself is apparently this question of

silence. Why not ask him, on my behalf ^{humbly,} as a pupil should ask of a master, to define the right attitude?

I am particularly intrigued in this matter because ^{Mme. de M...} old Nile herself has been giving me several smart lessons on the subject. As far as I can make out, the main idea is that I should not tell anyone what I am going to do, or tell anyone after I have done it. (I suppose in any matter which might conceivably prove of importance.)

If I understand her aright, I should depart for Jerico astride a unicorn on the 20th of January, without acquainting anyone of my intentions, and that on my return, while I might admit that I spent a pleasant winter in Assyria, I should say nothing about the unicorn. I am a plain man, and there are moments ^{when I deplore} that her method is so bloody oracular.

But with regard to the mere circulation of knowledge, I cannot see that anyone need doubt that the guards to that knowledge are adequate. What (I confidently ask Mr. Ionides) can be more secret than a paper on the acetylene derivatives of the benzoyl compounds of india-rubber?

It is true that I often do the wrong thing at the right time. But, if you will consult my works, you will discover why it will be very hard to convince Scotland Yard of the fact.

This is a joke!

Your understanding of Magick is becoming deplorably formidable. Your psychology about me, though, is quite wrong. But it is so rightly wrong as to extort my reluctant admiration.

I communicated the substance of your remarks to Mme. de

Miramar, and she hopes that one of these years you will analyze her as completely as possible. She also wishes you a happy New Year.

Your remarks on silence are extremely satisfactory, but when you talk about advancing too quickly, you say that you don't propose to do any Magical Work on your own for 12 months. But I thought you had read Book 4, Part III? In case that you have not, allow me to emphasize the fact that any act you do is a Magical act, and that you are advancing according to the Will of your Holy Guardian Angel, and that, to use the somewhat suggestive phraseology of the Holy Books, your coquetry is merely one of your magical weapons. You are, so to speak, a dangerous woman.

(You give yourself away completely by your remarks about the proposed ceremony.)

The mistake would be if you allowed yourself to admit consciously the existence of the aforesaid coquetry. One does not wish to see you in the position of the man-eating ~~&~~ virgin, whose mother had brought her to India as a forlorn hope.

At the same time you are quite right not to miss any chances. So let us try to put over something really important for the 18th, or the 19th.

From the magical point of view, I do think we need to have some kind of a studio ^{with} ~~where~~ a floor big enough for a circle. And everybody is going to work like hell to get one.

The ^{depends} Serpent is now working on the comment and text of the Vision and the Voice, which should be finished within a week or so. It depends whether there are many letters to answer. As soon as that is finished, a copy will be sent to you, and the

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work of retyping the Diaries will be begun.

I think you are quite wrong to regard England as hopeless. The reactions which we have recently observed, seem to me the last stand of quite desperate people. They started raiding the night clubs, which were, I assume, quite harmless imbecilities, with the result that everybody is going insane playing poker for fantastic sums in their own houses.

I wonder how long it will take people to see that all these public restrictions are merely encouraging private extravagances. I think it is fair to say that public vice takes care of itself. People of common sense limit their follies. The others knock themselves out in very short order. When you have private vice, you stimulate the instinct, and what is even worse, you put the people on their guard. Therefore they last longer, and do more harm in seducing other people, than they would if the whole thing were open and above board.

The affair at Brooks', which was, as a matter of fact, the Portland Club, has been minimized. The cat was a full-grown lion, and if I had not alleviated its pangs, it would have assuredly raped the late Queen Alexandra. Kindly recommend me for the M.V.O.

I never dreamed of you distributing Book 4, Part III.

I have already acknowledged the Cape sections of the Hag.

Mrs. Walker appears to belong to the feminine sex. We have letters from her, in which she guarantees the whole cost of arbitration. Incidentally, there has appeared a new debt of £10, about half of which really belongs to her. I expect she wanted me to take a kind of interest in her, which is foreign to my nature. Generally speaking, you may distrust people who have vague aspira-

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** Read the alleged poetry! Unless you
 * like your reason.*

tions about humanity, when they neglect those who have real claims upon them. What put Mrs. Walker off was the appearance of the children at Fontainebleau. But I would assuredly feed Lulu Astarte on Mrs. Walker's heart's blood, if I were not ^{afraid} ~~afraid~~ it would poison her.

The Seabrook articles were never pasted in the enormous scrap-book. They were folded and ~~last~~ ^{lost} put into that book. And they have now disappeared. Examination of the aforesaid book proves this beyond doubt.

I am sure that if I have to complain of the length of your letter, I have returned you the same in kind.

Love is the law, love under will.

Yours fraternally,

BBB.

P. S. I have been considering the matter of the photographic reproduction of my pack of Tarot cards. It appears that in France, this would be approximately equivalent to the forgery of bank notes. I had better entrust them to you next time you arrive. You can get them done in England. I will prepare the necessary booklets and you can sell the whole damn thing to anyone who is fool enough to buy it. *BBB.*

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