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666 his diary.

JANUARY

Mon 1 58 DWTWSBTWOTL. Sleep-coma: not knowing what time of day it was; taking little tri, yet not wantng it! wondering what V I had been taking; uncertain whether I was asleep or awake etc<sup>n</sup> no end of a God-damned mortal(?) muddle! Was I insane?

Tues 2 50 People kepe on wriuting for copies of the "Selfishness" letter- even at #1.1.0 a time!!! Queer, damn queer! WHy? I seem to have taken about 5 V without knowing it! All sleep & muddle: why? how? when? "Et nox ....." Catullus. I dont' understand any of all this at all! This is quite mad, & new in my experience.

Wed 3 63 Tri. Phoned Bt all oky doke. Slowly coming up to the surface; JT woke me somewhat & good ne4ws form BT on pone- I had thought (God knows why!) he was cutting me down 50%- completely restored me. Wrote numerous letters. The real trouble (I think) is Heppell's staff being on holidayk, nobody knowing his work etc. Moral: take really adequate precautions when Easter approaches.

Thur 4 14 Grant here- I had quite forgotten! An exceeding pleasant & fruitful talk 2 PM-9 PM. Read his horror- much better than I thought at first; but most unusual. For some reason I can't sleep: now 3.50 AM Friday. Am I killing time till the post comes? Yet I have no reason to expect tri before Saturday. All these days I have been doing quite well on some 3 gr per day: no nervous troubles so far. it is all very queer. As to 14, nothing but bills!

Fri 5 52 Damned ill- diarrhoea etc. Chits from XYZ etc & OM recommending place at hastings Shall I go there? 49 Ko You bet! Writing accordingly. Lloyd Hart arrived just as I was writing a telephone message to say I didn't need him! Heppell's had 'phoned they had posted package 11.30

Sat 6 10 Tri came!!! Thank the Most High Gods! ands Chits from OM. W re cigrattes. ands CK Phillips .. Oxford. Wrote JT re Davis & Baculum.

Sun 7 28 Developed a "stuffy" cold- veryannoying, just as I am pulling rounq from last week's misery. Going on with Wally's "USSR" He quotes me now & again. Must ask him if he knows Ivan Narodry. I have discovered the secret of this last semicomatose

week. With guidance from Walter Duranty, whom I initiated, I am being initiated myself. Whither?

Mon 8 17 Oliver wires "Room booked Jan 17 MC Wilkin".

Tues 9 14 (1) Wires. Cordelia Exodus Hastings arranged 17th your cooperation earnestly requested. Please phone earliest love Aleister. Chits from Adamson: fit 15th. from OM... Vernon Symens Esq netherwood The Ridge Hastings. Catherine here more delightful than ever.

Wed 10 19 JT brought tri behaved really well .... Worked madly to chase Aston Clinton GMR Send out AEE chits etc Lovely time with Cath.

Thur 11 38 Copy of Petits Poems en Prose & one of Arthur machen's Secret Glory from Oshik. No letters! Note Jan 17 Amy M was the dear friend of the female that Dr Ll.H. married. Automatically, without break of any kind, Mrs Ll H "doesn't know her". SHE is a DOCTOR'S WIFE, now!

Fri 12 64 In bed all day with pleurisy. Accident after accident! Light & heat off for hours at a time. Watch stopped at 4.35 AM. Idiocy re tri. H gives JT packet instead of posting it. Then she posts it!!!

Sat 13 55 Light & heat off again. Girl dropped watch on floor. Girl broke Hot Water Bottle. No parcel tri. Wire from Atkinson Chits from Tub Dennes #1.9.6 Shepherd JT with letters.

Sun 14 17 10.30 Ll.H dropped in; left 3/4 gr M. with luck, enough to pull through. Programme: doze through day if possible; sleep at night with Dial; one 1/4 in small hours; one 1/4 about 9- if I can hold out as long. Try get Amy out to Boots first thing in AM. Long dream, weeping floods of tears, connexion death. ?Arthur Evershed or Richard Hughes in my ...

Mon 15 53 Marvellous "double" wet dream, very long, detailed, & delightful. Boots refuse fill Ll H chit!!! The whole thing sounds like a bad fairy story, mixed with a nightmare. Astonishing climax. Parcel from Heppell's arrived duly on time 11.15 AM!!! So that end is untangled at last, after 3 days agony, misery, worry, danger & the rest. Now for the pleurisy.

Tues 16 26 AM Dictate account of series of misadventures of packet in good round temrs, beginning with my order & the #10. 10.0 v strange long dream of lost inheritance- #72.000 was part of it- me as "Charles Maltlby"- "every Scot from T.. to Thuso (?) has af inger in it"- mixed with my gold & white striped silk suit. Some good polishing-off with JT. Wrote to LUW & Aossic apology to Sadler etc Protest to Dr LlH. I am enjoying life almost unendurably with CB[audelaire] oh, how he is I!

Wed 17 53 Two days- neither Mr nor Mrs harris have come to ask

how I was. Dr LlH said he would phone AM Tuesday hasnt done so yet 10 3/4 AM! (He was away). Cordelia phoned Glory be! But Phyllis did not bring her answer to my message! What service! How Christ-like! PS Miss Marriott asks for me. C comes THurdsay. #59.8.2 from Saturnus Hooray! In hand: #89.0.3 1/2.

Thur 18 2 (or 23 Po) Long dream re France. 3 books ?? This I recall: some one saying "I don't know whatyou've written; but if you've hurt(?) France AC will hunt you all the way through Hell and back!" C'est la civilization qui corrom pt les moeurs; les Russes et les Chinois egalement ont garde l'ame de Stalingrad et du Yang Tze Kiang.

No Cordelia; weather too awful, I guess. Down for drink; captured by Harris, who brought Lord Ronald Greene (& Lady) to be introduced to me. Dr Ll H came! The newest remedy; but he forgot to mention that it must be taken under a waning moon in the shade of a blasted yew, with a prayer to St Couilles. I never heard plainer witchcraft!

Fri 19 10 Snap from the Vernon pole-cat (?Li 10?)

Sat 20 38 Tri came! Chits from LUW ansd. OM Ossik ansd. Sent Blake Quatrain to Hyaena. repeat Dynotabs. Wrote FH re car.

Sun 21 6 Temperature now normal and sticking to it, apparently but all day dyspnoea has been quite severe; tri seems little use, unelss I rest also. Wrote LUS. Cordelia (re chess).

Mon 22 3 Again v painful & meagre diarrhoea at midnight. 98.40 Hooray! Chit from Crow. Has no cash to send circulars 3 Kun. baker will call see me 3 1/2. Instead, tells Louis "Can't do it" 3 Kun. Thorpe dittos Baker. AM returns with tale of WVS(14?) Frieda poned no car 3 Kun they cut us off.

Tues 23 30 Louis of course destroyed the box in which my books came! Amy's witchcraft worked! God bless her! But I must go to Oxford separately.

Wed 24 29 Light & heat failed. Telephone out of order. Tobacs(?) came Dynotabs ditto. Chits from Ossik Tub nerves<sup>n</sup> all day (line 3) Rang Landon Wyehards 258 He said yes yes to everything

Thur 25 2 41 Vicissitudes continue. Finally, just as last fence is clearly cleared, it becomes evident that the roads are i mpas-sible. So "round my temples/ Iron blossom of frost is bound for ever". Went on with Z24.

Fri 26 7 Friz! Chits from Osik re mohur FH (a foul thing) Went on with Z24 & finished it- only it would need 6 volumes! OM wires Vernon's number BALDSLOW 19.

Sat 27 15 Chits from Saturnus. Louis ansd. Tub. Wrote Cordelia. PS to Z24 on Cruelty & Vagueness.

Sun 28 20 PS to Z24 "Hypocrisy". Very quiet in bed all day. out-flow failed.

Mon 29 48 Chit from JT coming Tuesday. Wrote BT asking supplement 1/4 or 2 1/6s. "H&C" both off again all day. Light & heat failed about 8 PM for some 2 hrs.

Tues 30 15. Watch stopped 4.30 AM. JT here- bad journey- late. Chits from HA (ansd). Peace-offering of Honey & Sugar from Hyae-na. Wrote back. Finished my letter of Dec 7 to Max! note. Jan 31. Sketchley told fool story of buckles being discoloured in the cleaning!

Wed 31 9 Chits from Symonds. Pamela- charming. Wrote Roy- Atlantis Book shop. 2.40 PM. Wire: "tri posted JT") Police-Inspector Douche(?) called about the buckles. He (of course) wants me to bring an action. Landon rings up- can't take me Friday or Saturday, but can to-morrow. I said Yes, & damn the risk!

#### FEBRUARY

Thur 1 10. One of my "full moon" dreams: at netherwood, my watch stopped at 5.25. Hyaena's honey came in somehow. Day turned out lovely; all went well. I saw 3/4 moon near conj Sol as in dream!! Oxford 10.15 Hastings 3.55 Glorious run. Relieved near all youth, part scenery & places, part driver's talk. I think this place should be very good<sup>n</sup>. Grant sent the Gold Mohur Aw..... AH 1236. Dion Fortune sent a Qy & #5.5.0 for Ans & 3 letters!

Fri 2 2. resting quietly. Dreadful muddle in London re tri. note that despite the countless obstacles I brought off the journey exactly as originally planned. Record of a privaiton period. Feb 1 5 1/4. 2 4 1/2. 3 4 4 3 1/2. 5 3 3/4 (Some cameiin) 6 5 1/2

Sat 3 63 No tri. Started usual telephone agony, & called in Dr Charnak Smith, who, "Swift as a spirit hastening to his task of glory & of good" came at 3.30 & handed out like a lamb. 12 1/6 tri and 20 1/4 40! Adding, let me know if all is well on Monday, otherwise I'll come to the rescue! Dr C Charnock Smith Glyneon Woburn Sands Bletchley.

Sun 4 59 Resting very quietly. Oliver called- charming. All too brief. Mohur Awadh GHAZI-ud-DIN HAIDAR A.H.1236

Mon 5 59 Dr Charnock Smith to the rescue again- 40 1/6 tri. JT coming Tuesday. Wrote DF. Idea 30 letters for 10 gs. Feb 6 Tues. Alarmed about Dr Ch-S and possible trouble from HO their "regulations" I ask Yi: got Kieh 60 "Regulations"!!! Look at lines 3 & 4: might ahve been written on the spot as direct good advice! It is beyond all whooping! NB Put Mohur in [Peh: mouth] while i asked & twiddled(?).

Tues 6 46 Incredible! Tri came. They had tput packet with telegrams etc in a new box- Gawd! Still more so: Transferring tablet from chemist's tubes to mine. I threw away a tube- after soaking it to get Iubel(?) off- lucky cork was in- with 5 1/6s left. Remembered & retrieved in time, thank the Gods! JT here with tri so blessed tri reserves again- long may they stay in reserve! Wrote to DF with "Minitum Mundum". Sadler. Tub. HA. BT. Amy. Cordelia.

