

Sweden.

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My dear Mamma

Yours of Sunday arrived yesterday.
I shall certainly always prepay the letters as it will save 2 each time.
Yours always come quite right, without any extra charge.

I enclose a note to uncle Frank by way of reminder.

I am rather surprised to hear about uncle Georges marriage; I certainly think he might have made up his mind before he was fifty, if ~~ever~~ he intended to marry at all. How old is he now? We had great fun the other night, playing all sorts of odd games, the only end and object of which ~~is~~ is to create laughter.

In the evenings we generally play cards (never for money); up till this time ~~our~~ vingt-un was the great favorite but I introduced Casino which seems likely to drive the

tell aunt Eubert this

other off the field, & two of the party usually play chess or backgammon, a select party of four are generally at casino and the remaining four or five work away at vingt-un.

Every now and then we have some games by way of variation, but cards are the usual amusement, and they answer the great end of keeping people together, and also ~~go~~ keeping them quiet, which is very difficult in a house like this where there are so many young people. I am writing this against time for the post, so you must not criticise the writing.

I have had no news from all felt since I returned.

Francis E. Pendergast