

Marientbad Hotel. Munich

Sept. 19. 1859.

My dear Papa,

This morning I went to the Old Picture Gallery, which I found very fine and handsomely decorated, but of course inferior to the one at Dresden; the visitors were mostly English.

I then went and got a pair of boots, (by the way I did that first) they cost 12/ and though much superior to Dresden make, they are far behind English work.

I then went to the Post but there were no letters.

I then listened to the Military music for a while, and then went off to Madame. De P's. where I dined, talked over

politics and family matters
(her two apparently favourite
subjects) and then went
off ^{to} lounge about the place,
see streets, buildings, &c.

I wrote to the Lechendorfs
to day telling them I should
be there on Saturday.

This Hotel seems very
nice, quiet, clean and com-
-fortable, and above all, good
attendance and civil waiters.

The proprietor is the
doctor of the Police force;
~~the~~ M^{rs}. De P. says he
is a very speculating person
and opened this place about
5 years ago on spec.

M^{rs}. De P. invited ^{me} to tea
tomorrow, so I shall be
with her a good deal.

Tell uncle Willie all this.

I shall write to Aunt Eliza if I have time, but if you write too it will do no harm. On the whole I like the look of Munich very much: the soldiers look as if they were rather swelled out with Beer and heavy eating, but at all events are better looking than the Saxon troops. I do not much like the Munich beer, it is very light and rather bitter, while, ^{the} Dresden beer which I got to rather like, is strong, heavy and not at all bitter. The weather is getting better but there is still plenty of room for improvement in that quarter.

I am going to get my French gold (8 Naps.) changed into silver tomorrow, half, Thalers and half florins.

Sept. 20.th This morning I
went off to the new Picture
Gallery which pleases much
better than the old one.

It is (internally) handsomely
decorated and very fairly filled.
I then went to the Bankers
where I got my gold changed
into silver; you have no idea
what a formidable weight
it was; just ~~it~~ imagine
£. 6.. 8. in ~~silver~~ half
crown pieces! I then went
to see one of the churches,
and Lebranner Halle,
(Market Hall) and the
Bronze statue of Bavaria;
it is 40 feet high and backed
by a fine Grecian temple
situated on a large public
common near the tower.
I have not seen anything
which pleased me so much
this

this long time. The statue is really gigantic and very fine, the expression of the face particularly so. The Temple is quite Grecian looking and agrees with the statue very well.

After dinner I went to the post and found your letter - it was insufficiently prepaid and cost 1/4.

you say that you suppose I shall feel quite at home at Dresden, but the fact of the matter is I feel quite at home everywhere; you speak too of "such wanderings": to me they seem like nothing; if I had been down to Rome and Sicily it might have been something, but I doubt if even that would do any

more than increase my wish
for further wanderings.

Tom P's method may
be a very a good one, but
I am inclined to think that
learning words by heart,
grammar and dictionary
is the best. There is no
Royal Road to Knowledge.
I was probably a day or two
too early at Iphigen for
your letter, - at all events
it was not there.

After being at the Post
I went off to the Fort
(suburb.) to see a church
and then went to Mme. De
P's. having done a good deal
to day.

Sept 21st This morning I
went to see the Glyptothek
~~or~~ Gallery of Sculpture.
It is very fine both internally
and

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and externally, but I do not much
care for statuary. I observed
great numbers of people looking
at Powers Greek Slave which
they seemed to consider as some-
thing very wonderful.

I then went to St. Bonifacius's
or the Basilica - a most
splendid church just like
those pictures in Smiths Gibbon.

I then went to the Ludwig's
Church which is nothing
particular, (By the way I coun-
-ted 72 columns in the
Basilica) and afterwards
to the library which is very
fine, and then to visit Madame
De P. She invited me to
breakfast tomorrow morning,
told me that I had seen
all the principal objects here,
and desired to be remembered
to you all.

I am going off by the 1st train
at 5 a. m. on Friday morning
and will thus be enabled
to spend the afternoon with
her son Max ~~at~~ near
Nürnberg, ~~and~~ proceed by
the evening train and arrive
in Dresden by the same
train as I had previously
intended. I have made out
a route-diary of my wan-
-derings which you may like
to see - show it to uncle
Frank. You will see that
I was "going ahead" most
of the time, I have been
absent from Dresden.

Out of 70 days there were
only 18 that I did not ac-
-tually travel on, and during
those 18 days I was making
excursions and going over new

ground. As to the eating I
have come to the conclusion
that the best and cheapest way
is to take three good meals
a day, and not to touch anything
else; every glass of beer or the
merest snack beyond ^{that} increased
the cost wonderfully and does
no good. When alone my
general fare was - breakfast
at from 6 to 6.30 a.m. of
coffee, bread, butter, milk and
honey - dinner ~~at~~ between
11.30 and 12.30 (sometimes at
10.30!!) consisting of ~~meat~~ soup,
meat, bread and half a
bottle of wine - supper when
I arrived in the evening - say
at 6 p.m. - consisting of bread
and butter, cheese, (sometimes
cold meat), and half a bottle
of wine. This ought, and used,

per day
to cost from 3 to 4 francs - ^{per day}
I mean of course when walking.
One ought to be able to live
on this fare, and lodge well
in most districts for from
5 to 6 francs per day - often
for less. However I always
take what is given me and
try to live as the people
themselves do, which are
the two great secrets in this
kind of travelling. In
almost all the small
places I passed off as a
travelling German apprentice
(Handwerker) and was often
asked what was my trade:

I shall send off this letter
now as there is no use
keeping it till I reach
Dresden

Francis E. Prendergast,