

Dresden

October 4. 1859.

My dear Mamma

I received your letter of the 29th yesterday the Times came by the morning post, the letters by the afternoon post. I also had a letter from uncle Joe.

On Saturday I got one from aunt Nannie. Tell me if any of the letters which I missed are worth writing for. Of the nine I only got ^{four} ~~three~~ viz. the last to Dresden. the one to Interlaken and the two to Geneva. I can hardly fancy that they are worth sending for.

The letters with 6^d on them come all right but if 5 groschen will carry a letter to England I had better put it on here, so that you may not have to pay the 8^d. * Newspapers are always charged something extra; your last Times 4^d so you had better not send them; I always see a large number of them at uncle Jeffry's.

* 5 Neugroschen equal 6^d exactly.

I had many good reasons for changing my gold at Munich:
1st $\therefore$ they always make a fuss at the railway stations about taking foreign money. 2^{ndly} I should have got some shillings worth of change at the stations, and as the Bavarian and Saxon currency is different it would have been extra loss.

3^{rdly} An account of the convenience of having plenty of ~~notes~~ in the legal currency of the country, as every change is a loss of money and time - this last must be felt to be appreciated. I could give more reasons but these will suffice, and you may depend that I never give myself extra trouble for nothing, and in travelling keep a sharp look out for the main chance. Adolf was planning imaginary railroads at Potschappel.
None of the I's excepting him.

were absent during the summer.

Did Drake ever return?

The Baron has been away in Berlin this last day or two but he is expected home to night or tomorrow.

Has Jack ~~moved~~ yet moved yet?
or is anything known about him?

We are very merry in the evenings now as we have a party of 10;

- 5 Germans - 4 Americans and 1 Irishman, which makes a pretty good collection, and the ~~good~~ collection makes a good deal of noise.

The Grouser Garten are very pretty just now and indeed so is the whole neighbourhood. The houses are springing up here at a wonderful rate, and are often begun in spring and inhabited before the autumn.

Prices too are said to be on the rise both as regards house and food; this is attributed to the English, but I can hardly think

that to be the real cause.

Nothing that is sold in the shops here seems to be cheaper, ^{than in England} except boots and shoes, and they are proportionably worse. Dreadnux seems to me miserably small and the ~~shops~~ very poor in comparison with Munich; and the Dreadnux gas certainly deserved the premium for being the worst possible.

I shall begin concocting a letter to aunt Marnie at once as I suppose she will soon be at Tower Terrace. Where has Mrs Nash gone to? Is she thinking of settling anywhere? The following is a list of the articles I lost on my travels; one blue necktie, one pocket comb, one fine bamboo stick, and one pocket handkerchief; the greatest loss was the necktie.

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