

in need of Leggins & if William had not
given us two Handkerchiefs - which he was
about to take home with him, we
would really have suffered for want
of wrappings. I thought of Caroline
often. How would she ever endure
this cold so sensitive as she seems to
be to it at home. There is no fire
anywhere - on a great emergency
one can go by the smoke pipe
& warm their hands & feet - but in
the saloon it is always warm enough
from the numbers there.

Tell William I am convinced Mr.
Hines is a perfect humbug & I do not
yet believe that even the certificate
will be called for. I am told, just
as Mr. Gatman told me, that no
passport is necessary until you
get to Paris or come off - so that the
whole thing on Hines' part was
to make money & I wish he might
be cheated out of it most sincerely.

Mr. Hotzel has been sick most of
the time so that I have not seen

Steamer Persia
Thursday. Oct 26.

Dear Mother

We are only two
days from Liverpool but will land
some passengers at Limerick
to-morrow & by mailing my letter
this perhaps it may reach you
a few days earlier than by waiting
till we reach Liverpool as we shall
be too late for the chance of Saturday.
So far then we have brought the safety
on very comfortably on the whole
& with far less bodily discomfort
that I had imagined could occur in
such a long voyage. The number of
passengers is very large, commercially so,
but yet there is room enough & except at
table you would not perceive the crowd.
John & myself have been regular attendants
at the table since Saturday evening
last but Fanny & Nellie have not taken

one meal at the table yet. They however
stand in bed only one day Thursday
as we all did. I was agreeably
surprised to see Sallie the most
energetic of all of us, up & prepared
for deck on Friday morning, tho'
violently sick all the time. The day
was rough & cold but by frequent
visits to the sides of the ship they
got through the day. Saturday found
them not much better. Fanny says
she did not even take a drop of water
for two days. The wind has been
with us & tho' I should call it rough
passage - it is ^{not} ~~not~~ considered so by
the travellers. ^{but on the contrary a very fair one} So far has been the
roughest day since we left N. York & is
put down in the log book as a "heavy
gale", certainly the waves have been
higher than any I ever saw. yet
the ladies have been going up on deck
constantly dinner down every few
moments by a hard rain. Then the
sun peeps out mistily & dries up

the deck & the promenades are
up again men & women much from
every clime. From Caracas, Lima, Mexico
Californian North & South East & West
are all represented. At our table
which seats about twenty we have the
Chaplain of the Emperor Maximilian
^{Austrian} ~~and~~ the Col. of his Life Guards
& another Count all going on a special
Embassy to the Pope. Tell Louis
it was most fortunate we came into
the dining room just as we did & got
our seats, otherwise we should have had
to dine in the saloon below, which would
have been odious & really cut us off
from any right to seats in the saloon
as when you sit at meals there you
have a right to sit during the day.
We suffered very much from cold
the first few days until some time
after we left the banks of Newfoundland.
Now having a sufficiently warm
hard I took a dreadful cold in my
head from which however I am now
fast recovering. The children stood much

I found this
at your
return
it is your
release I shall
as I have
it is much
more than I
my then I have
love to
my dear ones
all

New Orleans
Nov 20
Mrs. L. M. L.

Amos of her daughter an young
or for young to fancy an old lady
like me... She is a very special friend
of Mrs. Davis & I believe I did not endorse
him to her full satisfaction. The girls
seem to have made some pleasant
acquaintances while I job this the day
very comfortably with a book & watching
the faces of them around me... The whole
family of the Pennerys are on board
Ship P. who married Gen. Bartlett the
Father & Mother & four other children
They seem like very nice people -
Miss Phelps of New York also a bride
married to Mr. Stokes has seldom
made her appearance -

The meals dinner especially is a
jocular Babel with the rattling of
plates the uncovering of dishes the
jargon of tongues & especially to-day
the sliding of dishes from one end of
the table to the other ^{very fast} & the fall of
forks & plates & the fearful breaking
of dishes it was a Babel indeed &
in truth -

The train made excellent running from
335 miles yesterday noon from
12 o'clock the day previous which
is considered very fine time. We
shall reach Liverpool probably after
dark Saturday night so that we shall
not be able to leave there until Monday
morning. quite a dis-appointment
as it is a very uninteresting place
to stay in. I find a lady here from
New York with three children who is
going direct to Dresden to remain.
She is a Catholic & has the

This paper was given me by a gentleman
from Dublin who is a lawyer & offers
to post my letters & me to our Uncle
Mr. Robert Munday.

The children have been well & miss
Carry & Johnny very much. Elsie has
written to Carry & Dora to Johnnie. Dora
also wrote to Emma but as I fear E.
would never decipher it I do not
send it. When she learns to write
better she will send a letter to her.

