

Lension Ketterer Montreux

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My dear Papa,

We left Berne on Sunday
afternoon (31st) and proceeded
per Post to Fribourg, there
Ayer found his brother
who accompanied us about
the town, next day I proceeded
per post to Vevey, Ayer
remaining with his brother.

At Vevey I put up at the
Hotel du Lac and at 7 next
morning proceeded to Geneva,
by chance I got on board of
the Sardinian boat, but the
only difference that it made
was, that we went along the
Lavoy coast, and the voyage was

somewhat longer ($4\frac{1}{2}$ hours)
I got your letter at the post
read it, got my dinner at
a restaurant, sauntered
about the town for half
an hour and then took the
train to Lausanne, from
which place the Nevev boat
departs. I could not have
gone to look for Mrs
Lounnton without staying
the night at Geneva, so
I did not attempt it.

In the evening I sat on the
terrace of the Hotel listening
to a band which was playing
in the neighbourhood, while

The crescent moon was setting
over the lake, it was most
beautiful, but was not im-
proved by a party of Americans
who were discussing the
merits of the various dinners
they had eaten on the continent.

Next (this) morning I
shouldered my traps and
walked down to Villeneuve
looking at the various pensions
on the way, and then returned
to this Pension which is
situated on the Vevey side of
Montreux, surrounded by
vineyards and with a garden
running down to the lake,

I have a room looking
towards Montreux and having
a view over the lake to
Chillon and Villeneuve,
the terms are $4\frac{1}{2}$ francs a
day = about $3/6$ - which
will probably, with all in-
cluded amount to $4/1$.

I am afraid it is not the
place to learn French for
the proprietor is a German
and there are two American
families here, positively it
seems impossible to escape
these Americans, they are
ubiquitous - nearly as bad as
the electric wires which are
every

everywhere in Switzerland,
however. I shall wait till
I hear from you for further
instructions before I move
but please answer this im-
mediately. Pension Ketterer
Montreux - is the address,
telling me what you wish
me to do. Perhaps at St.
Gervais in Savoy about
15 miles from Chamounix
- see Keller - I might chance
to hit upon a French pension,
here I don't think would be
possible to find a pension which
was not full of English or
rather Americans.

Brackenhaw say It is
much resorted to by foreign-
ers as a watering place
and that good pensions are
always to be found there for
a moderate price.

There are two small boats
and a bathing house attached
to this pension of both
of which I shall avail
myself. The flies are
~~are~~ a great nuisance here
they keep lighting on every
thing and bother one greatly
but still they are not so
bad as at Einsiedeln.

I am greatly discouraged at
my prospects of learning French
for really you have no idea ~~how~~
these parts are peopled with
Americans and English.

I should be almost inclined
to continue my journey slowly
onwards, and if I cannot
find a place where I can do
something at French & return
to Sweden in the middle of
September - supposing that the
Leckendorfs have room for
me, from the first of Oct.
they have promised to have my
room for me again. I am sure
that this pension is very pleasant

and the place too, and also
I should not be forgetting
my German here for the
host is German and he is
expecting an artillery officer
and his wife from Prag
at the end of the week.

Write as soon as you can
and let me know what
you wish me to do. If
you write at once I might
get the answer this day week

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