

Unter den Eichen 88

Bei Eckert

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My sweet Jacqueline, your quick reply has gladdened me; but mixed with it is a feeling of sadness; It makes me think how little I have seen of you during this last stay, though I went for it; As I think of it; and also how after four months it will become an unrealisable haunting; - I feel extremely helpless and miserable. You will perhaps think it foolish to write of me to write such things; and I myself do not know what makes me write it: - - -

I am in my new rooms since the first day I arrived here; it is very nice, and comfortable, and I am really in love with the balcony; the door is ajar all through night, and it is really quite lovely now. My friends ~~have~~ live very near me, about 5 minutes walk from here, in the very buildings of the laboratory, and I go there almost every day. The baggage that I left here, (my books etc) are just arrived, and now a great deal is to be done, in the way of arranging them, (especially I don't know where to put my books.) It is always such a job for me:

I am anxious to hear that you shall cough a great deal, and do you know, I myself feel a little guilty, and think perhaps the indiscretion of coming to the laboratory when you were unwell, has perhaps aggravated it. Do get quickly well for my sake!

Everybody (every physicist) seem to be quite excited in Berlin, about the way things have been going on with Physics.

first on the 28th last Heisenberg spoke in the colloquium about his theory, then, in the last colloquium, there was a long lecture on the recent hypothesis of the spinning electron, (perhaps you have heard of it.) Every body is quite bewildered, and then there is going to be very soon a discussion of Schrödinger's paper. Einstein seems quite excited about it; the other day coming from the colloquium, we happened to find him, jumping in the same compartment, where we were, and forthwith he began to talk excitedly about the things we have just heard. He has to admit that it seems a tremendous thing, considering the lot of things which these new theories correlate and explain, but he is very much troubled by the unnecessary-ness, of it all. We were all silent, but he talked almost all the time; unconscious of the interest everybody is taking and wondering that he is exciting in the ~~mind~~^{mind} of the other passengers.

I have made an honest resolution of working hard during these months, but it is so hard to begin, when once you have given up the habit: though there is here but little else to do.

I am glad that you have liked "the life of Buddha", I only looked at the first few pages; and I was a little afraid that you might not like it; it would have been such a pity. Apart from all his doctrines, and the myths that have accumulated round him, he is such a noble and outstanding figure, in world's history and one whom I adore the most: I wondered when you wanted to read his life, and ~~before~~, never told me before.

It is not at all such a great thing to give you two more books, (books, which I so much like), and have I not been the right of asking you to read what I myself so much like? But I don't know when they will reach you - I have just finished your "Personal": I really want to write so much, but it is so late, and this paper is finished: more in my next - my best love, yours, Boye