Wed 7 42 to Adamsobs. Bayley. Bray. Saturnus. Dale. mrs Harris. Yorke. Drafted Financial Policy Memo to Saturnus. Reflection on Feb 10:3 AM The King forbade duelling, because thereby he lost some good servants; but by stopping it, he lost them all.

Thur 8 36 1/4 lb Periue, ordered yesterday AM arrived! Began work- revising AEE etc. Sent MM to Dion Fortune. Wrote A'ashik. My curse these days, is waking about 1 to choke. Better write for Dial.

Fri 9 45 Tri came! (In hand:Q112=28 S 110=18 1/2) Chits from A'ashik Ansd. helen do. e cone! (?) Jean do. Talk with Vernon re business, incl GKG Began Z25 "Necromancy". BT's Dynotabs no longer stop the Diarrhoea with strain & pain. I think the Constriction is often due to Indigestion.

Sat 10 33 See note on Feb 7: Qy quote in AEE Chits from BT- to prove what a mud-turtle-headed ass he is. (But I knew that) Ansd: e come! from FH from Maria Kormoff- who in hell is she? C12H22O11 from Tub. See memoranda p 4-5 re Chess Club [these pages torn out]. Wrote Bray & BT 7.16.20 Big aband. 10-11 PM On with Z25- a few pages.

Sun 11 25 Wrote to US Consul re Thoth to Saturnus. BT LUW Robert Cecil.

Mon 12 49 Chits from Tub. JT ansd. Adamson ansd. Pyjamas came. Tri came!! Supper with OM & wife. VS & Johnnie too. All very amusing, and I think I talked fairly well. Anxiety neurosis. Driving back in fog. We seemed to go very fast, & always down hill. Yet we started near sea level! & home is 500 feet up! But I was nervous!!

Tues 13 15 hits from 400 ansd. re "Security" LOV offers loan #15 ansd. Ay! Cable from Jack. Smith leaving Rainbow Valley no funds or lodging Georgia will accomodate as alternative to here Rancho Royal available only if Liber 132 followed literally all loyal to you. I will do nothing without instructions please wire John W Parsons. I ask Yi how to answer LXI Kung Fu. Wrote at length to Jack. Finished "Isabella II"; began "Avalon".

Wed 14 59 NLT to Jack sent 13th: Idea film hero emerges retirement divinely selfconfident independent powerful prepared charged vagrancy lunacy wlike historical examples stop Follow script 132 scrupulously avoiding old contacts stop Wrote helen ningh AC 3 AM Idea. Letter to supplement "Act of Truth" & "Te Secret

Chiefs" on "Life a gamble" Z26. Chits from Aasik Librarian Amy.  
To club: beat one Stapeley with nice Q sacrifice.

Thur 15 32 Rothenstein dead. Chits from Sadler. Ansd JT Tri came  
Perique do. S wants Z11,13,14,18. Sent last 3.  
Berber. Chess. Dud: won two games. Idea Z27 System of OTO. Start  
of Poem !!! on Avalon. Began Z26

Fri 16 21 #61.17.8 from Saturnus. 3.3.0 from DF. 10.0.0 from LOV/  
75.0.8. In hand 6.3.7/ #81.4.3. Chits from LUW LOV DF BT JT US  
Consul 1.9.6./ #82.13.9. Envelopes & matches from Bar. (?) Bor-  
rowed typewriters. Ansd DF sent XXXVIII XL & 666. On with Z26 to  
finish.

Sat 17 19 Taken ill Bed: sent for Canchemar (?) Sm Rockholme 16  
Quarry Rd hastings. Tel: Hast 47.

Sun 18 19

Mon 19 41 Chits from LOV (#5) JWP. Tri came. Where am I? Dropping  
things, spilling everywhere. Even tablets of tri!! On the mend  
but Dr says near pneumonia. [writing very weak, a mere scrawl,  
almost illeg]

Tues 20 54 #3.3.0 from Sadler. Cord phoned. Temp sill up. Mending  
Z25 & 26. B-T libelled me foully to Ch Smith wrote taht I smoked  
3-IV(??) Perique a day! meaning week. Added that I was "at least  
as fit menty & physy as 76 average!! I screamed(?) Ch S had mis-  
read(?) v ill- scraflad "the" as 76!

Wed 21 32 Wrote B-T for 23rd repeat 27th. Chits from Tub. Shepherd  
#2.2.0! Raymond Greene. Peter Brooks. ChS still keeps me in bed.  
Gave him "The Fun of the Fair". Clive, Herne Bay 5 AM 29-6-34.  
Bird- ? cuckoo.

Thur 22 8. Tri came. Chits from Cordelia ansd. JT. Ill- fi-  
broid(?). ansd. A'ashik 29 Rowan Walk Bromley Comm. #1.9.6 from  
Dennes. In hand #12.5.0 cash.

Fri 23 31. Note on Hymns to Gods. "City of Dreadful Night" - Hymn  
to Saturn, the Trance of Sorrow, the passive aspect of the  
(male(?)) Trance of Wonder. Asleep nearly all day- due to double  
Veronal last night?

Sat 24 23 ? little(?) Hounds & bloodhounds. 11 Richardson. Asleep  
most of the day. Phlegm losoer & less. Chits from A'ashik c/o  
Ford Wyard 54 LExham Gdns W8.

Sun 25 44 Oliver brought Irving St John alias Johnnie. charming  
amusing witty. Mot. My "City of God" reminded him of TS Eliot! I  
explained that 1st movement was written in a Russian train. he  
saw it at once, said "and TSE is always in that train" AC "Yes,  
& with a third class ticket".

Mon 26 21

Tues 27 54 Tri came. Wrote Clifford Bax. No Dr. No OM No Richardson 54!

Wed 28 2 Richardson up agree trial month Grant: we pay #2.2.0 In hand #35.0.0. 9.0.0 5.0.0 VI ansd/ #49. 3 games chess with ambitious bloke: he wanted to mate me in 4 moves. Somehow, it misfired!

#### MARCH

Thur 1 36. Chits from McM (stamps) Dale (ansd sent #2 & 9 coupons) DF ansd. Wrote A'sik Adamson Dale Dion Fortune. Out to pillar-box!

Fri 2 63 Tri came. #1.9.6 from Dennes. Chess v infant horror! That Kamplin has no notion of manners.

Sat 3 50 Chits A'sik. Tub. JT (files etc) Citizen Kane (Jean)

Sun 4 13 Revised typescript Z25,26,24. Dr called unexpectedly; discussed optic nerve of Horus. A little upset: I ask Message. LV Fang. Thwan: don't be anxious (Line 1 approves Alys)

Mon 5 58 58th anniversary my father's death. On with Z27 (re OTO)

Tues 6 38 Tri came. perique from Saturnus Dec 19. Food parcel do do do NY. Typescript XII came: sent to Fra VI. Wrote BT for 9th & 13th. Finished Z27 on OTO.

Wed 7 58 Dunhill tobacco came. Golden Book came: A1 at Lloyd's & anywhere else! Chit from Saturnus ditto 400 ditto Helen & Smith (Route 1 Box 166 Fallbrook(?) Cal). Wrote Saturnus ppl-6

Thur 8 6 Chits from Dale (Sung re Buckles) ansd. 400 (His Sung re packing) ansd FH (my sung re thefts) ansd HA (photo of Gis-Sung) Finished long chit to Saturnus.

Fri 9 52 Tri. Yvonne Piggin 4 Chantrey Rd West Bridgeford notts appleis via VI to study with me. ? Fra .'. [OShIK] arrives. Clive mathews 47 hastings. Jack's NLT came just in time to stop me doing this [ie: "I place the Californian Lodge under INTERDICT. Yui: what is Smith's "pull"? XI Thai- purely personal (sexual) influence." Entered next day in diary]

Sat 10 47 47 iundeed! Chit from Saturnus that Smith is settled at 1003. Yi says XXV Wu Wang. Wrote Sadler parsons (re AEE) & AC Socy. 400 wired "Lamp in my hand coming Sunday". Wrote Greene Dion F. Bray.

Sun 11 62 7.15 PM No 400! why? XXL Shih Ho? Some dispute? Or fire? (He had vergito, brought on by blitz. XXI can well be a nervous attack.) Wired Wyard "Grant not arrived: alarmed: please explain

Crowley" rp 12 words. 11.30 400 wires comeing 3.45.

Mon 12 49 #68.1.5 from Saturnus. 7 PM [OShIK] at last! Brought Totem. Portfolio. Anglelight. Buckles #2.10.0 12/6 Fountain Pen (this one) other pictures, books, cabinet etc to follow.

Tues 13 45 Tri came. Glorious warm Spring day, but bitterly cold wint on front. To HHastings; sent letters to be copies (Miss Kingston. #20 to Bray.

Wed 14 15 Another glorious day. Wrote to Jack & Gerogia.

Thur 15 63 Chits from Grady and. FH ditto. 2.30 Clive Matthews 47 Eversfield Place on Sea front W of pier. Message: Fire/ 40 Kiewh. Might have been written on the spot! Yes, yes, 1000 times yes!

Fri 16 16 Tri came. Chit from 516 Ansd. Encl one from JWP. Feb 23 in which he orders all [theta]-ites to obey, & bar Smith! Where are we??? NLT from Jacq "Smith left 1003 due to my firm stand as your agent proceeding independently of mu under control John Parson." Started 400 on Astrology, & dictated Clive's horror.

Sat 17 8 Frieda & [venus] pal here. NLT Jack Excellent cabling Karl Word Tuesday Faircopying series 75 Education Letters sending earliest Love Alexr Crowley. The PO ass asked 400 what state California was in!!!

Sun 18 30 Irwin St John here with his "poetry"- a dithyramb on AC! [Astarte: GK] = ..... normal. = 416 of st=6=441 if st=XXXI = [AMH: Heb] For days past I have been inordinately happy, so much so taht it almost amounts to being 'fey'. I feel wreteched in the knowledge that it can't go on for ever. Aiwaz! I invoke Thee!

Mon 19 38 Accepted the Word A s t a r t e. Oracle AL III 74 Ring on here is. Omen 62 Hsaio Kwo. Chits from 516 Amy. 1/2 Latakia from Dunhill. 3 Tarots from Bray. #10.10.0 from McM. Dictated A5 on "Man".

Tues 20 33 [horary fig] "Giton, and Judas, and Tartufe" dead. Began Z28. over[page attached in diary] 20th NLT Saturnus Spring Publication title Astarte. Grouping 75 Educational letters acc subject sending each group as retyped. Love AC

Tues 21 2 Watned RB Yesterday touched the Abramelin talismans for books. Went into tinyshop by barber's; asked for it- almost as a joke. Then! "Stall!" cried I; a lira made it mine. (At lealst, 4/6). Chit from Yvonne Piggin, whom I accept as Student. Born circa Noon Jun 29 '21 Paris. Wrote. Wrote 516 & sending Greetings all .... Wrote "Judgement of Solomon" chit.

Thur 22 49 Jane's letter demands a new "Judgement of Solomon"? Yi: 38 Khwei. not very clear. Anyhow, I answered it. Swop child; suspend Helen so long as she stays with Smith; put S on remittance #10 a week, so long as he stays outside Cal, & does not communi-



cate with any OTO.

