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Dear Jean.

Well after getting three letters in a day expect it will be a few days before some more mail arrives. realizing the seriousness of the elastic question I sallied forth last Saturday afternoon. practically every shop that looked as though it might be selling elastic I entered, but no go, either they don't use it round here or the rubber shortage is the cause. however after turning down the idea of sending you some string or safety pins I had a

flight idea, will continue the services of the United States, in other words, will mention it to my cousin when I write, probably when you get it, the ~~ing~~ was well be over but why worry.

Taking things all round have had quite a decent weekend, as the weather was fine and warm we hitch-hiked to Port du - Phare, a seaside summer resort for the people of this fair city, apparently every one of note here owns a summer residence by the sea. It's a very nice place, golden sands and very good swimming, we didn't go in as there were too many rocks, however by next week they should have melted so I might reconsider it, on our way there we lunched at Shebia, practically a French fishing village as it is peopled almost entirely by French Canadian's

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we had a wizard fresh lobster salad with tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, etc (then he goes talking about food again) and of course Canadian national sweet - apple pie and ice-cream. The next step being to find somewhere to sleep it off. we naturally chose the beach, of course sleeping in the sun has its drawbacks, - for further information you should contact my fare, boy was it scorching. in all the phases of the word, however we had a great day. For the homeward journey we were lucky, we got a lift to within 200 yards of the camp!

The summer here has arrived suddenly and completely. today the temperature was 84° in the shade and will probably rise higher tomorrow, next week we shall get our tropical kit and

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the mosquito's will be out in strength,  
all the widows in our billet are fitted  
with screens to stop this pest and I  
hope they are successful.

You know I thought there were  
dangers enough in England, but a new  
peril has arisen, — namely a choral  
society which has been let loose to prey  
upon the long suffering citizens, what do  
you inflict on them? 'The Holy City' or just  
good old singing?

Please notice I have numbered practically  
all my letters except the first two or  
three, don't speak too soon, was just  
wondering if you would notice it (sounds  
pleasant).

Well must close now, take care of  
yourself and write soon,

all the best  
Yours  
Jack