I fear you are suffering & draw up
with cold & wet weather. I wish you
could have the rail-road which
would take you down to that green
house every day. It would be
so refreshing & do you so much good. I
hope Mary will help you supplied
with something fresh every day. It
will be all of interest & life you will
see unless your neighbor offers you
a drive occasionally. I wish I could

be by you my own dear Mother
to comfort you but it may not be
God bless & guard you & give
you every comfort in body & spirit.
Love to Caroline I expected to write
her a note by Lewis instead of
the memorandum I sent her I fear
Mr. Waterson's bills were retained
by Willie but hope he remembered
it - Love & kisses to all the
children & to all friends - who
inquire for us -
Friday morning.
Oct. 27. Your devoted Daughter

old & deaf but I looked ⁴¹ on him with
reverence as the inventor of such a
wonderful instrument. He has too
one in the size of a small armchair
perhaps not quite as large as the wand-
robe in the spare chamber that is called
the symphonion & imitates the piano
& a band of music playing. Then the
orchestration is a large instrument which
imitates a whole orchestra. It is self
performing. The old man spent 16 years
of his life in making it. It is truly
wonderful.

We are progressing in our housekeeping
& rather more settled & more comfortable
than when I last wrote you. I could
live very pleasantly & comfortably if
I could only make the servants under-
stand my wishes. Housekeeping is
doubtless more expensive than taking
apartments but then we do have the
light & the sun. I think John will
be obliged to have an English tutor to
improve as he ought. There is no
such person to be found here but I
think we can get one from England.
Next week I am to have a cook & also
a girl who will speak English. The latter
has been Catey in America says she
knows Mrs Bishop Smith & has tought



Dresden Dec. 22/65.

Dearest Mother

Your welcome letter
of the — Dec. — no date was received
last night. I recd. one at the same
time from Mr. Bliss for which I am greatly
glad. His was dated Dec. 5. so that I
presume yours must have been written
about that time. I think of you all
as Christmas comes near & wonder what
the little ones are doing or thinking of
what entertainment they are arranging
for each other — whether they remember
with pleasure the last year when Fanny
& Lillian were with them — As for Louis
he seems to have dropped his interest —
not even a line from him. I surely did
not suppose he would wait to receive
a letter tho' I am quite certain I wrote
from London. — He has that "one dot
in New York" that he is engaged to
Miss Maudie Day Porter. I shall not
however believe it as yet but hope some
of the family will inform me before it.

Later place - I heard & saw nothing
of it - last summer, but these people
are very shy about those things -

Germany is a great place for the
observance of Christmas, indeed I suppose
all over Europe it is the same. The streets
around the markets are filled with booths -
I have been for more than a week where
every thing is sold - Of course you will
imagine it is not severely cold - The
weather has been cloudy & disagreeable
through all the week but got no rain
to day the frost covers the ground but
the air is so clean that there is nothing
penetrating in the cold. Indeed I see
no reason as yet to condemn the climate
there is no skating as yet, the ponds are
frozen over - The children have thought
of nothing but Christmas all the week
& you see people with their arms full
of toys in the streets for more than a
week past - The markets & the places
are full of Christmas trees large & small
from 10 ft. high to one foot - Every body
I believe has one. It is not the custom
to put much upon the tree except orna-
mental candles, paper gilt in imitation
of every thing, such as pine trees, gold fishes,
conch shells, shoes, nutmeg graters (I mention
only a few so that the children can have

some idea of what I mean, there are
filled with sugar plums & cost a mere
trifle - Then the chocolate is a great
speciality & is very beautifully got up
in every variety of form - There is
an immense shop on the other side
of the river in which they have nothing
else - There the ornaments of wax are
very pretty & cheap - then also are
in imitation of all small & large prints -
Jars, bird cages &c & cost about 3 or 4
apiece what would be about 25 cts
in America - There are shops devoted
to these things alone - & some of them
are exquisitely delicate - of course
pain, for the dust would soon settle
in them & ruin them. The fête lasts two
days - we shall go to the Cathedral &
hear the music - To show you how
much they think of Christmas - one
German teacher Dr. Reschel who has but
one child & that one only two years old
said his tree would cost him 80 Thalers
Of course he is a poor man, but it is a great
deal for him - I hear that the Germans all
keep their Christmas Sunday eve.
Yesterday we went to see some
self playing musical instruments,
musical boxes &c. The old man, the
mother is very celebrated. he is very

Mrs Constock's children. I have not found the Germans honest at least the servants & very faithless at much so as the Irish. They seem to do your work for a certain amount & then failing to do it.



How strange that we do not hear one word from William. We have never heard a line since he left us in New York. His Aunt writes that Miss Annie had written to wish the wedding delayed for ten days.