Bought "Pitcher in Paradise" Bab Ballads, complete!!! The Prince.  
mason: "Principles of Chess" for 400.

Fri 23 56 Tri came. Chit from Saturnus 1003 all wrong date March  
3 What to do? I Khien!!! Wrote Cordelia HA. Word to LUW. VI. ENF.  
Evan. D Fortune. Tranchell Hayes. Pearl. Rob Cecil. Crow. Estai  
Saturnus. Grant. Christabel. Chess with idiot, who wouldn't re-  
sign when 2 pieces down & badposition. Missed 'bus Angry. Started  
teach 400 chess. Talbot Private Hotel Southport Lancs

Sat 24 51 Chits from FH. Eqx present 1/2 coat! Tub. Chess with  
Pitt v good. Won both games: the last had a Master-Game-Finish.  
Dr heard my Astral Appeal, called at lunch-time, took my blood-  
pressure, elt my tummy etc. Allperfectly as it should be, but B-  
P low as usual. Gave me 4 gr tri. 400 as stupid as most at K plus  
P v K: I have known quite good players who take hours & hours to  
grasp it.

Sun 25 42 Finished revising Group M. Joking about Aston Clinton's  
witches, I said i had seen Miss Clarke riding over the trees on  
her broomstick. She took Umbrage! Therefore:

There was an old lady named Clarke,  
Most surely a maiden of mark!  
She madeher fat womb stick  
Astride of a broomstick,  
And ho! for a larkin the dark!  
Moral: don't take things too seriously!

Mon 26 21 Write B-T for tri Thurs. not Fri. Dove(?) Chits from  
VI.Ansd. McM stamps ansd. Essay. EG Williams c/o Boots 2  
Colewick Rd Suinton Nottingham.

Tues 27 39 Tri came. liberty sent caot #6.6.0 Binder sent Bill  
#30.8.3. 39 Kien: dead against date withClive matthew. Cold,  
damp, & I not well. Solicitor: Percy Idle. Meneer, Idle & Brack-  
ett Grand Parade St Leonard's. Long talk with Vernon about Mike.  
Wrote Limerick on Clarke- one of the best I ever did. See 25th.

Wed 28 31 Write B-T re fees Yi:43, Don't! (Mar 29 Tri didn't come;  
wrote Charnock Smith for 10 gr; he is ill- pneumonia. How right  
the Yi!) Bad night- broken sleep- diarrhoea ..... What attitude  
shall I take toward Mike when he comes here for Easter Sun XLI.  
Wrote to warn Jack against Regutny. A bad night, a bad day; ill  
again 10 PNM

Thur 29 48 Tri didn't come- hell! 1 Glen Mohr from F&M. (Curious!  
I had not tasted Uisge since Feb 1, and found that I disliked it  
intensely! Could hardly force myself to drink it!! Friday, I be-  
gan to tolerate it. Saturday, I like it as of o.d) Rose from Tub.  
Van Oppen re Tarot to USA. Charnock Smith down with pneumonia.

Fri 30 13 "Bad Friday". Tri came, after all! #1 from Yvonne on  
a/c Book of Thoth. Photos from Saturnus & Sascha. Revised Group

A. Tried to rewrite my best Desert poem; got part of the way.

Sat 31 8. Revising groups etc Sat o Brains Trust with two quite intelligent jews, and a garrulous female who gibbered.

#### APRIL

Sun 1 12 FGeast of Aostre.

Mon 2 36 DST wounds my Intelligence! Tri came! Sadler wrote a mpure Ming I 36 letter! on March 4 I asked Yi about 'Alys' reception-room. Got LV Fang: "Don't worry!". To-day an incident, rather alarming; might be explaiend by ingredients of PD(?)& Co's Tab Aper. I must ask plainly: is the symptom malignant? XXI Shih Ho: sounds an emphatic "yes". But did not my mental attitude impose itself uponthe sticks? "Gnawing" is the exact term for the way teh disease works. Long chit form Jack.

Tues 3 3. Word to LOV. RC. Shall I start CM till I know about Alys? XV Khien. I think: No. Answered Sadler. 3 Kun re dentist-weather cold wind & showers v heavy. Chit form Crow do Pam & Christ Child- had cardiac thrombosis- just didn't ill him. Wrote to both.

Wed 4 10 Bill from B-T #13.13.0 Hell! 7.30 PM Young Grant rushes up, wild, and blurts out, apropos de bottes "The V2s have stoppe-dover London" (I knew that long ago) "now we can go back to Jermyn St!" Mike's remark that he is "Mentally unstable" seems correct. The murderer's Puzzle, how to get rid of the body, has been on my nerves for the last 2 days.

Thur 5 22 Tri came. Chit form LUW. Terrific cascade- Ornament Pi 22!!- in street. Played Kirk- Treasurer. At my very worst. Won 4 games, & either nerves or interruption sent me crazy \* I lost all! They asked me to play for Bexhill.

Fri 6 38 All nerves all day!

Sat 7 17

Sun 8 61 Wrote to LUW ands. Noel ands.

Mon 9 30 Chits from Saturnus. RC ands. After 3 bad nights slept most of day. Some constipation too. Generally feeble & XOP.

Tues 10 30 Tri came; also 4 oz C2H6O 90%. More AL from Jack. Chit from jack ditto HA ands. Richardson glad that I want to stay onpermanently. Kirk again: won most games, but lost 2 by sheer carelessness, I outplay him every time, then day-dream.

Wed 11 42 Chit from Saturnus. Chess v EM Jackson. Won again; I had the better position (Aleklini's(?) defence)....

Thur 12 37 Played du- so bad that after Game 1 I offered Q - &

won twice easily

Fri 13 7 message: result of roosevelts death in re Work of Order. Khien I!!! Will write re this to Saturnus. Wrote at length to Saturnus & Kath.

Sat 14 4 400 blew up re Mr S ? what to do? 56 Lu Means ...? Chess with good lightning player. Won 2 games do with fussy little ass? match captain? didn't like being beaten. Last of 4 games I got careless & he won my Q for a R: so I had to queen a pawn- and then he wouldn't resign, a R down!!

Sun 15 17

Mon 16 12 Short of Tri: used D&V: asleep most of day; no discomfort. Total 2 5/12 gr

Tues 17 4 Tri came. #68.1.5 from Saturnus.

Wed 18 53 Air/Earth Release! Chit from W B-T. 4 v Ashford. They played me at Board 5 (of 6) Not even one move that I could mark as good (!) when I played it over.

Thru 19 24 Discovered at last what is at heart wrong with 400. He is the most consummate BORE that the world has yet known. And this at 20! Argued it out with him; of course he has some sort of a defence. it's not as bd as it seemed at first; but it's not good that he has no real interest in teh world in general.

Fri 20 36 Tri came. Adamsons say my coupons are invalid- 36 Ming I! Charnock Smith better, able to attend to me when I need him.

Sat 21 63 a/c from Charnock #9.4.6. Sent it by 400 & got 10 gr tri. 3 chess v Bexhill BENGGE. Ay Board 7, let them enjoy the joke! A finely typical AC AnacondaAttack, culmination in Kt sacrifice on move 23. he refused it, thus leaving me a piece & 2 pawns up, & the attack still on! Then- he started to play very slowly & more so & more so-- till about move 40- I stopped recording after move 31: too silly!

Sun 22 Hang 33 (sic) Colder- 3 chill 6 PM. Ague 99.8o. Russians in Berlin. I do feel sad to think of my chestnut-avenue on the canal at the foot of the Dernburg(?) Str- and the insane ambition of Louis XIV which has (presumably) wrecked it. 6 PM Ague severe 99.8o Felt this coming on during the game yesterday.

Mon 23 33 Fever all day. In bed ditto. #5.1.4 from HA

Tues 24 21 Joke: Guillaum eAppolinaire's book on de Sade- you read a horrifying footnote, & find it's a translation from Darwin!

Wed 25 50 Saw Pygmalion. VS as Pickering vg; also mrs Higgins as Doolittle. Liza slightly above average. higgins abhorrent & vile-

ly overplayed. Freddy fair. But all .... Damned tired.

Thur 26 30 2.30 AM Very hard lumps- considerable blood.

Fri 27 49 Dale refuses(?) shoes (line 1). McM sends ITR papers.

Sat 28 Ta Kwang-34. Chit from Cath. Felt XOP all day. Los R for Kt v Jackson; couldn't pull myself together; went down.

Sun 29 32

Mon 30 3 2.30 16 Quarry Rd. Abdominal palpation & digital examination; all negative.

#### MAY

Tues 1 4 Bitterly cold wind again- chill- slept 2.45- 4.45 PM. Wrote Saturnus (with 48 letters) BT Insomnia.

Wed 2 14 (possibly 1 Khien). Astral with 400. He made 13 Thung Zan "Union of Men" (P/Sol & Air & P) Barren single tree- Air & P. Crowd of faces- Union of men & so on. All very good, accurate, and clear.  
Hitler officially dead. Hitler \* Goebbels "felo de se"- official.

Thur 3 9

Fri 4 3 Beard trimmed etc. Too cold for chess. 6.25 PM (?what time?) official surrender to "Monty".

Sat 5 21 New Perique came: seems much better than W&F. parcel of eats form Estai. Chit from Crady. Playing not-chess with Gallant. Curious! he passed on his nerves to me; it nearly cost me a game!!! Cath phoned- comes to-morrow. Good! Wrote to HA Manning. Tub. Pearl. T&H for note-paper. Heppell's for needles.

Sun 6 10 A really delightful day with Cathrine. I wonder if I shall ever see her again- she's off to Australia. But hopes she may get one more day here before sailing. Chess with Gallant. Recovered my nerves: brought off one mate in 8 (2Kt's figatelo(?))

Mon 7 3 Chess v Kirk 1 1/2-1 1/2 he has some trick to defeat -- -- I must look it up in Stanton!!! War alleged "over"! Morons surprised, excited, celebrating. it is hard to live in such a world.

Tues 8 20 Public Rejoicing equals Private Annoyance! (Cf Bernard de Mandeville). No mail to-day or to-morrow: impossible pressure on such services as are running! Aussik helped a whole lot; gave him "The Lama". Lng talk with scolex Grant, bullied by father. What shall I do about him? Sol/Air Ting-50 P &

Wed 9 6 Saturnus' chit had excellent news of Max's pamphlet etc-

which I have not yet received. Frieda wrote him a typically crazy letter, laying down the law about everything as usual! He replied with a perfect bottle-crusher. Writing to explain her fugues.

Thru 10 52 Chits from 516 and. Fredk Mellinger and. Queer incident- see Red 8vo book of Memorabilia.

Fri 11 35 Chits from idle (re Atkinson) JWP Christ-Child. Wrote Student's Examn. paper for Fra.'. Aussik.

Sat 12 23 Chits from Ashworth. manning. Chess with dud pup 3-0. The Match Famine. Swapped 4 Luxembourg "Ta!" samps for 4 boxes. Inscribed Book of Thoth to Mildred Burlingame.

