



Zelda Fitzgerald

Letter from Zelda Fitzgerald to Isabel W. Owens

Beacon, New York: circa March - May, 1934

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Diaghilev Craig House
Beacon, N. Y.

Dear Mrs Owens:

One last task: will you be kind enough to send me from Weber's:

- 1) another large can of permalba
- 2) an inch-wide flat camel hair brush
- 3) another brush like the last one (No. 1) pointed.

Just ask Weber's to mail these things as they ought to be willing to do so.

Also: Doubrowska

If Mr. Fitzgerald has Brecken's Treatise I would like to read it very much.

2) Would you ask him to choose me a comprehensive

Single sheet folded in half to make four sides. Offsetting and some staining thus good only with creasing from mailing. An autograph letter signed (ALS) from Zelda Fitzgerald to her husband's secretary, Isabel W. Owens, between March and May of 1934, the year Fitzgerald published *Tender is the Night*.

The letter is written in pencil and lists things that Mrs. Fitzgerald needs Mrs. Owens to obtain for her. Isabel Owens was F. Scott Fitzgerald's secretary during his "Baltimore years" and was hired to not only complete secretarial tasks such as transcribing his writing but also as a companion for Zelda, who was a "mental patient" at the time according to Owens. Two years earlier in 1932, Zelda has been admitted to a hospital in Baltimore to undergo treatment for schizophrenia. The time of this letter was right before Fitzgerald would finally admit Zelda wasn't going to "get better" and he was still taking pains to see her through her illness.

Dear Mrs. Owens:

One last task: Will you be kind enough to send me from Weber's:

- 1) Another large can of Permalba.*
- 2) An inch-wide flat camel hair brush,*
- 3) Another brush like the last one, (\$2) pointed.*

Just ask Weber's to mail these things as they ought to be willing to do so.

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If Mr. Fitzgerald has ---- Treatise I would like to read it very much.

2) Would you ask him to chiose (sic) me a comprehensive volume of Aristotle as I would probably never finish the eleven volumes of the original.

3) I'd like the book on modern art he gave me for Christmas and the life of Pavlova.

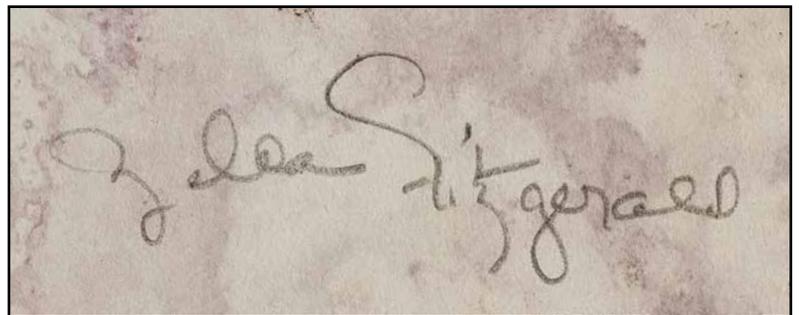
4) And Emile Faure's History of Art.

I am very apologetic about bothering you so much. However, books are not an unwieldy package to mail and Weber's will mail the rest. Also turpentine and oil.

Thanks a million times. You seem to have become my general source of supplies. Also, there is a green flowered golf dress missing from the summer clothes.

I hope all goes well on Park Avenue - and I'm sorry to inconvenience you again.

*Sincerely,
Zelda Fitzgerald*



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John S. Fitzgerald
