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My dear Mamma

I had been expecting a letter to day and was surprised that none came, but I suppose there will be one on Monday. There was a slight accident happened this morning which has given the Dresdners something to talk about. During a rehearsal at the theatre this morning some of the side curtains took fire and created a great deal of smoke and consequent grow, but no serious damage was done.

The weather still continues magnificent but it is gradually getting cooler and before the sun is well up is really cold. Mr Stockton has turned out a great addition to our party here, and the noise, fun and excitement which goes on between 7.30 pm and 10 is perfectly astounding. The Baron used formerly to wish to have a houseful of young people but now

I think he finds it rather more noisy
than he expected.

I wrote to aunt Elanrie the other day
and directed to J. J. as I thought
her arrival could not be far off.

The dancing season has already begun
here, and there have been two or
three American parties already.
But I have had no invitations as
yet. The numbers of English and
Americans are very much less than
last winter, but many of the
families have not returned from
the country yet - the Boytons
for example, who are still out
at Paradise, and will not return
till the end of October. I cannot
make out anything definite as to
what uncle Willie is doing in
Holland - is it arbitration or what?

I was at an open air concert in
the Grosser Garten the day before

yesterday with the Seckendorfs; it will probably be the last open air concert this year: there was hardly anyone there and the few that were there were mostly English or Russians.

The Russians are increasing in numbers here very much, and in the streets you see numbers of Russian boys who may generally be recognised by their fantastic dresses and peculiar features. Housebuilding is going on with redoubled ^{energy} here just at present as they are endeavouring to make the most of the fine weather before the frost comes, which it is generally supposed to commence about the middle of October. I am at all events well supplied with clothes - far more than is necessary indeed.

A good warm coat, warm gloves and a soft handkerchief for the neck are the most important things, all which I have, of the best quality.

What I found hardest to keep warm
last winter were the hands; the
only effectual way is to keep them
either in the pockets ~~or~~ or up the
sleeves. Should there be any opportu-
-nity, do not forget to send me
a further supply of adhesive en-
-velopes, but there is no use sending
them in letters. I have never yet
found the seal you gave me.

Francis E. Undergast.

P.S. To be posted Sunday.