Sun 13 32 Wrote Roy Leffingwell: grafters(?) on Feast of April 8,9,10.

Mon 14 24 Grants wiggles terminate in a sudden ultimatum; he must go on Wednesday, Cunt, of course! Note line 6 of Fu, & Fu = K of Fire! #6 from Grant Sr.- wrote back. #3 to Miss Kingston.

Tues 15 37 #68.1.5 from Saturnus. Grant on the wing. Doesn't know where anything is. For a Mooncalf, he makes Neuburg stand out like the Shewe Dagon(?) above a jackal's turd!

Wed 16 22 Grant left; but arrangements very satisfactory for him to do my London work. CDhits from Saturnus. Bray (Gave to 400 to answer) Wrote to Clive Matthew for appt do LUW. Began long chit to Saturnus.

Thur 17 59 Dawn-Meditation: "Letter"- suggested by Saturnus in part- on "The New Word: its action on the Aim of the A.'.A.'." Enquiry for Tarot from Bickerton Pratt Westminster Bank Chambers Shepherd's Bush. v Kirk 1 1/2-1 1/2. The won game was one of the finest positional manoeuvres I ever elaborated. Saw Miss Kingston: all OK Tel:398.

Fri 18 3 3 Kun- all 'bus times altered; no new tables out; will change again in a fortnight! Feeling rotten: lost 2-1 to Kirk

Sat 19 50 Chit from Saturnus. Kirk here for chess. Game 1 a very fine win. 2 Lost by oversight. 3 Careless about order of moves in opening: couldn't recover. 10 gr Tri from Ch Sm

Sun 20 23 Up comes Craig- asks me to talk on "Magick". Did so: not bad success, as I got mostly intelligent questions.

Mon 21 33 Chit from HA #4.19.2 Tri from Heppell. Wrote W B-T for tri 25th & 29th. Hormones for Dynotabs. Mildred Burlingame. Robert Cecil. HA. Planted Liber Oz on Jack Costey(?) Alec Craig-chairman of "debate on religion" ?? (Nothing of the sort!) Cordelia Tub Eve. HA

Tues 22 58 On with batch of letters started Monday adding Yorke

Tui 58!!! first since 1st week of April '44!!!

Wed 23 48 Chits from FH Ansd RoyAL. Wrote to 400.

Thur 24 16 Chit from LUW. Ansd. Miss Kingston here to clear up AEE mess. And What a mess! Himmler, the Schweinhund & worse who put Karl Germer in Concentration Camps- chiefly because he was my friend!- killed himself after capture.

Fri 25 25 Tri came. Chits from 400 Ansd. Cowtan ansd. PO my letter to Pam retd. Cath ansd. Chess with one Burdock aet 73. Magnificent game; I ought to have won, but got tired, nervous re my shopping & 'bus, so careless- agreed to draw; I had a passed P, but B's of opposite colours. Bought The Red Knight (John Newton Chance(?)) Al Too much for Mr Jeelipot (Sydney Fowler)

Sat 26 8 Bad insomnia at night; 75% asleep all day. nerves all XOP re missing essays of AEE my chit to Saturnus etc. Rang Dr Charnock Smith for appt Monday.

Sun 27 61 ? Sort of holiday

Mon 28 45 Chits from Eve re Folkestone house. Ivo & CPI from Miss K. Pictures for Sascha's concert from Saturnus. Saw Dr Ch S "Collected" 10 gr tri & Allonal. Asked him to fix Clive Mathew Ashworth Liber [aleph] ready (4 or 5 "collections"=45) Remembering CPI song. V bad night insomnia: constipated.

Tues 29 52 Miss K here: found all lost letters but one, & that doubtful. Chits from 400 with Choc etc. His note-book- no .... too JWP. Tri came. NBA vice P Alas! Got rid of .....

Wed 30 51 Chit from Kate Cecil. Chess v ? name; a sound player, but I got 2 Bs v 2 Kts & the pressure cracked him suddenly. Tried several variations; all the same; in 3 or 4 moves he had to crash. Gallow (vt) to terrify.

Thur 31 43 PB cheque #10.10.0 from Atkinson. Chit from Eve: the usual silly disappointing stuff. She never can make up her mind. Insolence, ignorance, misingormation all day. Affaire WH Smith (see 43 line 3 & the Thwan!)

#### JUNE

Fri 1 36 MRs Nicholson wont mend, & cant' start shirts till mid-July 36 Ming I. Chit from 400 turned to his senses from T & H. Die sent to Crow 36 Ming I. Wrote T&H Crow 400 Chess v Burnock(?) - = asked to play uickly, so lost a piece & resigned. v Stephenson 2-1. The lost game was sheer suicide; absence of mind. Gave 3 my best form; sacrifice of both Rooks oconsecutively

Sat 2 13 Chit from Sloan re pen. Liber [aleph] original back. Wrote to Kate Cecil Robert do Yvonne Pggin. Found needles 1st shop I tried ditto Scarlet Button 2nd do do. Chess with snailish

dud

Sun 3 23 (?Khwan 2) Wrote VS re Abd-el-Krim. Complaint to WH Smith & Sons. Phillips for tooth. Wrote Epigram Thanatos Basileus.

Mon 4 24 1 flan shirt 1 linen do 1 pr stockings 4 silk handk 1 print linen do 1 plain od. PO Ilford accepted the 48 letters to Saturnus- now package returned (Fu 24!) to me! Wrote Ch Sm re CM etc. Cordelia 400. Clive Matthew rang up!! Appt 3.30! Took root r lower molar; no pain to complain of. Reaction so far (6 PM) not noticeable

Tues 5 3 Chit form Irvin St John Tri came. Liber [aleph] Type-script came. Ass! v Kirk got a won game, & then did a suicide move. Was a bit shaky after CM yesterday, & it was beastly cold in the Club. Masseur SGHewett 14 St H's Crescent Hastings 1016.

Wed 6 27 Chits from Saturnus. HA. Liber [aleph] cost #9.3.0! 43,500 words! nerves & Phobias all day! Succenly, it borke! WRote Letter "Work worth while" (This is I 27 me as "nourishing")

Thur 7 40 Chits from Phillips re tooth. 400. Cleared up all correspondence with Miss K. 3 tubes form Ch S. All day everything went swimmingly. Started letter: "The A.'.A>'. & the planet".

Fri 8 12 Tri came Chess 3-0 with the Queer Old Bird. Went on, rather half-heartedly, witht eh Letter- about 1 1/2 pp. Posted chits to Saturnus RoyAL Irving St J. 400.

Sat 9 7 #74.5.1 from Saturnus (Sent probably 6th (I 27) or 7th (4o kieh)). Chit from Crow Ansd. Chess v Kirk -0 1/2 1/2 0- Couldn't force myself to playe ven my second best; playe dopenings that I didn't know or taht suited his style. Couldn't force myself to ggo on with Letter.

Sun 10 38 Rain started --. Struggling on with Letter. it gets easier as I go on; the Cairo Working part is so puzzling, & I've roughed taht out to-day.

Mon 11 28 Parcel from Saturnus Bill from T&H. Chit from LUW. Did a page or two of letter. CM 3.30 Took out 2 lower incisors- prick hurt far more than pull!

Tues 12 2 WH Smith sent man fro HQ to apologize. He has ticked off that young ass good & proper! WOL Pugh "Amberley" Semaphore Rd Guildford. A page or two of Letter. Weather like lead. Dozed all AM & slept heave 2-4.15 PM. Wroet LUW. HA flew from Frankfurt-a-M to London -- 2 Khwan! Ashworth #9.3.1. Dunhill 4.16.6. T&H 1.1.9/ = #15.2.4

Wed 13 1 (poss 43) Got back to form; won a fine game v Kirk (English opening) Struggling- very sluggishly- with eltter. Did a page or so.

Thur 14 1 Khwan-Khien-Khien seems important. Qy Mellinger here? Chit from JW Parsons. #10.10.0 from Bickerton Pratt. Took c/387 92667-80 & c/380 60422 = #75.0.0. plus #25.0.0. plus #20 plus #12 cheques #10.10.0 plus #1.10.0 = #12. Total inhand #132.0.0. V Kirk - won game, quitted a R on wrong square by accident- lost. Game 2 a brilliant win after a bad start. Bought cigar-case for syringe & a fine clock. Also Parker pen- this one.

Fri 15 30 A bad night- yesterday over-excited all day- insomnia & diarrhoea. tri & Sponge (#3.7.6) 400 hit. V Kirk 1/2-1/2 the 2nd a sure win: put off by impatience & the ghastlyjabber of dud idiots.

Sat 16 42 Chits from Civil Frederik Mellinger 11045 CIV. CENS. Det.- ETOUSA. APO m887 US Army. JWP. 400. HA blew in!!! Brought a bottle of Sekt from Hocheim. Wrote & t alked comments on the unfinished "Letter".

Sun 17 59. Played as much chess as possible to keep McM of Technocracy! Got away with 1al but about 2 hrs of it.

Mon 18 16 Flannel trousers came (Yu 16!) But they are all wrong! McM back to Lodon & Germany. CM 3.0. One hell of a root! Anaesthesia very imperfect.

Tues 19 16 Wrote BT 22nd & 26gh tri. Tri came. No hit from 400. Kept waiting. Promised matches nil do clock do do tailoer do -- Yu 16. New Ration Book sent up by Richardson, mutilated! No dclouthing coupons, no personal points Etc etc Yu 16.

Wed 20 55 Ouroboros (?) from FH Chits from 516. 400.

Thur 21 22 Read ouroboros again. Miss K. 2 Gave her de Nuptiis Secretis & 2 Tarots to send Saturnus & 210. Wrote Saturnus. Bray.max & Jean. Sent more "Letters" to Saturnus.

Fri 22 13. #9.9.0 DWA cheque good! Costume de pacha etc here. Tri came. Bought clock (skeleton) #6.0.0.

Sat 23 28 v Pitt. Won game; then he got slower & slower till I quit playing & then played a crazy skittle, & then went to wrong 'bus sto p! All gruel in my skull!

Sun 24 59 nerves continuous barrage. Can't work, can't play, can't go on with "Letter" or write answers to those received. Grant at the bottom of a good deal of this. Possibly, dentist Tuesday is kicking around somewhere.

Mon 25 58 Beckett 3.30 Advises write identity proofs "Golden Twigs". Chits from LUW. Yorke. v Kirk 1/2 1/2 1 (he took back a move). Taken violently short at 'bus sto p!! Managed it in a front garden some 15ft x 8!!!

Tues 26 56 Tric came. Chits fro Roy Leffingwell. Van Oppen. 3.30 CM. Took out a very bad root- hurd hardly at all. But gum aches



after return home. HF eased it. Wrote Atlantis BS asking MH to identify proofs offered.

Wed 27 63 Abdomen upset. Finished A.'A.'. & planet "Letter" & revised ti. Not so bad as I had feared. Booked room for LUW next door to John(?) - took 5 minutes. And Richardson's "non possumus"(?).

