

Lord Madox Broom

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37 Fitzroy Square  
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Dear Miss Lucy,

your mama & I returned  
from Manchester yesterday  
where we selected a really very  
pretty cottage (quite in Bedford  
Park style) for the Rent of  
28 £ per ann: we have now  
got exactly 10 days to pack  
in. Half our furniture is to  
go there, & half is to remain  
in London, some at Smith's  
& some as you kindly offered  
at your house, till we can get

a similarly adventurous  
stage in London. Meanwhile  
poor Matilde has had a  
frightful attack of bronchitis  
which came on at 6 Sunday  
morning, & last till at least  
of Monday evening after which  
it gradually subsided again.  
Now she is much the same  
as usual save looking  
terribly thin & paled. Poor  
poor adventure with the superior  
landlady must have been quite  
tragic till the end was reached  
when it fortunately changed to

comedy. It is a good thing  
that it turned out no worse:  
but with all the babies it  
must have been anything but  
amusing. Cathy has just  
been here & gone, she had got your  
letter, & what more I know I  
told her. I am sorry to know  
about poor old Trevelyan  
but have not told Matilde yet  
for I have seen so little of her  
since returning. Mr. Roselli  
& Christina it seems are gone  
somewhere, but we don't know when -

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Christina very kindly sent Emma  
her book before leaving & she  
& Paddy then called but only found  
the Husband & son - who seemed  
to have been sleeping -

I have got a bad foot - I had  
scratched it & the journey to  
Manchester seemed to have in-  
creased the wound: it is a bother  
(as old Blake seems to have become) but  
I suppose not very serious. Thank  
you for the rose-bud - I hope  
William has continued to enjoy  
the walks & scenery. I wish we  
could have joined you for a few days, but  
with the present state of things it seemed not  
possible. I believe I have got rid of the house  
which is some relief with love to William & kisses  
to the kids  
Your affectionate father  
& Madam Mary