Anne says he was so impatient to leave that she could scarcely get him to make any preparations at home.

If he is not too much occupied with his Aunt I presume he will write you of the event as soon as he reaches home. You know dear Mother I would be most willing for him to come north this winter. Perhaps he will be able to leave home next summer but even that is doubtful. I wish he could bring her on to see you for I know it would be such a pleasure to you to see her. I feel sure she will make a most excellent wife.

Please remember me to the neighbors who enquire for me. I fear Mr. Hughes & Cornelia will not soon forgive myself & Fanny for not going to bid Adieu. Remember me to Mr. Taylor, Sarah

To mother
New York
Dec 18

Lappan, Gerrys, Fortens &c. 6.
particularly to Mrs Voorhees & Mary
Lizier. How you have been able to get
up Mrs Ingalls's steps yet. I fear
not for they are too high -

I hope you are still able to go to the
Green house, dear Mother, and did you
let Caroline send to Mrs. Prichard for
I wish for those silk shirts ~~and~~
~~washed~~ & I do hope you did so for I always
felt provoked when my wishes are not
regarded. Fanny promised to write this
week. She is very busy with her lessons
but will take a vacation until Thursday.
Little Eric has written a few lines &
Anna has been making an effort to
send a letter to Carrie but she says
it is written too badly.

John has been waiting for my letter
& I must send it to night hoping it
may go by Fred and his steamer.
Mr. Bliss wrote me of Eugene's escaping
the storm by putting in at New Orleans.

You must have felt very anxious until
you heard for my love to him & also
remember me to William when his mother
is writing. I think Caroline must be waiting
for me as she has not forwarded me with
a letter yet. Tell her my experiences in
Dorchester. Housekeeping have not been so
pleasant as to induce me to write a very
cheerful letter but I am looking forward
to something better soon. We will try it for
six months at least - perhaps then we

shall go back to boarding - (7)

The little ones & dear Fanny all send
many kisses to you dearest Mother praying
God to grant you renewed health &
strength with the new year -

Love to William Louis, & Caroline -
also to all the little ones - I suppose
John is enjoying his new sled by this
time - Love to Sarah Trobrey if

you see her - Ever dearest Mother
with a long clinging heart
I am beloved
Daughter -

Received Jan 28
New York

Though other great painters have painted
this subject & introduced many figures
this is considered the most truthful
It is by Titian whose pencil palette
last picture are still preserved in
Venice the three centuries have elapsed.
He painted the portrait of Charles the
Fifth three times & Charles is said to
have exclaimed "Thrice have I devoted
immortality from your hands."

It seems wonderfully to gaze on the
works of men of ages past - & to see
the colors still so fresh & beautiful,
many of them many & have probably
been cleaned & even mended but still
one cannot but wonder -

There are many paintings of Rubens in this
gallery & when you think of the wonderful
& immense historical pictures we saw
in the Louvre & of the many other works
which must ornament the other
galleries of Europe one is filled with
wonder at the rapidity & industry with
which he must have worked -

Did you know that the very Marie de
Medicis the wife of Henry the Fourth
who brought him to Paris to commemorate
his life & history in so many paintings
at last died in an attic in the house
of Rubens belonging to one of his domestic
servants attended only by one faithful
more
servant a Jew - on a pallet of straw
in miserable poverty -

Jan. 28. 1866 -



Dearest Mother -

Your letter of
Jan. 8. was received a day or
two since & each one finds as I do
especially so much pleasure to
think you are able to write so well
In those dark days when you can
not sit by the window I am sure
it is a great effort & yet I know
it does you good to exert yourself
for some purpose. Would you were
only twenty years younger & could
have crossed the ocean with us
every thing in doost is comfortable
enough for young people & might
rarely be made so for old people
The weather has been most unusually
mild. I am sure all the cold
winds & the storms must have been
going westward of us for while we
have been enjoying unusually
mild weather generally cloudy
but very little rain both in England
& in the United States the weather
seems to have been so severe - Just

winter they say they had 4 months
of uninterrupted ^{hard} & this winter there
has been no snow & skating for only
one week. The storms on the sea ^{from}
too have been so terrible. No doubt
you have seen the fearful loss of
the "City of London" ^{for Melbourne} in the Bay of
Biscay with 470 souls on board -
16 only survived to tell the awful tale.
The losses on the coasts of England & France
already known are four hundred
in number - I never before realized
the horrors of the sea & feel now thank
ful we must be that we passed
thru' its dangers so easily & safely - It
seemed then like a trifle to cross the
ocean - He has received three letters
from Louis which with yours have
kept us well-informed of family events.
Louis gives us more of an account of
brother Louis' intended union & that
he is to bring ^{his lady} ~~her~~ to see you. Louis
thinks you are pleased, but I know you
say nothing because you can not help
it. I am sorry for him for I have
no doubt he has another sorrowful
lesson to learn perhaps leading to a
second divorce (as she seems to -
he in that line also) - after too much
chapters in life perhaps he will think
it wiser to live unmarried than to make
a bad choice - It is strange that a man

