

Yours of November 23rd and December 11th. First of all let me deal with Ina Lowthorpe's Horoscope. Roughly speaking, I don't like it very much. Mercury has no strong support. The Third House seems a bit sloppy. The strength of the whole figure is in the Fourth; and this probably tends to overwhelm the entire shooting match. I don't much like the position of the Sun and Neptune. The square of Mars to Mercury should imply a lot of querulousness. The trine of Mars and Saturn should make her extremely efficient, but the balance of the whole figure leaves much to be desired. The main question is whether it goes well with yours. Enough for Ina.

I much regret that the parcel of Perique has not yet arrived. I am getting very short indeed. I hope it will turn up within the next day or two. But everything has been in the most fantastic mess over Christmas. You have no idea what I had to endure, and am having to endure. Many thanks for the parcel. I praised the "caviare" in no uncertain terms, and gave it away as you thoughtfully suggested!

About the Tarot. I am sending you 40 copies altogether. Twenty are on the way, and the balance ought to start some time in January. I am very sorry about the American edition. I think perhaps the trouble is that you are not in touch with the people who print fine editions. In England it is certainly easier to get good paper than bad. But I think you ought to have no difficulty in getting a publisher to undertake the whole responsibility.

Bar sudden illness or emergency, I am not at all likely to be in need of any extra transfer; but I do want you to get up to the \$250 a month mark, because all my calculations are based on that.

Four yards is alright but perhaps it would be better to say $4\frac{1}{2}$. The breadth should be 50" approximately. As to material, what would be most suitable would be flannel made of undyed wool, genuine stuff, not any "improvements by a great American scientist".

I cannot understand your question about Grimaud. He was the servant of Athos in "The Three Musketeers". Athos had trained him to serve without speaking.

Jermyn Street was getting too much of a strain. I have managed to sublet it for six months on condition that my property is respected and taken good care of. In the meanwhile I am trying to find some place on the South coast to spend the winter.

I got the copies of Artemis Jota, thank you very much.

I wrote to Jane giving her your message.

I quite agree with you about turkey. It is a coarse, tough, tasteless brute; and I cannot understand how people can go crazy over it. I have, however, known people who could make even turkey a real delicacy. (P.S. Berthak Busch!)

Yours of the 23rd. I am asking my secretary to copy the two names and addresses which you gave me, so that I may send them direct when I get some more copies. Much should happen during January. On second thoughts

you had better send the one to Earl S. Rice yourself as it does not need any inscription. The parcel with the shirt material has not yet come. I cannot understand your difficulties about sugar, especially as you were good enough to send me a whole lot the other day. It has just arrived, and was very welcome.

I am sorry to hear that you are beginning to get as much annoyed by bureaucrats asking idiotic questions as we are over here. I do not seem to have sent a Tarot to Frederick Miller. The reason is that I do not have his address. I will ask Miss Taylor to make a note of it, so that I can inscribe one when they come in. Ditto Catherine May, or Mary Catherine. Is it? (Jane's sister. T.)

Thank you very much for sending your transfer cheque. It is exactly what was wanted. We can show it to the Ministry of Supply to prove what good boys are.

I still cannot understand why Jack has the idea about the cost of the Tarot being 8 dollars a copy, or does he mean that is for the cost of the binding? I am sending him 20 copies, or rather sending them to you for him on account of previous contributions.

What follows is important. I want to put everything on a business basis. For instance, MacMurtry is now a full member of the Sanctuary, and has accordingly agreed to pay the necessary fees and subscriptions. You want to do the same with all the other members of the Ninth Degree. Anything that they have subscribed in the past is of course to be credited to them on this account. What I want to avoid is squabbles in years to come - then one cannot say, "I am a real Ninth Degree, I paid this good hard money, and here are my receipts; and where are yours?" I look to you as Grand Treasurer to put this on a proper basis. You will notice that members of the Ninth Degree subscribe 168 dollars per annum, and they should be told that they ought to do this on given dates.

I am very insistent about this because members of the Ninth Degree are part owners of the property of the Order, and this property is likely at any moment to increase and multiply in some quite extraordinary way. When that happens, you want to be able to show that things have been properly arranged in the past, and not in the happy-go-lucky style which has actually been the case.

I don't agree with you that the last lap is always the hardest. I maintain my old opinion that it is the first hundred years!

You were quite right to keep a constant watch with regard to J.W.P. and 132. It seems to me as if it was allright. I have just got a letter which I have not yet had time to read, but he opens by saying that he thinks it is a good idea to write me a letter without any special reason, and ends with Yours filially, so I expect that the situation is not too bad.

P.S. My long intended move now appears imminent. I hope so. I am browned (off to the nth degree! Better, perhaps, to write to Jermyn St. from now on