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My dear Mamma

On arriving here last night I found your letter waiting for me. Thank uncle Frank for the extract. The American lady is here with her two sons - one about 13 and the other 11. Corttan is the name, probably derived from Van Cortlandt an old Dutch name. She is a very nice, ladylike and agreeable person, with very American ideas, and a very decided American accent though very little of the twang. Her two sons are very nice little men, you have no idea in England or Ireland how precocious the Americans often are in this respect. The Irish lady is not coming as she is very ill, but in her place comes a young American gentleman son of the American minister here, by name Stockton; more than that I know nothing of him.

By the way he is a Polytechniker.

I found my room exactly as I left it, and a bouquet on the table to welcome me, as well as some very nice fruit.

Everything seems just as it was before, except that Adolf is stationed out at Totachapple.

Monday. I have been selling things, dusting &c. so much this morning that I can hardly write, but I think I have now got everything into its proper place. I saw Miss Coonan yesterday; she is a nice young lady of about 16 but looks more German than American.

The ground about this neighborhood is rapidly filling up, which is rather a pity, however they are not building streets, only separate houses.

I shall have great hunting for
my masters, I suppose, for
they are people that are hard
to be found, [&] being so much
occupied are seldom at home.

The poor Baroness is unwell,
but I dare say she will be
all right in a day or two.

I am going to uncle Jeffrys again
this evening to take tea with
Farris who is going ~~off~~ back
to England tomorrow, if Dora
is in a condition to move.

You must not be expecting a
letter very soon again, as I
shall have a great deal of running
of about for the next two or
three days, and I have a great
many letters to get off to different
parts.

I shall not want any winter
clothes, as I have even now
got more than I want;
it is certainly a great mistake
bringing ^{much} over covering when
coming abroad, but the case
is just reversed with under
covering. Good sealing wax
and adhesive envelopes are
hardly to be had about out of
England, adhesives, I have
heard, are not manufactured
anywhere abroad.

Francis C. Wendegast.