would not reflect on what would be
an agreeable introduction into his own
family who certainly ought to be
consulted somewhat - I have no objec-
tion to his knowing what I say - It
is pleasant to think of Emily & Lucy being
with you for I am sure they must come
in & relieve the tediousness & dullness
of your life sometimes - When I go to
the picture gallery here as I do very
often for if I should go for hours every
day I could not begin to know all
the rich & beautiful paintings I think
how much you would enjoy them
as in former days you used to do - There
are so many scripture subjects by
the old masters. If I can get the simple
photographs of them without the cards
I want so much to send some to you
I have already mentioned to you or to
Tom the dining out of Hagar & Ishmael
Christ blessing the bread is another
by ^{Carlo Dolci} ~~the same painter~~. The tribute
money is another grand but simple
picture consisting merely of 2 half-
figures the Saviour & the Pharisee, but
the wonderful contrast in the two
faces the mildness & majesty of
the one & the craftiness & sneering expression
of the other are so wonderfully delineated.

In most affectionate love to all & each
of the family - You need not write on
such very thin paper - You see my
paper is not so expensive then & if the
postage is double you will let me
know - I have no trouble in receiving yours
but I find it is very laborious to you to
write - With most affectionate embraces
Darling Mother I am your devoted daughter,

I will not devote any more
time to pictures & yet I intend to say
more in my other letters because
I think it will not be
uninteresting. I have never
been to the Green Faults
yet because it is said to be such a
cold place in the winter & because
a party of six is required & Fanny,
Lillian & John are all so occupied
that they cannot go - This week I
shall go with Mr. & Mrs. Dunlop.
The Saxon princes were formerly
among the richest princes of Europe
& they expended their money in accu-
mulating all kinds of rare & choice
objects as jewels, exquisite carvings
in costly materials which were depos-
ited in a strong room "under the Palace
which you hear that name of Green Faults!"
In time of war these treasures were
all removed to ~~the~~ ^{the} immensely strong
fortress of Königstein not very far from
here, at a height of 779 ft. from the
Elbe - It is deemed impregnable
Napoleon could not batter it, but probably
the guns of the present day could -
I think we must take an excursion
there in the Spring -
I am grieved indeed to hear of the
Prince's renewed affliction - It is indeed
very sad - You do not say so from his
being in Georgia; I suppose he is in

the army (51) Mr. Annetelli's death I deem
a blessing for the poor man. I am sorry
you did not see Mrs. Wyckoff. You
should send your card to her -
a Caroline should return the call,
for Mrs. Stewar will give for the old
gentleman. I would like to be remembered
to her & Mrs. Taylor should you see
them - I think of you dearest Mother
with great anxiety in this trying
winter & pray God to make you
comfortable & give you every earthly
& spiritual blessing. John has written
to go in this letter & as the children also
wish to put in a sheet I must bring
mine to a close - John is very modest
& thinks you don't like him because he
was a rebel but I don't know how he got
such an idea - Your love is not changed
by politics - I watch with great anxiety
the news about Mexico fearing another
war may be excited -
I am sorry you feel so about my
writing to Mr. Leatman as I really
ought to write to him now for a month or
two. He has sent me letters of introduction
to people here who have invited us & enter-
tained us. You say other gentlemen did
the same but then I received no attentions
from these letters except a call - He has
tried to improve John by giving him advice
& instructions as to the modes of improving
himself & yet you all feel so about it that
I do not like to write - The little ones send
kisses & so do the larger ones - I think they are
in good health generally - Fanny I think

improves somewhat. at least they say
she looks better than when she came -
She has a Doctor that we like very much.
He has made her take inhalations for
her throat & neither she nor Fannie nor
any of us have had a cold this
winter - William writes very happily
but things look very dark then as to Labor
I am sure you will forgive his tardiness in
writing when you hear that he only came as a
day laborer from New Orleans

we mentioned - The looked on some as the rewarded as suffering
It was a sort of holy day, the day after New Years - Some of the
American philanthropists called on New Years but it is not a
custom abroad - Last Evening we were visited to some extent
theatrical. got up by a few glory ladies & gentlemen all
American. They had poor accompaniments - such as some
singing but they disappointed their part well - I saw a
great many comedians then a better looking splendid
man I have seen elsewhere - One of the comedians was a tale
of "See me people Kansas" a tale often put up to us
into lodgings or stores there who may know that language
but not that one of the country -

