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SLOANE SQUARE
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My dear Mr. Grieg.

I have just made myself a little glove handkerchief (to tuck inside the hollow of the hand, the hole in the glove) for evening use, & I then made this one for you, dear little friend, hoping you can make use of it. It will wash, as it is made of linen. Percy & I both had a few very nice holidays, first, we went to stay with Mr. Lower, (who has adopted a charming, very musical girl, who is Percy's pupil) who has a beautiful house on the River Thames. All the guests

were charming, Mr. Cunningham
Graham, the writer, being
among them. Percy is as
brown as a berry, as he was
out in the fresh air from morning
to evening. Swimming,
Canoeing, punting in a
Sandollu & playing tennis.
Honor Wigglesworth (the young
girl of 20) is very good at
Sport, so they thoroughly
enjoyed themselves.
Then Percy went to "Hill
Hall" for 4 days to stay with

Mr. Hunter, at Epping Forest.
I also accepted to go, but I
heard that the party of guests
was a big one, so I wrote to be
excused, although I love dear
Mrs. Hunter, who is always so
very kind to us both. She is
Ethel Smyth's sister, you know,
& is a splendid woman very
handsome, big hearted, clever, &
broad-minded; a great friend
of Sargent's, most generous to
all good artists. As Isabel
De Cane had also invited me to
stay at her home in Kent, I
went there for the 4 days, &
was so happy. The home is full
of the lovely antique furniture,
precious china & books, &
surrounded by a glorious

garden, full of roses & other
beautiful flowers. Isabel
drove one far hour every day, so
that I saw much of Hent - which
is famous for its gardens, &
hop fields, & picturesque places.
If you come again to London, you
must meet Isabel, who is one of
my best friends, whom we have
known for 5 or 6 years, & is a dear
woman. She is such a help to Percy, &
has copied pages & pages of his compositions
for him - Scores, & parts, & being
able to draw & paint - can do them
so extremely well. She is coming to us
on Wednesday, to spend the day, &
say goodbye to us, as we intend
sailing for Norway on Saturday. I do
hope I shall see you, & Miss Hagerop
in Christiania, when we are there, it will
be so nice to meet again. I am not
coming to Bergen, but as far as
Thorndhem with Percy, as I don't

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Know that part of Norway
& he wants me to be with him
there & the towns near it, as he
has no friends there, & would
be lonely. Instead of going
direct to Copenhagen with
him, I shall probably stay
at Gjöteborg & see a little of
Sweden. Dear Else Permin,
will meet us there, & stay
about a week at Gjöteborg.
So it will be very jolly for
me to have her, as we are
such real good friends,
& get on so well together.

I am very, very busy preparing for our departure, packing away many things. Our dear housekeeper who has been with us since we came from Denmark, is going to stay as caretaker. I have arranged for her to work several days for a lady in each week, so that she can earn enough for herself, so that I keep her for us when we want her as housekeeper again. The nice Swiss maid Johanna, who has also been with us since our return home from Scandinavia, is going to Percy's Agent ^{Mr.} Mrs. Robinson-Smith, until I want her, when she will return to us. She is an ideal maid, so happy, bright, & intelligent.

all we could wish for, so
you can imagine I am
very happy to have such
good servants, who are so
willing to return to us
when we want them. How
different life is, when one
has good, honest, faithful
servants. I can safely
say, that ours have
given us no worry
whatsoever during these
8 months —

I have been up since 5 o'clock
this morning, getting
the worst of the work
over before breakfast

before Percy's appearance.
With love to you, &
Miss Hagerup, hoping
very much that we
meet at Christiania.
Percy, alas, will not be
with you very long, he
seems to have concerts
almost every day.
His engagements in Gt-
Britain from Nov 19th to
Dec 10th are splendid, &
later on in the winter, when he
is here, also - He goes to Scotland,
& Ireland too.
Keep well, & happy.
Yrs affec. ly
Rose Grainger.