

My dear parents, Engel 6/6 <sup>(13)</sup> May 27<sup>th</sup>, '40

Nearly at a time I got 3 of your communications, dated April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. I confess I didn't write for a fortnight, this time. I'll try to satisfy you in writing often, though it is difficult sometimes, especially as I guess from your letters that it gives you disappointment if I only write some lines as "sign of life".

Here the tension has lessened, and life is normalising. The reports in foreign papers ~~were~~ by the way dealing with the crisis in the week before the last, were much exaggerated. We all must put up with the "nerves-war" as well as with other difficulties this war brings about. I pray you never to lose your nerves about me. There may come other crises with no more concrete effect than the last one, and it would do no good to allow your nerves to go to bits for that. But in case, and there is no reason to expect it so far as you can look ahead from the present state of ~~the war~~ <sup>affairs</sup>, - in case Switzerland should be drawn into the war, you may be sure I'll know it in time and take all necessary steps. I have very good influential Swiss friends who would help ~~me~~ <sup>any</sup> in all situations, so there is no reason to worry in any case. Please don't forget that now the mail, wire etc. are not reliable, not to speak of such a case. I ~~wrote~~ <sup>wrote</sup> you that ~~now~~ and I have wished to write that months ago but restrained for fear to ~~startle~~ <sup>rouse</sup> you, but write it now as you probably have thought of the possibility of war in Switzerland now. There is no more reason to believe the war will enter this country than there was in autumn. Only I wish you to feel sure I should get through in any case. I hope Switzerland will be able to keep out for her sake ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~war~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~family~~ ~~but~~ but not for my own - it wouldn't inflict me seriously.

I had a card from Elise Richter saying she had recovered quite well from her illness, but her sister ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> suffers from increasing deafness. The house they live in ~~will~~ <sup>is</sup> change its proprietor after the death of Hans Kurt Meyer, and they are in some tension who the new man will be. They give their love to you all. I'll write again to keep you informed.

What you write about mother's illness is rather depressing, especially



that she takes it so hard. I have no proper idea how bad it really is, couldn't you write me? Which articulations are stiff, and how far? How far are you hindered in working? Does it hurt and you work more slowly - or less rapidly, in your case - or are there things you can't do at all? Does it hurt you badly? Dear Krotek, you mustn't be silly and "put up with being a cripple". People don't get crippled by rheumatic gout. You may be sure it will get better, anyhow. I do hope we'll get rid of the whole affair altogether, but that it will get better is quite certain and the least one can expect. - Please write me how much money you have got at present? Do you want some now? I could send you <sup>a little</sup> some, please let me know. -

I made up my mind at last and took a room in the centre - in a little boarding-house, a Mansarde, Fr. 30. - The landlady is a very nice Austrian, has been nurse, her husband is Swiss. It's in the very center, the window opens right into a garden - the Botanical garden, a green hill with beautiful trees. To the right one can see a part of the Uetliberg-range, to the left - another, private, garden. Nearly no houses! Behind the trees some of the "Schneeberge" are visible on clear days. There is a little room attached to ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> room, ~~where~~ where I have installed my kitchen, put the bags etc. There is plenty of room and at last I have all my things with me again. The new address is Salmengasse 10, Zurich 1. I'm glad indeed I took ~~it~~ the room. It is such a difference if you haven't got to walk 20-30 minutes to get anywhere. - I had no differences with Clairm, don't know him well enough for that. They had two complete <sup>army</sup> ambulances at the clinic to tram, so there was no room to look on at operations and I didn't ask for it. - The weather is lovely still, and warm ~~or~~ like summer-weather. I feel quite well and am in good spirits, I wish you were too. Krotek, take Tinctura Valerianae against your nervous attacks, I should try it if I were you. 20-40 drops at a time. - I attached these ~~red~~ bluish-red buttons you sent me with the woollen dress to an old blue spring dress I got - they make it look very nice, all different from what it did before.

The reserve-funds amounts to Fr. 450 - 500

Love

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Dear parents, I can't send you a  
foto as it is prohibited to send  
any without special permission. Take  
this friend of mine instead - she is  
much more charming than I ever  
could be. (She is a little worm - I  
used to carry <sup>her</sup> with me in my  
Love bag)

Mark "Chnöpfli"

on nose