Eddie has walked a letter to Mary which I will enclose
for her, also written one to Emma which I will send to
not very valuable but quite an effort to her -
They were written on Sunday Ev. but no I had not time
ready for the mail I shall send not send them - Louis.
of Dec 17 & 18th inst. I had some some large since you
some date - quite while a few lines to William, dearest mother
I heard you counsel to the pleasure of sending it yourself

the last of Dec
17th with one of Emily's date was
received two days since - I was not
at my first dinner party in Dresden
but no further than on the floor above
with Mrs. Campbell as it was the first
day. She is a great friend of the
Campbells Mr. C. being the American
Consul & they were the only persons
invited except John & myself. They
so friendly & it is very pleasant to have
her so kind in the same house -
John can be of service to her frequently
so we reciprocally favour - she hires a
carriage ^{by the month} has her own footman & liver
why is always ready to invite the
children to dinner or to ask me to accom-
pany her! she says she would not ask
all children but when she says Elsie
come here or Dora, or there stay always
do it immediately & are no trouble
She quite snubbed Lanny yesterday
because it said she had invited a
young lady to give & she was not only
expected to go with the children & well
said she felt well & shall take them
they are no trouble - Mr. Campbell

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had passed on the snow till they took paper - yesterday
the wind was so strong that it was impossible for a lady
to go up the street without the assistance of a gentleman
There is no danger of Sam's staying any longer as she has to
come to school from her studies - supports the little ones
and enjoying the skating highly on the ground. Ask &
that you enjoy skating but think from the wisdom. Eddie
is already beginning to learn & as she is so light will soon
be a good skater I am sure who do not skate but who enjoy
the amusement of being on the ice they have sleds in the
shape of shells, deer, & a swan or a sea-horse cushioned
with velvet - the gentlemen often push the ladies in them &
you may witness for the sake of them. Nora says she took
a fall in one this morning & that it was charming -
Yesterday was the most lovely scene of the kind I have ever
seen yet. I presume there is far more dash & elegance in
Central Park - a band of music played mainly all
the morning. In the rapid changes I am sure they enjoyed

might you letter to me & also several
from the family at Port Gibson & one
from Mr. Connolly, announcing the
arrival in New Orleans of William &
his wife - I trust William has written
you but you must excuse him if he
is a little crazy - We have never
had one line from him as yet. Their
journey down the Ouachita river took
them eight days nearly as long as for us
to cross the Atlantic - I dare say
Anne has not written to you either for
she seems to have had much to do
since she got home. Ellen has gone
to New Orleans for the winter with Blanch
& Nora. It was necessary for her
property to establish a residence
in Louisiana - James had promised
to write to you to night but by the time
he had finished her letter to her Aunt
Anne she was so tired that she could
do no more. Yesterday she went on
skating for the first time & tho' she
did not attempt to skate her arms
are lame & sore for days from the
question of being held up - the skating
pond in the "Grass Garden" is the great
attraction in Dainger in winter. The scene
is lovely & exhilarating - even the poor
people among all the best. The ladies are
so fascinated with it that they stay for

Tell William in general to send by the train, & Bremer
line, as there is little difference in time & much in postage.
He got many papers & read all the speeches with much interest.
God may save the country at last this 'men seem to be trying
all they can do to destroy it' - I suppose you do not take
much interest in the political world but let them gang here
own part - as Louis wishes me to let him do - Tell him he is
amazingly stirred up, whether in consequence of the recent influx
of nice young ladies to New Haven or to my sobbing - The gentleman
who was to take the photographs to N. York got up in package
& took a trip to Rome instead - whether he sent them or not -
Some one else I cannot say but he is a man that would do it if he
could. It will bring out a little warrior to you to get something
direct from us & the picture I mentioned as for you will I hope
be a comfort to you - May you forthrightly state each day, dearest
Mother, may every comfort & heavenly grace be yours & may God
spare us all to meet again - Love to each one of the family
& remember me to the Sisters, Mrs. Hughes family, Sarah J. W. & Whitney &c.
I am devotedly loving Daughter

My Louis & M.
Boyton was not
in the Europe
for New
York
from his
wife about 4
weeks since
all would end
love but all are
in bed.