Thur 28 22 Miss K. 2.10 PM. Wrote to 400 Miss M Anderson Oxf do Lond. Cowtan--Clothes. 210. JWP. 516 JW Gave her "Letter" to reach me near [Mars] noon.

Fri 29 34 No tri. Parcel from T&H (paper) do 516 (eats). #4.19.2 from HA. Chini's birthday party. I wear my Eastern dress! Louis phoned from Burwash 101. Chess v Kirk 1/2 Cowardice, or should have won easily. 1 Good win: end K & P v K.

Sat 30 64. Parcels from 1516. Tri came. Michael sent the proofs of Golden Twigs! With the most compromising letter imaginable! message: what tod o? With what results? Kien-53 (same as for D-Day!) 4 PM Umfraville, with Lady Denny & her [mars- man] pal- Mr Levy9?) ne au Caire. Hastings Printing Co Portland Place. Tel:2450

#### JULY

Sun 1 8 Wrote to Tub: invite.

Mon 2 58 11.0 Car. Goulden- got Pen! & box for letter paper. Miss K- got T script "Letter". Masseur- gone! to 163 London Rd S2. Printer- say dud [venus] left MS. Matches- got 2 boxes. Allonal- got 24. Chtis from Tub, Curwen, 210, 516. Perique from Saturnus. #5.15.0! Adamson (ansd with coupson) LUW here 5 PM.

Tues 3 62 Chit form Cordelia! Send A.'A>'-.planet Letter to VI. Weather continuously beastly. Depressing: damp upsetting; chill. Cause of much extra asthma & tri. For a week or more.

Wed 4 26 XChits from Cathrine. Import License for typewriter gift. Message: forecast of Election. XXIX Kahn Luna/Luna Danger ahead(?). Beckett 3.30 Showed him tite & cintents of "Green Twigs"; gave him M's letter to answer, demanding how he got pos-sesison of proofs. Wrote to 400- a Stinker.

Thur 5 44 Chtis from Adamson (Oxon) Threat from Savage- naturally! A/c from BT #13.13.0 (ansd c/o JWP) Miss K2 Wrote to Saturnus. Roy. Max. LUW. Adamson (Oxon) Cord. Cath.

Fri 6 34. Tri came Wrote LUW re 93 JS FH re Golden Twigs etc. CM 3.30 Took 2, one v big. No pain, exc from needle. 6 1/2 PM Jaw still aches; after HF.

Sat 7 54 Chit from max: added PS to yersterday's to him. 11 Miss Ratcliffe. Surprise; thought her partner was coming. Ditto No 2; found her sympathetic. Diarrhoea: descending colon tender. Think

these extra actns (?) are letting loose poison whole-sale. Chess v one Jackson p.o.w. has only played for 2 years- but in GermanY!! So he's almost in my class! 1/1 1.1. The draw was my fault for trying to be subtle.

Sun 8 13 Insomnia- nerves- had to take 4 Allonal- stoped clock, too! Chess with dud 1-1-1. he failed altogether to realize that he was just a duffer: talked about being out of practice!

Mon 9 53. Luna occults Sol 1.35 PM [horary fig] Yogi & Commisar from Grady! Clever lad!

Tues 10 55 Tri came. CIVIL. FREDERIC MELINGER [address]. 3.30 CM Cancelled: weather & I both XOP<sup>n</sup>. Weather, I suppose, responsible for this constant dyspnoea.

Wed 11 20. Chits from S aturnus. Ch Smith with Pink Pills. Chess 3 Jackson p.o.w. Un lapin! Lost to EM of that ilk. I can't play slow steady chess when I most need it! Miss R. 5

Thur 12 I-Khien. Chits from Luw. Chess v Kirk 2-0. He will take back moves. Silly, when I make a point of not doing so.

Fri 13 52. Tricame. Chess v Kirk 0-1-1. His counter-attack in 2 kts def really memorable mastership. My two wins were good steady outplaying.

Sat 14 14. Chits from Beckett Grady. #74.5.1 from Saturnus (14Ta Yu) Odd accidents- sou'wester helmet stuck to coat, fell on stairs- found. Left cigar-case (tri etc) in toilet at Chess Club?? Yes: Watson found it still on mantel: also Aq Dist(?) - broken!!! Won magnificen tgame against EM Jackson. English opening, got a pawn & a won position, then made usual howler: pulled myself together & won a glorious counter attack with R & 2 Bs. Queer accident No 3 at 11 PM taken y short; switched on lamp: out it went!

Sun 15 6 Chess v super-dud. 2-0. Gave Kt in 2nd game; win even easier!

Mon 16 47 Miss R 10 1/2 called it off all this week (47!). Chit from Louis- can't get anybody (47!) No repleis from Adamson Cowtan 400 or any one (all 47!) Tri didn't come (47 again) No Inc Tax rebate yet (47!) Difficulty re car(47<sup>6</sup>). Chess v Branch (a Czech) 1/2 (2 Ps up but Ps of opp colours) & 1 easy win v local dud 3-0. 10 gr tri from Dr- muddle at clinic (47<sup>7</sup>). My July 9 to Adamson never reached him (47<sup>8</sup>)

Tues 17 24 Chits from Frieda Goulden re Pen Tub with C12H22O11. 3.30 CM Hellish time: pain never severe, but prolonged tugs & \* twists; he kept on dropping No 2. makes 9 out in all, so far  
WED 18 37 a/c from Dennes

Thur 19 6 Shortest walk starts asthma0 all this last week. 2.15  
Miss K. Wrote Adamson. FH McM. Roy. Curwen. Frederic. JWP. LUW

Fri 20 28 Tri came. Chtis from Cath. #15.18.3 from Dennes. 5.9.0  
a/c from Ch Smith/46.9.3 Chess 2-0 v ? duddish. v AN Other too  
tired to finish, even to offer draw in won position; just re-  
signed and got out. I won, in any case: he took back a move which  
lost a Kt

Sat 21 14 Terrible constrictio-suffocation again- the 3rd or 4th  
time in a week: such attacks need 1/2-3/4 gr to allay. Lost to  
EMJ through fatigue and trying to win a drawn position. Skittles  
with two duds 8-0.

Sun 22 2 10 tri from Ch Smith

Mon 23 50

Tues 24 40 10.15 Dr Ch Sm Lateral expansion. 3/4" with effort 1".  
CHits form Tub. Curwen & #3. Frederick. A Gwynn 100s etc Chess ...

Wed 25 23. Insomnia worse than ever! Various accidents (23 Po)\_  
To Bexhill Act I of "Importance' Vernon Symonds a superb Lane;  
the Gwendolen not too bad; LadyB & the two men unspeakably awful!  
Even their clothes. Trippers at Margate is too good for them.  
Chess v [capricorn]-dodger 1-0.

Thur 26 29 Political landslide to Thugs. 29 Khan is the perfect  
symbol

Fri 27 40 Chit form HA. Tri came. HA 1930th ord ... Chess v Kirk  
2-0 (I stopped playing 2nd game when the exchange & a P up)

Sat 28 52 Chess v Kirk. 1-1. As usual, got fagged midway in 2nd  
game; tried tri, but it didn't rouse me.

Sun 29 14. Cah inhand #175.0.0. Car 11 Nether 21. MK 8 Adamson  
20. Paid to date=#60.

Mon 30 Forgot?

Tues 31 5 #4.19.2 From HA. #7.10.0 from Grant Sr. Chits from VI.  
Curwen. Tri came. Chess v Foster 2 & 0 (last game I skittled like  
af ool, fell into at trap & was too tired to find the wayout).

#### AUGUST

Wed 1 20. Chit from Freederic. Ill all day- nerves & fag. Miss  
K. 2.15 PM Wrote to Gene Wood. Fred A & Mrs Gwynn. Curwen. VI.  
MontyEvans. Einberg. Beckett.

Thur 2 15 Ill again all day nerves & fag. COuldn't play chess: v  
Kirk 0-6!! Two games were clear wins & I collapsed. One I resigned  
because I lost a pawn in the opening- and heart with it. "Oude-

nophobia"(?) - shall I call it? - constant throughout. Insomnia too - the worst yet. All this XV Khien?

Fri 3 2. Chess nearly as bad as Thursdya. V Stephenson 1/2 (should have won, got tired, & offered draw) I; and a skittle taking moves back etc lightning as car was nearly due. now begins the most astonishing dream; even if I had endless energy & absolute memory, I could not put it down as it should be. This (I think) came from a very passionate invocation of Aiwaz when I turned my light out.

Sat 4 5 Phobia still shaking me. Chess still weak, though I had the sense to refrain from playing EM. I forget who I did play, & the results. This is getting "un peu apais" as the French don't say! No luck with dream, but slept better than usual, & woke not so abjectly down & out.

Sun 5 19 Wore Tahiti pin Thoth - AC [Libra Jupiter] lord of [pisces]. Chess v Dr Brausch 1-0.

Mon Yi-42 Cigarettes Choc Figs Dates Cl2H22O11 from 516. 10 ties from Adamson. v Dr Brausch 2-1 The lost game was sheer lack of tri. See Memoranda p 9 {:-] Anecdote of St Lubbock's Day Trippers on my 'bus (No 2 - passes a famous old Inn called The Harrow) argued as to whether the sign referred to an agricultural instrument, or a weapon useful at Crecy. The Inn appeared, with Sign writ(?) large. The girl next me, wild with triumph Nah then! Didn't tell her or along it were "the 'Arrer!" [sic!]

Tues 7 14 Alleged "atomic" explosive: qy the "war-engine" of AL III? Chess much better 3-0 v ... one very long & difficult end-game R plus P v R. Better all round: phobias less; interest in life etc improved.

Wed 8 11 Chess pulling up v EM. Jackson 1/2 - 1/2 & he was very glad to make the draw by repetition of moves.

Thur 9 I (or 43 Kwai) Chits from Curwen. Beckett - he's back. 2.15 Miss K. Did Curwen's horoscope. Replied to his letter. Wrote to Louis. Cordelia. Tub. Paid Hormones #2.5.0.

Fri 10 49 #10.10.0 from Mrs Kay MM Williams "Nairobi" Manor Rd Torquay. Sent Tarot 178. Chess v Dud 5-0.

Sat 11 46 Chess Various - all wins

Sun 12 30 Chess v various, mostly at odds of Kt, or at Blackburne's. All wins, bar the last, which I was too tired to take the pains to win. Also, I was alte. Superb dream. With Leah Hirsig? Took room in London slum low tide Flood brought royal dolphins majestically swimming past - amid thousands of other marvels.

Mon 13 10 #80.6.4 from Saturnus. Scarlet blazer, grey trousers &

2 shirts from Adamsons. Watson found me a cigar shop; real Havana (Alvaro Lopez "Corona") 50 box for #12.10.0 Pipe ersatz meerchaum & "amberoid" (?) alleged not dangerous 17/6. "Doreen" here! but no Mike.

Tues 14 22 In hand (Don Estaban) #150 In case etc #27/= #177. I feel as if the whole world was on the edge of its nerves, what with the Atomic Bomb & Japan's trickeries. It is somehow in the air. Beckett 3 Talk re Atlantis. Hastings Dry Cleaning Co 8 Trinity St Shitten breeches & grey flannels No 2573.

