

we saw us safely back on the right road, The one way street was the one just behind South Africa House. This police man then directed us to the way to go and we soon arrived at the Regent Palace Hotel. After getting our baggage out I took the car to the garage Lex's in the next street and here we garaged the car until the 5th. May. On the Monday we went along to the taylor's to see how they were getting on with our order. For me they were to make a suit at 16 guineas, a sports coat-~~with~~ utility, and an overcoat light weight raglan. Lorna was to have a costume and coat- A knockabout coat really and inexpensiv. We were very disapointed as all they had done was my~~+~~ my overcoat a raglan which was very loose, of course and my sports coat which they- I think- was made from the same measurements as the coat. It would have fitted a man twice my size. They had double stitching round the collar, the sleeves were two inches too short- and the length three inches too long. Lorna's coat and costume were not ready and we said if the alterations were not satisfactory we would not accept the goods. We had to eventually try these garments on at Southampton before embarking and as they were most unsatisfactory, with which the local Agent agreed we had our deposit refunded.

Lorna now takes up the story and quite rightly says this upset with the taylor's upset all our arrangements and ruined the day. We then decided to have a hurried supper and catch the number 19 bus to Sadlers Wells where we arrived at about a quarter to six. and after our hasty meal went into the Opera House. We saw the or rather the Fliedermaus which was good light and amusing with wonderful singing and a little ballet. The orchestra has such a leading part in these productions. It is exceptionally good and the conductor Gabriel Mackerras- I think is the name- is such a young man. I find that after an evening at the opera I do not sleep so well as the music goes round and round in my head.

I bought a present for Felicity's twenty first. She is Geoff's youngest sisters daughter so one feels it a duty for the 21st.

We are having to be very careful about money just now as we have been fairly free but it has been worth it when we now have to scrimp a bit. For mother's birthday, that's Geoff's mother, I have bought a bed jacket for her birthday on the 3rd June. There were some beautiful ones for

£8 but we could not afford that amount. With the £5 man gave me to spend for her I have bought a very nice jersey from Berry and Woms and am now looking forward to wearing it a few times to avoid paying duty on a new article or rather unicorn. This is the first time during these holidays that we have stopped in Kensington and we have found it a very good shopping centre. We scouted round for a while looking in at the shop windows and admiring the nylon Petties and nighties. They are divine but I decided that I could do without them and make do with my old ones.

We finally went to Bourne and Hollingsworths for lunch and then returned to the hotel in time to meet Aunt Cissie who we had asked to tea. Then we talked hard as she wanted to hear all about her son Edward and his family with whom we had spent a few days at Sea Houses and also of her daughter Mary Lintot of Ipswich.

We had a bumper tea as we were ~~se-we-were~~ doing without supper on account of the Ballet we were going to see. It is rather nice the shows starting early which means one gets back to the hotel ~~eee~~ about 10-30 or eleven. We took the tube to Covent Gardens and then walked along to the opera house. As we had booked by post we had to pay 15/6d each but it was well worth it. We had good seats and ~~eeu~~ could see beautifully and enjoyed mingling with the society folk as if we belonged. Again people were dressed in all manner of clothes- from sports wear to evening dress. During the interval coffee was served on trays for our lap and was very well served and nicely done. We enjoyed it and that may have been because we were feeling extra empty havin done without supper. During the second interval we walked out to have a smoke and bump-

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During the second  
interval we walked  
out to have a smoke  
and bumping into the  
sweet girl we decided  
to go the whole hog  
and buy a half pound  
of chocolates for  
2/4d but our coupons  
were useless as they  
were stamped 12e and  
12e had ended on  
Sunday. But to our  
great delight/