Dresden

March 18th 1866

Yours without date but coming
with me from Louis of Feb 29th gladdened
my heart yesterday - Now you did not
say much it is always a comfort
to see that you are able to write
even even so little. I am comforted
too to think you have a good nurse
who will watch over you all this
time since I cannot be there - How
I wish I could make two of myself
dearest Mother to be with you & with
these children too, who need so much
care & training - We have ^{had} quite a
hospital for the last week, as Essie
wrote you in her little letter which I
hope did not cost too much, I was taken
^{since it gave her & Dr. such great pleasure}
to write on that paper
with a chill only the second time in
going out after being shut up ever
since the 18th of February with a dreadful
cold - I was not exposed to the cold in
any way as I went & returned in a

has also been in bed for three days with cold & fever
he must only feel thankful they did not condemn any
where from his pneumonia for I am sure Fanny did enough
to induce very severe sickness. I thought little Dan's letter to
you showed a good deal of improvement - what did you
think? - you seem to have had quite a hospital also, with
William & Gene^{sick} & Caroline not very well - from the South
we hear from William & his wife frequently. She writes a good
letter & is going to make an excellent wife - The little William
she would rather have had my little which I wrote her from
the north - When she dreamed King which he brought her - Now
I suppose, dear Mother, you think that little bit of flattery
has blinded my eyes - I hope not - I am really believed to be
that Louis' wife, good as possible as she did -  I must go
as nice long letters now & tell him I shall improve very strength
next week to write by the Hambrough packet - fearing you would
feel uneasy about - hearing as Essie had announced my sickness
I send only this short one now -

Carriage I was in a warm room when
I got out, but I suppose my system was
in a state for it - & the chills came - It
was followed by another three or four
days after & now for ten days I have
been pretty closely confined, am
just getting strength enough to go from one
room to another but cannot leave the
cold - I cannot see any cause for it -
Except that sickness will come in
"the best regulated families." I have good
health all winter & had done nothing to
make me sick, but the cold came & that
caused the debility which brought on the
chills - We have had exceedingly cold
disagreeable weather since I for two
weeks past, high piercing winds. Fanny
took it into her head to take a lukewarm
bath in the morning then sat in a cold
room after breakfast to practice, walked
out in a strong piercing wind in the after-
noon & at ten o'clock she too was in a
chill & no wonder! Children only learn
prudence by sad experience - She is in
bed & the Dr. pronounces her to have chicken
pox now. She is much better to night &
I hope will be up to morrow - Little Dan

brought-out some simple fresh cake which she had brought with her. a clean white cloth was spread upon the table & in about five minutes some excellent coffee was brought & we all enjoyed the simple meal. This is the pleasant simple manner the Germans have of entertaining their friends - "our simple pleasures" as Prof. Weber calls it. He speaks French mostly with us, while his wife can speak more English. It is quite common here to find that the ladies can speak English when the gentlemen can only speak German. I can understand Prof. Weber quite well in a long conversation in French but can only correspond in short sentences. What a loss it is not to be able to speak the language of the country!

The lilacs here so pretty here. It is so deepised by us as so common but here they are planted every where & in the public gardens they are made into standard trees & are quite ornamental - I have never seen so many since I was young. The lilies of the valley too are sold in big bunches in the market, all seemed one of the flowers I loved in our old home - & in my early days -

Sarah

Greenville.
May 12 - 1866 -

Dearest Mother -

Your welcome letter was received by yesterday's mail & I was delighted to hear by it that you are so well. You do not mention Daisy but altho' Louis had told me of it in ^{his last} ~~your~~ letter. Mary has not brought us, all the bright weather we had promised ourselves. It has been quite cold enough for shewls for some days past & almost every afternoon rain comes to interfere with our plans for a pleasant drive into the country. The trees are now in full foliage & lay avenues of horse chestnuts in full blossom. It reminds me of early days when ours were so beautiful in front of the house. They seem to grow very large & old here - The cherries are fast forming & we shall soon have those as ripe as strawberries. What a pity that men should by their passions work up the evil which will destroy them. How so full of beauty. one week ago we were kept in almost momentary expectation of a declaration of war & we

before their studies break up in July - Yesterday we were
taken by Prof. & Mrs. Hubner out to the castle of a friend
of theirs some German of French extraction - He has made a large
fortune in the cotton business in Manchester & now about ten
years ago has built this beautiful palace on the banks of the
Elbe. The view up & down the river from the house was the
most charming we have had any where - the whole house is
of pure interest & exterior - every thing about it in good taste &
elegance. The family were at breakfast. The grounds are very
extensive & the estate the beautiful finished lawns of the English
noblemen's grounds as I imagine them to be, yet still every thing
was very lovely & in good order - Two other palaces are
contiguous to the same bank which add much to the view
of that side of the Elbe from Dresden - One is owned by the Prince
of Prussia who married beneath him & consequently his wife
cannot be received at the court at Berlin - after we had
left the house we drove about a mile farther to a nice
Restoration in the country where in a little summer
house in the open air we seated ourselves & Mrs. Hubner