Wed 15 14 VJ(?) official- ? 14 Ta Yu. Talk with Michael- can't understand his explanations at all. Imbecile "nobody with a grocer's moustache" sprang 2 days "holidays" VJ on us at Midnight, breaking up everybody's plans & giving them no time to make new ones! Inconceivable asinity. Chess ....

Thur 16 29 Long talk with Michael- astounding statements re The Giant's Thumb. Chess ...

Fri 17 8 Chess v STEphenson 1-1-1-1/2 (He will take moves back. & I can't say Boo! to the Secretary!)

Sat 18 5 Tri came. Chit form Irving ? 2 at cemetery to go to matinee of "Acacia Avenue". #2 form Curwen & Typescript of a film story of his. Chess with crazy woman in hullabaloo 1-0. Also young boy at Blackburne's odds 2-0.

Sun 19 10. Finished- after a fashion! [LOGOS](The last Quatorzain).

Aug 20 7.15 PM Cloud in N that really did look like a camel; head perfect, ditto cobra-like arch of neck; two humps, perhaps a bit too far back; the four legs, too but as if it were walking in water 4 feet deep.

Mon 20 47 Exportidiots at it again (47 Kwan). Called on engravers- they are shut for VJ when everyone else had shut last week! (47 Khwan) 2.15 Miss K. WRote to Cowtan. Dixon. Ch Press. Curwen (returned his film & sent Amrita on loan) S&S Van Oppen. WT Smith. Estai 516. Cath. Irving St John Beckett.

Tues 21 42 Tri came. Adamson sent shirt. #4.19.2 from McM. Chit from Tub. 3.30 CM Too ill to extract; got him by sheer grit to x-ray maxilla & make me new plate (tempy) for it. Still feeling rotten

Wed 23 49 Wrote LUW suggesting to panic the world with AL. 3 Kirk- his move. Drawn: ought to have won, perhaps. Then 2 games: 1/2-1. OTO Ophidian vibrations Non-filterable virus. X-ray dermatitis "Galloping cancer". Amrita. NUITh Nitrogen Uranium Iodine (& sea-life) Therium = New Atom 666 Atomic No: 93 H A D 6 plus 5 A D = He

Thur 23 18 Man from .... Savage 18 Ku. 4.15 CM

Fri 24 12 Dull, dark & cheerless again. Noon in August seems like dusk in November. Chess ...

Sat 25 52 Bexhill "Acacia Avenue" a feeble play played feebly. Well, hardly a play at all; there is constant working up to great opportunities- and they are simply dropped!

Sun 26 4 Lovely summer day, cool & bright: perfect. But I seem to be in total eclipse

Mon 27 62 Chess v Winsor 1!! A really first class game and a well-deserved win

Tues 28 37 #4.4.0 from Frieda. Chit from Saturnus. ditto from HA. Skittles with Stephenson. Annoying bloke, he won't take the game seriously; takes moves back etc

Wed 29 26 Mrs Williams' cheque RD Plate cutting gum where CM dug last week- hell. Eat- no can do; talk- hard & painful: to have it in at all hurts like buggery. 4.30 Beckett re V sign

Thur 30 59 Chess v duds. String of wins. "Dispersion" (59) of cash to Netherwood #26.17.8 1/2 Savage #6.6.0 & small purchases. Gave Turk Liber AL & prospectus Thoth. "Thumbs Up!" to Beckett.

Fri 31 27 Tri came. I 27 I hope to God it is! Can neither eat, talk, nor appear in public! 4.0 CM Yes he fixed it fine: filed down the cutting edge of the plate which was deep into the gum.

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat 1 17 Chess v RASC dud n-0., Before I walked in he had been playing EM Jackson: so he did wonder a little where he had got to!!

Sun 2 64

Mon 3 5 Chess v Herringshaw 4-0 Easy wins

Tues 4 50 Tri came. 3.30 CM Last tiny root from lower jaw- half-way home! He thinks- or says he thinks- that the upper will be much less trouble. can't believe it myself.

Wed 5 42 Miss K 2.30-4. Wrote to Saturnus FH Curwen

Thur 6 21 3.30 CM Fitting lower plate. Tells me Ch Smith is retiring: prob end Sept

Fri 7 15 Chess v Kirk 1-1 First game: out of sorts v Hessingdale 1-0 A really fine game, though easy

Sat 8 10

Sun 9 49 Woke on brink of suffocation

Mon 10 53 Again woke on brink, but not so bad. MK 2.30 Wrote Curwen Beckett Georgia. WRorried like hell for lack of tri: whne it came, Y vanished; sat down & played chess for anhour though I could have used tri at once. Never thought of it.

Tues 11 62 Fog heavy \* thick all AM 11.40 AM Tub here. cancelled. Chess- mostly skittles with Stephenson. The final game got too interesting & we played seriously. I devised a really fine combination, aesthetic, & won by a Kt & 2 B mate.

Wed 12 19 #80.10.11 from Saturnus. #1.9.6 from Dennes. Typewriter announced arrived from Saturnus. Crazychess with crazy old cow.

Thur 13 58 1.45 Ch. Smith. 3.30 PM CM 4.0.6.0 Found how to refute kirk's 2 PQ 4 .... in K Kt's opening,v definitely.

Fri 14 55 Wrote "Johnnes"(?) hour of birth- midnight plus 1 hr. The vile old hag Miss Clark thought it was an assignation!! & shewed it very mysteriously to her husband!!!

Sat 15 14 Played old lady 5-7 She is quite nice when not gabbling. One charmingly simple mate in two, Q sacrifice. (Copyist note: a roughly sketched plan of chess-board, pieces & positions fills remainder of p.)

Sun 16 15 Mist- damp- warm- close- again! Woke with severe spasm 1 1/2 gr to calm it.

Mon 17 6 6 Sung v notable- car stranged out at Crowhurst (lack of juice). Syringe broke- force, trying to put plunger in. Row at Chess Club, those deaf duffers shouting at each other. Upset badly enough to lose a game to Stephenson!

Tues 18 22 2.15 MK. Wrote to Curwen Mellinger

Wed 19 23 Chits from LUW HA Mme WEllington Koo.

Thur 20 40 Chess v dud 4-0 SHoping Depressed. Read Winifred Duke "Crookedshaws" Al Greek Tragedy

Fri 21 59 3 1/2 CM New temporary lower plate in at last! This "Progressive League" is not all bull-shit. They had a fake "Brains Trust": "Mother of 12", Joad, Nell Gwynn, Mephistofeles, Voltaire, & Q Victoria. Dressng-up v good esp Joad, Victoria, Voltaire & M of 12; and their spontaneous answers to spoof list of questions very amusing.

Sat 22 22 Chess v Duds all wins. 6.45 PM GMT Obtained the Word Rotara (1st A) in Square

SEARAH  
ELLOPA  
ALATOM  
ROTARA

APIRAK

HAMAKS

Oracle Ring on "stir" AL.2.22

Omen 55 Fang NB = ARATOR backwards

Sun 23 4 In bed all day, dozing, tidying up etc [horary chart

Mon 24 15 Wrote to Fra HA. Mme Wellington Koo. Clive Matthews (who got it astrally, & rang up an hour after it was posted!). LUW. Brown Thomson. Tommy Burke is dead. alas. Shall I (a) struggle on alone (b) find a chela (c) subside quietly & leave all to the Gods ??? 45 Zhui 30 Li 52 Kan 45=yes to (a) & (b). 30=yes to c. 52=yes to c. Together, mix a & c till b comes.

Tues 25 31 Tri came. \$15 from Helen also silly photo of "Smithy". More from Curwen. 4.30 Beckett. Signed for typewriter & discussed Mike. Ches v Kirk Won a really elegant game. Wrote to Saturnus. HA & odd business chits

Wed 26 58 Van Oppen: bill #6.3.6 books by SS Prometheus. 5.30 call for letters & books. 2 draws both in my favour with Kirk.

Thur 27 52 Insomnia- gastric chill. Said Good-bye with great regret to Dr Charnock Smith. Sent him City of God No 154. Chess v ? & alien [Venus] Won game, then dropped

Fri 28 52 Gastric chill continues: damned bad. Chits from HA- he's being carted off to SF like a hog! Chess v Winsor 1/2-0 Too dark to see pieces well, & feet freezing.

Sat 29 21 Chits from Charnock Smith Frieda. Sent out Word to most of the A.'A.'.

Sun 30 42 Colitis (?) abating. The last 3 days' horror was really "but a passing spasm: "The Titan is unvanquished still". PS noon: well, I dunno, Less acute, but it's gone on all AM.

#### OCTOBER

Mon 1 64 MK 2.15 Wrote to LUW. Curwen (sent Guru's chit) Ray S Burlingame. HA.

Tues 2 29 3.0 CM Took root of upper right canine & its neighbour. Rather bad.

Wed 3 53 Chit from Grant. Wrote to Upchurch. Chess completely gone. Couldn't see anything. Only just fluked home against a player int eh R class, or weaker!

Thur 4 9 Chits from Sascha. Kornieff. Jane. Doreen here says G's Thumb bought at Hodgson's in '37 or '38 (not 8-10 years ago) & sold to a Service man whom they have not seen since. This sounds true- it explains. Chess v Kirk. Hard game tired me; should have tri-d. 2 losses were joke expts: Nienzoitch/s(?) Def. & a mad King's Gambit.



Fri 5 30 Clocks put right? Bronchitis Ch-pox Measles Colds Gust tubes(?) Albumen Gon(?) XOP. Malaria. Notes for Dr McGowan medical History. (1) Total exhaustion. Frustration. 2 [Oudenophobis: GK] Idees noires preoccupation with Will etc. 93) Sleep. (4) Nourishment- Colitis. 95) Massage etc. He gave me a fairly clean bill. Chess v Polsen. Won 5 games; went to sleep, found position desparate on waking; so sacrificed R & K & mated neatly!

Sat 6 51 Eats form 516. Chit from Gene Wood. Min of Health. Np permit required. Blast Sherwood! Chess v Stephenson: won.

Sun 7 37 Time correct for the first time in over 5 years! Chess v Gillett (visitor) 1/2-1-1/2 But still out of form.

Mon 826 Gold Pen from Agape Lodge. Australian eats from Cathrine. Chit from Curwen. Paid W Bt 13.13.0 Heppell 5.0.0. Cowtan 7.2.6. Dunhill 12.1.2 Wrote Maria Alexandra Kirnieff. Gene Wood. Sascha. Curwen. Chess v Kirk 1/2-1.

Tues 9 10 Chits from H&B FH CM 2.30

Wed 10 10 #98.17.9 from Saturnus. Chess v Kirk 0-1-1

Thur 11 19 Parcel from Sascha chit from Mellinger- a poem to Me!!! Chess v Kirk 1/2-0-1-1 but I'm chess-blind; mentally. Watson bought 3 Vat 250. I some Dunedin(?) stuff v good 2 vingate port ? year. i fine 50 years old. Good form him! ? for me!

