

26 January 1930

My dear Mr. CHILLMAN:

I should like to take advantage of your residence in Rome by asking a personal favor of you in the interest of plans I am hoping to work out for residence abroad for the coming academic year for my wife and daughter and small son. And inasmuch as we are not yet in position to talk about our plans, I should be glad if you would keep the tenor of this letter confidential. About ten years ago Mrs. Lovett spent some time with friends at the Hotel Babbell, via Rebulino, 41, in Rome. Could you conveniently find out whether this establishment is still in existence, what its present arrangements are, and the probable inclusive arrangements for room and board. Mrs. Lovett also recalls that some years ago there was in Rome a school for girls conducted by the daughters of the late Judge Burgess of Louisville, Kentucky. Perhaps you could find out also if this school is still in existence. And perhaps some of your acquaintances might be able to give you some in-

formation concerning a school conducted before the War in Florence by Miss Edith May.

I regret that in the rush of the morning I am obliged to make to one requests of you without offering any compensations in the way of local news. I regret also that it has not occurred to me earlier to hand you the enclosed letter of introduction. You will recall that Senator Volterra was one of our inaugural lecturers in 1912, and that he paid us a very pleasant ten days' visit this last autumn.

With my best thanks for your kind attention to these personal demands I am venturing to make on your time, pray accept also my good wishes for the New Year, and believe me to remain

Faithfully yours,

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