

Bill to (Jaff) Berlin U. 15 [1924-1928?]
Paisierstr. 4

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22. April
at 1:30 at night

Dearest Margaret:

Before you to bed tonight I am going
to write you. I have waited and waited
to hear from Hamburg about the parcels,
expecting them to be returned to me.

First of all, as the enclosed bill
will show, 500 paisarios were sent
on March 30 from the factory and, as
the bill also shows, the other 500 can
only be sent 3 weeks later at the
earliest. Then we had to repack the
whole 500 sent us. First we tried
to ship them in the regular way and
learned that they would cost too much.
Then we found the packets from the
factory were too big to be shipped by
post, so we had to get new boxes
and repack the whole lot. Then we
were informed that according to

Canadian law ^{under} pessaries (or contraceptive
means) ^{cannot} be imported. But
despite this we induced the postal
authorities to take four boxes of
pessaries. But they said that the
shipping office in Hamburg may return
them because of the Canadian law. I
have waited for one week but no
word has yet come.

The four boxes, containing from
79 to 150 pessaries each, were
shipped by mail to Mr. Slec at
the address given us. The address
is very clear. The boxes were all
shipped in the name of the "Indisches
Nachrichten und Informations Büro,
g. m. b. H., Pflanzstr. 8, Berlin W. 75.

~~We had to ship them so far against the~~
 customs duties here because the ~~Beiers~~ ~~all~~
 had ordered from ~~the~~ factory. I have ~~to~~
 pass under my name and ~~so~~ could not
 use it. I shall not ship the other

500 until you inform me if the
ones sent you have reached. In fact

of the 500, I have kept about 200
 or so here, already packed, and I ~~am~~
 await word from you there. If there
 is any difficulty in Canada, have
 the goods returned to sender rather
 than anything else, and I'll send them
 some other way or other.

I enclose bill for the first
 500, for which I paid with the money
 you sent me. The receipt of payment

I'm holding here in case of questions about
 the factory. Later I'll send ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~papers~~ ^{papers}
 along with other papers ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~of~~
 how long I'm sorry for this long delay.
 But I did not want to write you

until I could say, "It is done." I hate
 to promise only. The whole delay has
 rested heavily on my conscience, yet I
 could not help it. The factory was
 at fault, and although the bill is
 dated March 30, the goods arrived in
 Berlin only a number of days later.

I am well and working hard. But
 my income is irregular and I can't pay
 my debt there. I've applied for a
 postponement but haven't heard from them.
 I want a year's length of time. I've regained

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my health slowly ~~would~~ have ~~only~~ been
waiting for 3 months ~~and~~ I can't help
expect a fortune in 3 months after an
illness of ~~four~~ four years' duration. Then I've
not only left my husband but his
health has broken and it will be
impossible for me to depend upon
the money he had promised me to repay
a part of the debt. He has applied to
India for money, but I doubt if he'll
get it. I understand, however, that the
"Personal Service Fund" can afford to wait.
Anyway I've asked for further time.
Lord! my debts! They are mountain high
and I'll be 40 before I've repaid them.
I've been such a drag for four years,
such an unproductive lump of flesh.
Sometimes when I view the results of my

Of my personal illness I have not had but
died four years ago. It has not only
loaded me with debt, but it has left
me without much of the faith, belief
and optimism I had before. It seems to
have affected my entire outlook on life.
And it has given me none of the women
companions such as I had in N.Y.C.
I'm still under treatment. How much
longer I don't know. Anyway in July
I'm going up to Denmark and live with
Karin Michaelis on her island. I'm writing
a drama and want to finish it there
where I shall have time, rest, and no
financial worry. The University closes
in June & then I skid forth with to
Denmark. Here I write & teach. Aside
from the University teaching I have two
private students, one group of students,
and I'm training an actress in English for

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the English theatre here. I hate teaching as a rule, but it is just a means and a means. Soon I'm sending two articles to Atlantic Monthly for publication and if they sell I shall pay them into my debt there. One I'm sending to the Atlantic Monthly and one to N.Y.C.

Dr. Das has sent me his paper on India's Population Problem, delivered at your Congress and I'm having it translated into German by a friend. I also intend to use it in my University course.

I have to give a public lecture before the University the 1st of May - a general lecture in their big assembly hall. Of course I'm speaking on "India in World Politics," devoting much of my lecture to the preparations for the coming war. In this I'm discussing the population problem also the

struggle for land and breathing space, for
markets, for raw materials into feed, etc. a
industrial Europe packed to overflowing.
But my lecture is not chiefly this. It
is a historical survey leading up to this.
In June I have to lecture again but
I haven't yet chosen my subject. These
lectures are general cultural lectures to keep
the University students in touch with world
thought and events. I've a vague idea
of choosing some subject on women.

There's a very dramatic film being
shown here against the law making abortion
a crime. The women physicians are very
active against the law and devote much space
in their magazine to it. Now that Denmark has
abolished the law, Germany may follow soon.
But really, the masses of German women are coo-
sinteresting cows arguing for their own enslavement.
The American woman is much in advance of the
German in independence.

My love to you. Always,
Agnes