Fri 12 51 Chits from VI! Dawson Sadler! Grant. wiire also Bashie Bazouk. Wire from Noel FitzGerald. 7.30 10 Little Niggers. In hand #215.13.9

Sat 13 10. Pearl 3 Langford Place NW8. 3.30 Chess v Brighton. I asked Norman, match captain, to put me low; so I was 12. Won, after usual interval of carelessness. Claimed on time limit, in case I made a slip. But I had a won game, a piece up & a big attack. We played on & he crumbled in about 4 moves. Opponent: one Chapman

Sun 14 62 Chess v aged hag- just massacre. v Watson- ditto.

Mon 15 16 ? 2.0 MK wrote to VI Tub Sadler Eve Saturnus Curwen Mike Brown Thomson

Tues 16 26 CHits from Noel Jean Philips. Very bad night: up 6 or 7 times with diarrhoea. 2.0 CM gave me real gyp: I squealed like a pig. All sorts of small accidents: eg let down by Watson (Watson had some kind of fit. His doctor says he must never drive again. Rats, I think. I still insist on his getting 1st rate opinion) CM forgot to put onbib etc etc etc

Wed 17 40 Chess v lady Q class Nice mates. v Kirk. Pup & equal posision Adjourned til Thursday. PS I finallywon

Thru 18 20 Chess v Kirk 0-1 The First game I had no tri: took one, & played 2nd admirably. v Watson at home. Gave Q & won easily, without a tremor.

Fri 19 64 Chit from Monty. The swine-dog WB Seabrook has killed himself at last, after months of agonized slavery to his final fwife. Great stuff! Chess v HH Cole 0-0-1. Lost two games by idiot blunders, the usual not looking at the board. Furious at myself! I must pull myself together.

Sat 20 15 Badnight again & blood in faeces. Chess v EM Jackson. Almost myself again. Serious game, 2 hours & more. Could & should have won the ending, but, scared, made it a draw. he pointed out a clear win.

Sun 21 22 [clipping wherein Victor de Laveleye, former Belgian Minister of States, claims to be originator of the "V" sign, suggesting it to FO in 1939]

Mon 22 4 Chit from Harry Somes 14 Watcombe Rd S Norwood SE 25. MK 2 1/4 Wrote to Jean Phillips. ENF ME2 Harry Somes Curwen JWP Aged man, one Houston, called ? to buy books. MK here, so I had to shoo him away.

Tues 23 58 2.0 CM Rather hellish. Never mind! Asked him about the "frightful queerness". He admitted a feeling of "something unusual" which he couldn't describe. But then he says he is "psychic" and believes in vitamins!

Wed 24 20 Chits from Saturnus. Denys Frank. Won 2-0 v a Dud one a Fegatello! Lost 0-2 v Kirk, played without energy. Damn CM that gum is still sore & inflamed. Drafted chit to Home Secy re HG Wells' raving

Thur 25 29 Chits from Curwen with #10. VI with MS. Bray. Grady #4.19.2. Chess v Polsen 2-0 v easy v Kirk 1 1/2-1/2. The win was really superb- when he thought he was winning, too, I took the draw n the 2nd game for time's sake: car waiting, & storm raging. But I was a passed pawn up, & there was nothing in the position: proby should have won if played out.

Fri 26 47 2.8 A heavy peal fo thunder!! 2.11 do 2.16 do. Chits from Stuart R Cope!! Ansd. harry Somes. Curwen. Chess v Kirk 2-0. Amnow playing about up to normal. I see things at once, & clearly. Challenged him to a short match.

Sat 27 11 NLT to Saturnus Please return import licence authorities demand inspection stop No wallet yet stop Tell squabblers avoid irritating contacts when irreconcilable part friends work separately silently stop writing love Crowley. v Bexhill 3 PM v Armstrong at Board 5. Not feeling too good; missed a win; agreed to a draw, though I had a passed pawn well supported at the 6th

Sun 28 5 Wells mere drivel this week. No challenge re V-sign bar

a note on Drake using it at bowls! And Boadicea running away!!

Mon 29 39 Sascha's wallet arrived. Had to pay #9.19.10!!!! (NLT & wrote Saturnus: Sent MK to PM) 39 indeed! Postman went off without signing my protest. Denys Franks swears he never took "Temperance" from house 39. Wallet arrived obliged pay nine nineteen ten don't tell Sascha inquire Saks(?) probably his fault.

Tues 30 20 Kinckers to cleaners Ticket No 5587 CM 3.30 Cancelled. Chess v HH Cole 2-1. First game I got tied up, as once with Snows-ko-Borowsky. 2nd English: gave me confidence. 3rd Q's P trapped him early & won a clear B.

Wed 31 64 Chess v Mackenzie- after 5 years trying to get him to play me! Won 2-0 ... & trapped him rather as I did Cole yesterday. 2 English. Again ... let loose a desperate counter-attack just when I thought I was beaten, & I came out R&P up! I seem to be back to my best form, or near it: Praise mine Angel & the dentist!) Mack was 3 years Champion of Scotland, & 8 years (I think) of Bram(?).

#### NOVEMBER

Thur 1 41 Vote for Vernon! (Town Council) (Rats! He had got in unopposed). Chit from FH (coming Saturday for day) and. HA 777 still in France. v Polsen 2-0 v Moron(?) 2-0. Chess v Kirk 2-0. The 2nd game was unfinished, but I had certainly a won position: open, & B v Kt ..... My K well in play; his not. That gabbling old cow came & spouted worse than ever. Difficult end-game too. Why can't they enforce discipline?

Fri 2 9 Write to Smythson. Yes, I did. FH to come Saturday for day. Chess v HH Cole 2-1. My first win was a problem mate of really great elegance. Then later I couldn't put it back right- or it would be give here. Skittle with Whitworth- not v good but dangerous. game dropped when car came.

Sat 3 33 Chit from Georgia. Food packet & near-book from Saturnus. Asked Vernon to push our [Pi] in at the Chess Club. Good luck! he's on the Committee that does such things. Mary Wray FI. PS Typewriting Office Memorial Bldgs ... Frieda here 1-5 delightful time. My Disk is missing (9.45 PM)

Sun 4 8 4.30 Disk. Enquiries so far in vain. Yi gives 53 Kiehf or (a) what to think (b) what to do. Line 1 suspicion of servants wrong. Line 3. it is definitely lost 5. No; it may be found. 6. Or, replaced by a better one. Wrote to Spinks. LUW Clive with stamps.

Mon 5 50 Chits from VI and. Stuart R Cope and. Wrote David Curwen. Neale & Wilkinson. Denys Franks. Clive Lee (w stamps) Downs Pharmacy Canterbury Rd Herne Bay Kent

Tues 6 54 Chits from Saturnus. parcel from Mildred Burl etc.

Cheque from D & Co 3.30 CM Odd bits out. X-ray. Saw Mary Wray Very charming & helpful; will try her Tuesday H 2468.

Wed 7 23 Chess v Whitworth (? name. See Nov 2) Won 2-0. Fairly hard work.

Thur 8 47 Spink sent zecclim(?) issued by me in 1492 e.v. [???] H&B F&M both repy. Wrie from Evan asking himself, Chinese Ambassadors & Countess Kannare (?) to lunch next Tuesday. Chess v Unknown but surprising stornng Female 2-0; but I had to wake up at least once. Sent Watson to town for booze; gave him #31.2.0 (#18 prot: #6 fine #5.2.0 Uisage: & #2 Sherry & .....

Fri 9 44 Chit from FH re painting ansd. Ink 51(?) from 516 at last! Wrote Evan. Chess v Mackenzie 1-1. The 1st game I lost through carelessplay in a difficult end-game; ought to have drawn, or even won. The 2nd an admirable game all through. My Kt in end-game was much stronger than his B, though the positin was open!

Sat 10 58 Chit fro Louis Tub Georgia. Chess v EM Jackson. Lost 2 games: somehow I could not free my position. Result: suicidal move in 2nd game. Saw it as I touched thepiece! Game 3 I bucked up: ahd to leave it, as car came for me; but I had a clear win on the position.

Sun 11 58 Long gossip with Clem Cowles ditto with Silvia 6 1/2-7. Dozed most of AM. Slept 2 1/2-5 1/4.

Mon 12 24 Chit from DC with book "The secrets of the Kaula Circle" by that snotty mongrel weasel Elizabeth Sharpe. Qy Criminal libel on pp 48-9? Saved by title-page? Roger Wright rang. Evan- pleurisy. Mrs WK do No capisce9?! Thinks I'm a gee-fiend! 2 games at Q with Watson. The 2nd one of the finest sacrificial mates I ever brought off.

Tues 13 24 5.30 AM. Frozendespite fire all night: put it on double. Tri came. #80.6.4. from Saturnus. #12.0.0 from GDB Taylor (Bearercheque amount not filled in!!!) Clive Lee. Mrs WK wants him to go to Washington DC Aim: Unite & so help China. Mess: 42 Yi. ?y Further do 2 Khwan v clear, & clears 42. lardy Kennare(?)(Enid) Worry about will. 40 Kieh=no need. V Watson at ! A miracle agian.

WEd 14 63 All this page Thurs 15 to correct error. Something wrong withmynerve all day. Began with CM refusing to answer my ? re my x-rays. (So annoyed that I asked Yi Shall I kick hard? But it said 8 Pi Love. DANM! NO!! It was 5 Hus Waiting. Priase the Gods!) Beastly cold in Ch Club. Lost 1-2 to Cole: sillyoversights in even positions. The win more luck thanskill.

Thur 15 49 Chits from Dr Schwolke(?) Berlin-Charlottenburg Niebubrstr 72/II via Serjeant Padgett .... All this page Wednesday 14 by error. Chess v absurd hag 3-0 Game 2 (Danish with Kts out)

gave me a beautiful mate on move 12 circa. Audit- all wobbly About #183.

Fri 16 34 NB I give youmy word Ivor Brown. Chits form Mme WK. Ansd with PS. Stuart Cope.HarrySomers. 3.30 CM Cancelled: writing.2nd dayof chess-blindness; the worst in 50 yrs

Sat 17 48 Louis Umfraville W here Arr 5.14 (Went tomeet him. Officials said no such train.I drove off. But it came- so did he) Chits fromCurwen Taylor Georgia Freida lady Kenmore

Sun 18 21 47th Anniversary of my First Initiation. Talks withLUW all day.Commentary settled. Codicil ditto.

Mon 19 54 Chits form Cath. N&W Saturnus. Wrote to JWP. GDB Taylor.LUW letf after long talk

Tues 20 50 Chits from FH. Monty. Fagged;no chess, no dictation; came home; couldn't sleep, wrote FH began Enid K

Wed 21 51 CHits from Mrs W Koo. CM No more roots to extract! (PS Well, I hope so; but he wants another look). Ches v Stephenson-drawn. i am still far fromform. The weather is muggy & foggy; I am constipated- and my enema won't work. Began chit to 516.

