

Pension Fetterer Montbrun

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My dear Papa,

I have been here of course
ever since my last letter
waiting for your next which
I expect tomorrow or the
day after, I have been
spending a very pleasant
time here, boating and
fishing being my two
principal employments.

Last week Mr Fetterer
said he was going with
a party of friends up the
Vallée as far as Martigny
to see the cascade of
Rivière and a salt-mine

near Rex and asked me if
I would come with them,
I accepted and we had a
very pleasant day; the
saltmines interested me greatly,
we walked ahead up and
down at a smart pace in
the mine for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours,
each with a lamp and going
single file, in some places
the passage was so small
that we had to go side-
ways, and in another place
ascended four flights of
steps, which was very tiresome
there being 700 steps in
all.

I have made the acquaintance
of the American family
and find them very pleasant
people - Apthorpe is the
name; the family consists
of Mr Apthorpe, his
wife and son, sister and
mother-in-law; they have
been very kind offering me
books &c. On Sunday at
dinner Mr A. said he
was going to walk next
morning to an hotel up
5000 feet in the mountains
above Bex, and would
come back next day, and
asked me if I would come

with him. I agreed and we had a very pleasant time, ~~the~~ walking the first day 21 miles up hill and the next 20 down hill.

He is a barrister belonging to Boston, but seems to have been travelling all his life and in every possible part of the globe. He told me that he had been nineteen times across the Atlantic and once round the world!

I am out a great deal in the boat with his (only) son, a little fellow of about

about eleven, a very pre-
-cocious, but wellbred and
pleasant little fellow, who
puts me in mind of
Vincent J. We catch immense
quantities of small perch
and two other kinds of
small white fish of which
I do not know the English
names. In short I have
spent a very pleasant time
here, in this lovely spot
though I dare say you would
find it very dull.

Yesterday we ~~got~~ had an
arrival, a Swiss artist
who has come here to paint
two pictures for ~~an~~ English

gentleman, however he is not
much of a gain in the language
line for he speaks English
like a native and never
speaks anything else here.

Friday. 12. I should have
sent off a letter long ago, only
that I have been expecting
a letter every day and so
kept putting off writing.

There may be a letter this
morning but if there is not
I shall not keep this any
longer. I have invested
5/- in a Bickelers Guide
(German) which for foot
travellers is much preferable
to Murray, as I want

to see how I am to work
my way from Chamonny to
Splügen. I do not know
what I shall do for a
companion, but there is
some chance of Mr. Aff-
-thorpe going that way, and
as he expressed it "we didn't
quarrel on that other little
trip", however this is only
possibility. I have been
very busy in the writing way
here, but I must make
my next longer

Francis E. Prendergast
I have just been in Vevey & found
your letter there.