

Dresden

May 27. 1859.

My dear mamma,

I am, sure I don't know how I shall
be able to fill up a letter to you for
I think all the news that there is, is
in papa's letter. We are fairly in
the warm weather now though of course
it is not at its full warmth yet.
Tomorrow is the day of the entrance
of the prince and his Portuguese wife
and great preparations are making
in consequence, windows too are
very hard to be had and you must
pay pretty handsomely for them, they
arrive at 10 a.m. and all will
probably be over before 12. I do not
fancy that it will be anything worth

seeing but I shall go of course like
the rest of the world as I always
like studying the crowd. We shall
have a Prussian colonial staying
here from June 1st to July 1st
and the week after next an English
lady is coming of the name of
Miss Puckle. I have not seen
her yet, but as soon as she comes
I shall send you a full true
and accurate description of her.
Don't forget to tell me any news
about Miss Holbrooke that you
may hear. I am writing this
against time as I want to go
and hear the land and ~~do~~ ^{make} some
purchases in the town. I shall
make my visit longer.

Francis E. Undergast.

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My dear papa

Yesterday was the day of the entry
of the prince and new princess.

The procession began its march at
10 a.m. and lasted till half past
12. There were all the Dresden
Guilds with flags &c, police,
cavalry, peasant girls and also
the miners out of the Klauische
Grund, who alone number 2000!
all drilled and in black uniforms
with enormous schako's of black with
a Grecian border of yellow. The procession
was immense and the crowd very
respectable; I could not see the
princess on account of the way she
carried her parasol but she is
reported to be very pretty*. After
dinner I went out for a walk round
* others say as plain as is possible.

by Potschappel and Fesselsdorf,
a 4 hours stretch; on the way I
fell in with one of the miners
and walked about a mile with him,
according to his account of the state
of affairs the general feeling among
the lower orders is very bad, and
he added in a significant way
since "48" we have always had a
"rifle at home and something to
put into it" He said he had
been 6 years in the cavalry and
liked it well enough except for its
being compulsory and the pay small,
he added "If I had money I should
have been out of Saxony long ago
and in the English cavalry or
in America" He told me that
in that particular valley there were
1400 miners almost all of whom
had been in ~~the~~ army; well drilled

of course, and if they really have arms
no contemptible force. The state of
felling here is certainly bad and
Miss G. has been ~~once~~ assaulted in
the streets by common workmen.
I remark too that they seem to
take a particular pleasure in
knocking against one, and none
will move off the flagways as before
to let a well dressed person pass.
Yesterday evening we had the two
pretty young Americans in to supper,
the ^{that} ~~twang~~ one of them has is very
great, the effect of which is most
extraordinary in speaking German.
Their names are Miss Crothers
(changed from Carruthers of course
and Miss Baldwin); the G's had
procured them a window to see the

procession which was the cause of
their visit. It would be impossible
to go to the Laxon Sw. now, even
from Saturday till Monday - with
young S. I mean - but at ^{A.}Witten-
berg he has a few days when I hope
to get off for a day or two again.
I shall stick to the German
master as it is ^{the} only way I have for
the Germans writing which is of course
very necessary. It is fearfully
hard turning Latin into German
- far harder than the Greek, which
I suppose is made easier by the
article being in both languages.
I don't think it would be any use
sending me an account of uncle E's
knapsack as there would be no means
of sending one, and I should not
like to get one made on chances.

Francis E. Prendergast.

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My dear mamma

Yours and papa's of the 26th came on the 27th, I having sent off a letter in the morning. The past week has been a very restless one as everybody was perpetually running in and out to see the Austrians passing through. I was very glad to get another sight of the Hungarians and Italians, some of the latter sang most beautifully. This morning I went to the R.C. Cathedral with young S. to hear the mass celebrated in honour of the Princesses arrival. What there was of music was very fine but there was very little, and the crowd was very great. Was there more than 3 sheets of this paper in the letter which was

changed double? I think I have
often sent 3 sheets before and you
never said anything about its being
over weight. Weigh 3 with an envelope
and see how much it is.

If I went to Norway or Denmark
or threaway I should of course
try to learn the language, but
one really requires to know very
little of anything but English
nowadays. One of the American
ladies who was here last night
gave me a very pleasant account
of Copenhagen, she said it
was very agreeable, the people most
hospitable to all except Germans
and a great deal of life going
on and a great many things to
be seen, which was exactly what

I had imagined. Monday 30th

I dined with uncle J. yesterday and we drove and walked a little afterwards, but were prevented from taking any long drive by the tail of a thunderstorm which just touched here. I am now going to the tailor's to order a linen waistcoat as I have only got one wearable with me viz. the one made at M^{rs}felt. the Dublin one having grown too small. I do not think I ever told you of the odd noises that the frogs make here; some croaking others bellowing; some cry like children, another kind makes a noise like the hum of falling water and a ~~fifth~~ 5th kind making a really very pretty sound somewhat like a bell; there is one more kind which

makes a sort of piping or whistling noise but I think it is only at night that it is heard. They all seem to live in ponds. The number of cock-chafers (German Mai = Käfer) too ~~are~~ is immense ~~here~~ here, but butterflies do not seem very plentiful. I have just got a long letter from uncle Joe to whom I had written last week. He said he had dined with Arthur P. who told him he had seen Stuffle - one of the Russians who were at Hughes', and who had only left this a few days ago, but uncle J. did not say if there was any likelihood of Arthurs coming here this summer.

Francis E. Prendergast.