Thur 22 Ta Yu-16(sic) Ibott(?) Islay(?) Mist from Mrs W Koo. Wrote her with Cityof God re her Path. Chess re nameless dud. 1st game I overrated him- and it made a great struggle. 2nd: creating a combination on Q side- Quintessence of Anderson, Lasker, Morply & Zukertort- I didn't notice that I had a mate on the move! Open to me for 3 moves!! Some chess-blindness. Still, I won- rather prettily. Later v Watson--odds of Q. A reallyfine game.

Fri 23 Wu Wagn-25 Perique came (#3.3.11) tri do. #1.9.6 do Chits from LUW ansd. Curwen ansd. Miss Kay Dick 1 Hillfield Court NW3 for Magd Blair. Chess v dud 2-0 but good fun (a) breaking a block (b) Fegatello.

Sat 24 40 No direct service to Germany; must go through friend in forces. Crise de nerfs all AM! Chess re Polsen & another dud 2-0 & 3-0 I feel better: brought off a nice brilliancy once or twice.Idea to write to Ivor Brown re Vocabuludo etc

Sun 25 59 Sleep till 1.15 PM! Chess 2-0 v Watson at ! odds. 2st win fatastiically easy; oh so nearly got a smothered mate on 8th move! Alas! But it came to a series of discovered checks which won R,B,Kt, Q & other R without loss!!

Mon 26 54 Miss K. Wrote to Monty.Began to dictate- at very long last- "letter" on "AC system" for AEE. Chess ...

Tues 27 19 Chits from Curwen all agreed. Lin 19! Port from Lady Kenmore ansd both. Chess ? 2-0 Half asleep.

Wed 28 48 Chit fro Enid Customs. Chess v White: stranger who snatched at least one game from Cole- 1-0 v Poslen 5-0 v Waston 3-0 (1st game a smothered mate in 10?)

Thur 29 15 Chit from LUW (Humility! He mesed upmy pseudonym for Magd Blair good & proper!) Chess v Cole 2-2 (Last game I was tired, offered a draw, was refused, & won the game!) v Manson 2-0 in 25 minutes v Watson (q) 1-0.

Fri 30 12 Tri came. Chit from DC ansd Wrote LUW. re Magick. My analogy is one oft eh best I ever made. DC wrote: how could publ AL cause a war? Reply: suppose a "X-ray" which photographs all except metal. Picture No 1. Mr A stands with arm extended. Mr B faces him. No 2 Same, but A's forefinger is bent, & B lies dead. Absurd! that A should kill B by crooking his finger. Chess v Wis-er- drawn. v Watson (Q) 1-0.

#### DECEMBER

Sat 1 56 Chit from Georgia. Chess v Armydud 2-0.

Mon 2 15 All day in bed- & bath. Chess v Watson (Q) 1-0 & he had 2 rooks doubled on 7th and had just taken the B which was the sole protection of mypawn, the ditto ditto ofmy King. But I went for him and Bing!

Tues 4 15 Chits from Saturnus. Louis. Ansd. re Baremus(?) & IXo. 3 CM No x-ray films to be had, though the Army has tens of thousands tucked away, Shit! Chess v Watson (Q) 2-0. Wrote form of Oath for Curwen's IXo.

Wed 5 29 Chit from Schwolke. [+] IWE. mon Dec '41 EV mortua est. (29 Khan). Chess. Championship v EG Taylor. Got cramped game (29) & so lost exchange. Adjourned till Tues 11th 3 PM.

Thur 6 52. Chit from Louis. Ansd. Sent budget to Saturnus. Chess v Cole 1-1. The loss was crazy. He threw away a kt- and I was ass enough to return it; sheer carelessness! I resigned in disgust. v Manson 2 1/2-1/2. The draw was due to mysilliness in letting him get a Kt at k 6 which I couldn't attack. All pieces gone but R & Kt VR & B; ..neither could attack. v Watson 1-1 The loss: he did attack at last, on my advice. The win: he attacked too rashly!

Fri 7 I. Put in claim to have won mygame v Taylor. Councilor9?) Moran strongly supports my stand for Justice. But--- note well! All rules are insults. Chess v Moran 7-0 v Watson 1-0. Gave W #14 for London booze raid

Sat 8 5 11 AM First snow!

Sun 9 48

Mon 10 60 Wrote toJWP & NLT for #125. ? to-day or later a spas-motic attack at breakfast- first since I left Aston Clinton.

Tues 11 64 #35 from [ANI ABTHILAL: Heb] IXo his first installment. Local customs man refuses help re typewriter. 3 PM Resumed adjourned game with Taylor. No: he never turned up at all! (I had set up the position, & started his clock at 3). So I claimed by default. v Cole 1-3. he had overcoat on: I froze ...

Wed 12 2 "The girl who came back" opens. #80.6.5 from Saturnus. Chit from Frederic. Beat Herringshaw in 2-nd round. Qs gambit declined. He crashed on move 30 & resigned on move 32. He was two Ps down, Qs gone, & his whole position in tatters. In hand #256 approx.

Thur 13 22. Chit from Tub with chamois leather. For some days I have wanted just that. Is there a real "Sympathy"? Wrote parody on JWP's "Maytime". Saw matinee of Vernon's farce & wrote 500 words on it for local rag. Chess v Watson (1) Another mate in 10 moves. [clipping by AC from local newspaper]

Fri 14 22 CM 2.30 unless his films have still not arrived. LUW arr 6.16 PM. Long talk re AL, IXo etc.

Sat 15 19 Jade gate-wardens from Frieda. Hastings Observer prints comment! (?) my review on VS's "The Girl who came Back". See memo p 11. [in diary, I do not copy] Gave LUW "Per terram ad astra" IXo whole theory of OTO. Drew up contract re Liber AL

Sun 16 37 12.12 D Curwen here for IXo. 7.20 PM Clos Rognon verre No 1 Not as unpleasant as expected; & certainly a feeling of stimulus. 9.25 PM No 2 Slightly more salt; not hotter.

Mon 17 60 Barnett photographer Hastings 2762 12.35 No 3 Thinner, less taste, perhaps a shade cooler. 4.10 No 4 V thin almost tasteless. 8.10 Taste stronger again- no cooler. 8.35 again less taste. 12.5 thin & less taste 1.0 about the same 4.25 thinner, cooler tasteless. Chits from VI Saturnus. HA. JWP. Xmas Card from Pam & Christ Child. 6.45 more taste plus stimulus. 9.45 less taste 10.15 do 12. ideal.

Tues 18 26 8.10 [more of the above nonsense] Chits from Prof Butler, newnham Tub Georgia. Wallet (!!!) from Max. No tri from Heppells. Chess v Cole 2-1. The loss was a plain draw for several moves, so that he tempted my attention to glag. As usual! v watson (Q) 1-0

Wed 19 49 [more nonsense] Chit or Card from Cordelia. FH Grant Tub. Chess v EM Jackson 30 moves I think I ought to win on the position.

Thur 20 32. [ditto] Chits from Taylor- books back! Heppells (bill) Tri came. card from Cordelia! Chess Watson (Q) 2-0 Really good combinative games.

Fri 21 37 Constipation all day: took 3 gr H92C12. [ditto] Chit from Saturnus Reassuring. Chess v Wood Thorpe (visitor) Strong, but outclassed him so much that I made two idiot oversights in won

positions. 4-2 Note. There are people so besotted that they add to the inevitable miseries of Xmas by travelling at that period.

Sat 22 p[ditto] Cards from Clive Cordelia (44!) Robert Cecil & Kate. NLT from Smith "Most affectionate sentiments stop Softest Greetings stop How control the horror of the mind the insane dead melancholy? SMith

Sun 23 13 Note. Am I deluded? I seem to remember that the pain which so frequently accompanied micturation has been absent! [ditto] Chits from Curwen ansd. Cope tri came.

Mon 24 12 [ditto] Chits from Max Jean. #33.1.9 from JWP

Tues 25 13 [ditto] Judged Fancy Dress Competition. Mike, as Dr Caligari, won. 2 "Ich bin kein Maedchen"

Wed 26 14 [ditto] Tournament game v Whyte. Wrote B Th for Tri for Jan 4 do 8th.

Thur 27 39 [ditto] MK at 215 Wrote Stuart Co pe with #5 Hormones & Challones #3. Finished "last" letter of AEE.  $200 \div 6 = 33 \frac{1}{3}$  pl.25 pl.5=64 grs pl reserve

Fri 28 64 [ditto] Xmas cake & mince pie from Tub. tri came. Chit from Prof Butler Sincen (chess0 Ansd. net9?) Brockersby(?) (Camb) at Netherwood. 3.0 at Club as a Pelica in the Wilderness. Rescued Slob(?) of Holland & drove him to his hotel. Chess v Brocklesby 1-0 a v fine strategical win Q's G decl

Sat 29 3 [ditto]

Sun 30 1 "Johnnie" 1 AM Dec 30 '05 ev. Cornwall. 3-3 1/2 Sinden here 8-0!! How did he come to enter for the Championship! v Watson (Q) 1-0 v hard win. [ditto]

Mon 31 1 [ditto] Chess v Brocklesby. 1st game abandoned '.' idiot bawling in bathroom. 2 & 3 I won. Watson v Brocklesby(Q) Watson won.

The word of the law is [Thelema]



MEMORANDA for 1945 E.V.

Feb 7 to Saturnus re financial policy of OTO (1) AC's copyrights belong to OTO .'. each new book, or set of essays, or what not, is a direct gain to OTO .'. to keep him alive & at work, with secretarial help, must be the first charge on the Funds, whether labelled "Publication Fund" or otherwise. (2) value of Grant. If I die or go to USA, there must be a trained man to take care of English OTO. (3) We must run OTO as Constitution etc have laid down. NB VIIo must transfer real estate (He won't be interfered with in emplotment or enjoyment of same; contrary, it safeguards him; in case he crashes, creditors can't sieze it. So with IXo. Some have paid in full; all part contributions can count as this. We must not let them complain that we are letting new-comers gratis into the Sovn Sancty. (4) If in future all is done "well and with business way" AL III 41 it will put spine into Order. (5) Note. THOUGH totally incapable of carrying out business routine, my plans are sound. Only fault, they are too neat; thus, a small irregualrity may bring ruin on the whole.

Note (carried forward from 1934!) A VERB is a word, and means motion. A NOUN is only Nomen, a name, & so does not represent the thing itself.

[chess layout stuff]

My name it is  
I'm a master of M unholy  
Of philtres & pentacles,  
Covens, conventicles,  
Of basil, nepenthe, & moly.

An aspiring young man, Kenneth Grant,  
Unwillingly buggered his aunt.  
He said: "on my uncle's  
Back side are carbuncles:  
I wish that I could, but I can't".

[chess notes]

Lady Aberconway  
IVo  
Lady Harris  
Lady Kenmare  
Lady Kennet  
Lady Tankerville

Marquess of Donegall  
Earl of Kilmarnork(?)  
Earl of Ronaldshay  
Lord Dalzell  
Viscount Tredegar  
Lord Ronald Grahame.

[clipping that Army servicement have a mental age of 14, opposed to 12 in last war]