did not know but this Prussian
might be upon us in a few days -
The streets & various public places
were crowded with newly drafted
soldiers & with their heavy knapsacks & blankets
on their backs they reminded us of the
scenes we had so lately gone through at
home. The Prussian money was refused
the salt depots crowded & all was confusion
We thought of hurrying up "our things"
& getting on as fast as possible. but
before the end of the week the King of
Prussia decides to call another Parliament
so that war may be at least deferred
for two or three weeks. Meantime the
Comm orders we hear in Berlin are violent
against the King & ministry, clamorous
for work & almost in an internal revolu-
tion - Prussia has all Europe against
her, but for all that war may come
with one million of men in arms then
is cause for apprehension - The same cry
is made in our ears, Oh! there will be
no war! we shall have no war! - but we
were deceived by that, once at home
we shall certainly not stay here if
we find there is to be war, It would be
a great disadvantage for the children
to be obliged to change as they have
excellent teachers & are doing well & all
of them are very unwilling to move

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This thin paper is so hard to read on,
Fannie improved her vacation in taking
a lesson in German & going daily
to school to recite - Louisa writes you
are well but afraid of pressing oppor-
tunity. The true way is to be
comfortable, dearest Mother, no
matter how much you may
wrap up. At the same time I hope
you are able to ride out & take the
air as if in a good carriage &
well wrapped & on a bright day, I
do not think it can hurt you -

Give a quack deal of love to Mr.
Richard - I am sure she does not
forget you - You will miss Anne's
visits too as she always had
something pleasant to say -
Remember me to the Fosters & Mrs
Ralph Ingersoll if you are ever able
to see her - I hope good feeling is
restored between William & Mr F.,
far better to talk the matter over &
have it settled than to let the inward
fire burn - Louisa writes every thing
is so fearfully dear, I quite dread to
hear it - But I suppose it is owing to

The enormous taxation (6)

Now do you like the change in
the dinner hour dear Mother, I do
not think it so good for you as
to eat in the middle of the day.

I hope you have something hot
at that time so as not to indulge
much at dinner - We have
dinner at 5 o'clock - but we have
a regular lunch always - at 10 o'clock.

The German here is quite a favorite
drink with us - my wine last month
cost 27 Thalers - this included claret &
champagne of which we only have drunk
two bottles. But I am going to economize
next month very strictly we have been
living quite too fast -

Give quantities of love to all friends
remember me especially to Sarah Lappan
& to Mrs Frochee should you see her
people must have been at a loss for
something to say when they got up the
reports of Louis & Miss Maunthe Day South
I see no evidence of a happy love in his
letter written to night - I think this misanthropy
is increasing - I have my new girl to-day. She
has been in America & when the American comes
I rather despise the German - Her father was a murderer
here & is well known - But I have come

date. As he does not speak at all of William I am
his hopes you pass you William seem all good and well
& that he is quite well — Before this will reach you
you will have received (or rather William) the photo-
graphs so long promised; as the gentleman sailed last
week on the Scotia — If I had been at all sure of his
going I could have sent some other small things which
would not have troubled him much but — I thought — him
quite uncertain — I shall be able to send you a
photograph of myself in about ten days. I had two shoots
sent me yesterday & the children thank them the best
or the only paid ones I have ever had — They take a week
or ten days to finish them off. They are very superior
in finish & cost half of what they do in New York —
The little girls were taken yesterday — & tho' I only saw the
negative I think they will be good. They will seem much
grown to you — Both are quite stout since the war



June 10, 1866.

My darling Martha,

Louis without date

But the latest news we have received
has given us much distress & we will
look anxiously for another & better
letter. Your eyes gave us at the
last & we could not decipher the two
last lines of your letter giving us more
information of what had befallen poor
William. Indeed I sympathize greatly
with your anxiety — Just as you were all
hoping he was so well & your hearts freed
from anxiety to think of their sudden change
I trust it is not as serious as you
apprehended as we could not accurately
understand from your letter how much
reason there was for alarm. You said
he had gone to bed & his father was
with the person who had brought him
home. I hope Louis will find him to
write & we shall hear more definitely
in a day or two. You say Caroline
was in bed but whether only from her
anxiety at the time or whether she

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We had not heard of her as being ill. she wrote but when we saw her the other night in Richard III. & we were delighted - with you too for Shakespeare I think ever, you will give old eyes would enjoy the acting if you could see it without going to the theatre - I suppose you wonder why I pretend to enjoy it when I hear it in German but it is quite true & follows him when you know the play & the translation after German is very close - The bard of Aoon may well be called immortal when his plays have all the force of two centuries - I have never seen him so well then as he has played before I came here & this is more too warm to enjoy a play in music - as the house is so close I think I would go again to see Hamlet is dropped throughout the play as a student - prof from Wittenberg, it is entirely such a bare patch & better with - a black cloak & a sword embroidered & trimmed with - purple & brown over my shoulder. The "Ophelia" was beautiful. I do not see how it could be played better than we saw it here since I wrote this - when I saw Williams' letter of a late

