

Dresden Nov 4. 1859.

My dear Mamma

Yours enclosing Jack's arrived here on Saturday night, and I sent off a letter to Ballina yesterday morning.

We have the most extraordinary weather here, last night at 11 o'clock the thermometer was at ^{38°} 11° Reaumur and ~~that~~ to day at noon at ^{65°} 15° !

It is just like summer as far as the feel of the air and look of the clouds is concerned.

If young Kemmis ever learns German I should think it will be now, for he seems to have got into a place where he must learn it, whether likes it or not. The sky just now is really curious, it is just as blue as in summer and there are just the same fleecy ~~the~~ white clouds.

I am going out to the Grosser Garten though I suppose I shall not find anybody there as they will have probably taken some long drive on account of

The fineness of the weather.

The numbers of hares about here now is very extraordinary, and they are very tame, in the dusk one may see them sitting in the fields and hopping and running about; there are plenty in the Grosser Garten too. Birds seem very scarce excepting crows and sparrows which seem to be the same all the world over.

The Elbe is very low indeed and has shown no signs of rising as yet. Adolf and I called on the Boytons ~~just~~ the other day, but they were not at home. Uncle Joek says he knew Mr Boyton in former days, but that he had heard nothing of them for ages.

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