

Dresden

~~Date~~ November 2^d
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My dear Mamma,

I was very glad to get your extract from the College Calendar and uncle Joe was congratulating himself that it was in your writing and would be easy to read. I am going to take tea there to night and to meet Dr. Seiler. We are now getting the English storm here, which seems to me to have taken a long time to get round to this part of the world.

The people are getting in their double window just now, and as many of them were unfinished, or without proper fastenings there has been a great deal of damage done, so that the glaziers and carpenters will have plenty to do. The Teckendorfs had luckily got in theirs a day or two ago. I suspect I shall not spend much on paper before I return, for just before your package came I had

laid in a large supply of this kind of paper. However paper never takes damage by being kept.

It is a great nuisance that the picture gallery here is shut, nor does there seem to be much prospect of its soon being opened again.

3^d Your letter enclosing the letter to Montreux arrived yesterday evening, and I was amused at reading over the letter to think how all my intentions and movements depended on chance at that time. Had I received that letter I should certainly have gone to Orta, but perhaps I may visit that place yet.

I do not think that any of the other letters will be returned - at least for some time, as they were all to Coste Bestantes while this letter was to a particular house.

Has not aunt Elizabeth a collection

of newspapers? I was showing uncle Joe
a Romantich (half Latin, half Italian, half
French, half German) paper from the
Engadine the other day, and he said
he thought that aunt Elizabeth had
a collection and would like to have it.
If she has not got a Bohemian
paper - I mean one in Bohemian not German -
I dare say I could get it for her;
ask her about it and tell me.

I wrote to uncle Willie to day and
I shall begin compiling a letter to
uncle Frank before the week is out.

The gale which was blowing yesterday
has gone down and it seems likely
to come on to frost now; it is
unusual to be so long without it
in Dresden. I should fancy that

Potsdam was entirely free from English
residents though there are plenty of

people who go to see it. I think I never came across a more dead alive (though beautiful) place in all my travels, unless it be Lifford, ~~it~~ but that has no beauty to boast of. It is composed of handsome palaces and handsome streets, but the whole place has a forced look. I wonder ~~how~~ how Tom K. jun. will like it. If he has any military taste, he will see enough of troops there.

Francis E. Prendergast.

P.S. Ask Papa what he thinks of the Capitol at Washington, the picture of which was in the I.S.N. a few days ago. We have no ~~such~~ building to compare to it which has been ~~erected~~ built within the last 25 years.