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had been somewhat sick I did not understand - I fear these constant returns of seasons of anxiety will tend to depress her health generally - at no time very strong - & that Tertius is, will find quite old under it. What a terrible visitation it is! but like all it must be meant for good in some way. I hope Louis' health will soon improve as he seems to be your main standby Eugene's chills must be beginning to tell upon him as he has had them so long. I hope the spring will soon drive them away. We have seen a taste of hot weather for the last few days but it is again cool & rainy to-day. It is quite unusual to have a whole rainy day here & I am really quite glad when next comes. To-day or rather to night but it seems like day when we go at hand daylight to the theatre & even come home at day-light as it is not dark now until 1/2 past 9 o'clock we go to see Hamlet played. I believe I have never seen it on this stage. The great tragic actor here is a man of sixty but plays & looks like a young man of 30. There is also an old Dane or in English a Miss who is styled the last of the old school of classic acting.

but - he seems to be kept very busy. His wife returned with-
him after paying a visit to her mother. She is very much
delighted with him & thinks it very beautiful - you know
how beautiful every thing is there in the Spring -
Harrisville & Ellen & Ruth are coming in to Wilkesbarre for the
summer as Mr. Dr. says it is necessary for Dallas' health -
How I wish Ellen could come to see you. It would be
almost like seeing her dear mother - but she is too tired
to venture alone - If William or Caroline should go to Pennsylvania
they must surely go to Wilkesbarre to see her - one of Dr.
Baker's sons is married to Miss Page the oldest sister of the
young Lady friend of Louis' -

I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Whitneys sickness but
hope she will be better when you write next - I have remembered
one kind lady to her with best wishes for her health - do write
dearest Mother whenever you feel able I fear at you, especially
I shall not hear your good eyes even if I do tell her
which is not at all probable - mine are very troublesome
now - I am sure you will put on glasses - The children
send much love to dear Grandma. Mary we all meet again

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Sarah. They stay all day at
school & come home at 5 o'clock
Sarah. Then they take a drive
with us into the country - or take a
walk. They have now lost their little
companions on the floor above us. as
the family has left for the summer
to Schandau where we will
also go the 1st of July. I have engaged
a very nice lady who speaks English
well to stay with them during August
when we propose taking a tour somewhere.
It is a hot month to think of moving.
She is very pleasant & will
make the time useful to them - She
has lived in the family of Mr. Stetson the
historian & he thought so highly of her
that he was very anxious to have her
again in Vienna where he is now
Minister from the U. States - She has 20
young pupils in town that I cannot hear
of more than a month -
John has his father with him. He
is dead about a week since. He is
very old seems pleasant & ready to
 devote himself to his duty - He is
quite dispirited in Ladies society -
He seems to value most highly the

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Mr. instead of that his Aunt Anne thinks it would be much
better for William to rent the place & come abroad himself.
She says she is quite disgusted with the influences. She
says if he remained there he will sink into a rough, uncul-
tivated, unambitious planter enjoyed badly & soul in money
making. There is too much truth in all this - poor Anne
seems quite worn out & with miserable servants & the hard
work they are obliged to do themselves, paying high wages
& getting nothing in return for it. If the old Judge would
only settle something upon poor Ellen & not worry her
righteous soul so much by his constant reproaching. Anne's
only dependence for gardening, culturing wood etc is a
miserable fellow that was noted for being liberally "good for
nothing" in the plantation - poor Mr. Thompson's who
was a Paris man, your wife remembers. Fanny sent things to
him this 'Mist' Bango is just killing himself with drink.
Patience - I hope William has written you Grace coming home

knowledge of men which John has
acquired by his life the last two or
three years. Thus it is; we value what
we have not more than what we have.
He still continues his German lessons
a week & 7 lessons in the Commercial
College where he studies Book keeping.
These he will continue through this
month. Of course with lessons in Math-
ematics, History & Literature from
Mr. Maccoll the Tutor. John is kept
quite busy & does not find much
time for amusement - He is brave
renewed & very anxious for his own
improvement. The more I see of your
men abroad without their parents the
more I wonder how it is that parents
will send them. I think John is quite
a model youth - most high & honorable
in his ideas & not easily turned aside.
He puts occasionally a few hours to ride
on horseback with the young ladies. Lately
he accompanied two Miss Johnsons of
New York who are sisters of young Mrs
Stephen Whitney who now lives in Henry
Whitney's house - I hear the latter is a
very sweet young lady -
William calls out kindly to John
& come home to his assistance -