

4 Marien Strasse. Dresden.

Friday. Jan. 7 1859.

My dear mamma;

On arriving here on Wednesday
I was met by uncle Jeffry who
brought me here and introdu-
-ced me to Mr & Mrs Hughes.
I stayed for their dinner at
one, and then waited for
uncle Jeffry who came for
me at 4 and took me home
to dine with him; next mor-
-ning I breakfasted here, and
uncle Jeffry came at 12 o'clock.

and took me to see Mrs
Whittle, by the way, on arriving
on Wednesday I found an
invitation waiting for me to
go to a ball! It came
through Mrs Whittle and
was a mixed party of English
and Germans. I of course
declined as it was the first
night and I wanted to be
at 2 Carola Strasse. I heard
from Mrs Whittle that it
was a very pleasant party
and that a young Miss Allen
who is very fond of Irishmen (!)

had been expecting to meet me
there ~~for~~ the last fortnight!
However I dare say I shall
get enough of it as I hear
of nothing but balls public
and private. After seeing Mrs
Whittle, uncle J. took me to
his house where we found
Francisca, she is a little
girl of 16 not remarkable
for anything neither pretty
~~and~~ nor the reverse, she does
not speak English. We then
all went and walked in the
Grosza-Garten and saw the
Queen Dowager, but kept out

of her way to avoid trouble.

We then went home, dined
and went to the Opera, which
begins at 6 and ends at 8.30

Yesterday was a Great holiday
(12th day) and no business

could be done, which was
the cause of all this going
about. I received your letter
yesterday at 3. It is snowing
hard this morning. I do not

think I shall write again
for a few days so that I
may see how things go on
My room is very large well
furnished and comfortable.

Francis E. Prendergast.

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My dear papa,

You will find an account
of my proceedings with uncle
Jeffrey in mamma's, and I
intend to give you some ac-
-count of this household in
this. We are on the 2^d floor
like uncle J. The breakfast
is on the table and may be
had at any hour from 8
till 10. M^{rs} & M^{rs} are gene-
-rally there at about 8.30

she presides and talks, while
the professor smokes and reads
the newspapers. The breakfast
consists of coffee rolls &
butter, everyone helping them-
selves. We then lounge and
talk about the room for 10
minutes or so and then go
to our rooms. The dinner is
at one and is very much like
an English dinner with the
exception of the dishes being
handed round. At 8.30 there
is a supper of cold meat &c
This meal I have not been at

yet, you will see how that
happens from mamma's letter.
I am to get my first lesson
in German from young Hughes
at 11. to day. Yesterday was
a grand holiday so nothing
could be done. As to my
companions, there is a Mr
Smith who was here with
Arthur, he seems good sort
of fellow - nothing remarkable
in any respect. He is waiting
for his commission which he
expects in a month or two.
Then there is a little fellow
of the name of Hogarth more

French than English. Then there
is a Russian of the name of
Stiffle, he is the fatest and
most burly looking fellow of
his age I ever saw. Then there
is a fellow called Estlinger
who ~~is~~ looks like a French-
man. Then there is a Swiss
who speaks nothing but
French and German, all the
others speak more or less
English. Hogarth seems a
nice sort of fellow, but I
have not seen much of him,
or indeed of any of them.

Francis E. Pendergast

Dresden

Jan 10. 1858. (9?)

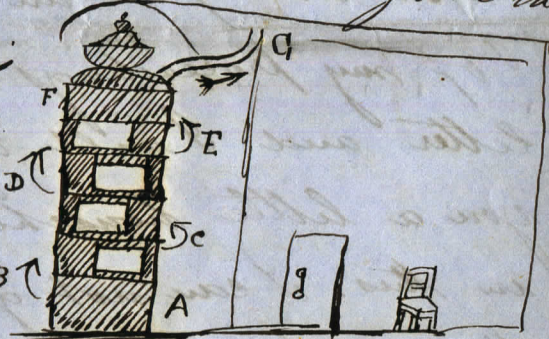
My dear mamma,

You will find an account
of my proceedings in papa's
letter and I will try to give
you a little household news
in this. I can not give you
the exact dimensions of my
room as I do not know where
my measure is, but it is about
15 feet by 17, very lofty, like
all the German rooms, there
is a spring sofa, 5 spring
chairs, a bureau - chest-of-

- drawers, a shut-up washing stand apparatus, two tables, a bed, a large looking glass and last, but not least, the stove, it is some thing like this

The fire is put in at A and the hot air passes up B the flue in the manner indicated by the arrows and passes out at G. It is made of some kind of earthenware - not porcelain, the stoves of which are totally different. Its height is about 10 feet.

Francis E. Prendergast.



Monday Jan. 10. 1858. (9?)
Dresden.

My dear papa

I received your letter of the 7th this evening - the one sent by the 7.30 p.m. boat, Your former one I received in the morning. Yesterday (Sunday) I went to church with Smith and Hogarth. I suppose the church would aggravate you, not being built with the slightest attempt at conformance with the rules

They have an organ, and the congregation is as large as that of Sandymount

of architecture, however it is very well adapted to the purpose for which it is intended and in my opinion far from ugly. Afterwards I went and lunched with uncle J. and then all four - Franciscan being one of the party, went to the Grosser-Garten. I tried to talk a little German to Franciscan, but I did not get beyond a few sentences. In the evening Dr Somebody came in and we had a long talk about money & minerals

He, the conversation was most curious, English and German words being used indiscriminately. This morning I went to with Hogarth to his gymnastic place, and found it very good, the proprietor only takes pupils one at a time, - for an hour - he speaks nothing but German and a few words of French, so that it will be a good German lesson for me, I agreed to take 10 lessons, half an ~~hour~~ hour each time of fencing, and the other half gymnastics, he &

charges $\frac{1}{2}$ a thaler ($\frac{1}{6}$) a
lesson so that the 10 will be
15/-, not ^a very heavy charge
that, is it? After dinner
Smith, Hogarth and I went
down to the Twinger to
skate - I having previously
worn my skates in my room
for an hour, according to
Smith's advice, you pay
one groschen (a penny farthing)
to go on the ice, and give
another to the man for fasten-
-ing on your skates. Smith
helped me as much as he

could and after some
time I was able to stand
by myself, and afterwards
went about after a fashion
with Smith and Hogarth
on each side of me. I only
got 2 falls - neither of them
of the least consequence -
in one of them I tumbled
backwards, and in the other
was run down by a lady
who was performing some
wonderful feats going back-
-wards &c Smith was with
me and was knocked down
also, as well as half a

dozen others, the only damage done was the amount of breath spent ~~it~~ in laughing. I am reported to have got on very well, Smiths says that all his pupils have got on wonderfully well !!

He belongs to some English skating club and do all sorts of queer things on the ice, jumping, going backwards, waltring, &c. Hogarth has only been on the ice 6 or 7 times and he can skate very fairly. I have a German

lesson from young Hughes every morning for an hour, but I have not done much with him yet. I had always thought aunt Margaret was an invalid and though she looks like one in the house, she walks at least 3 miles in the Grosvenor - Garden every day. It is a ~~the~~ very nice place consisting of one long avenue nearly 2 miles long, not unlike the Phoenix park in some respects. There is ~~as~~ a very fine pond in it just the proper size for

skating, it is always crowded with ladies and the crack skaters, the best mound of Dresden looking on.

The great ~~of~~ objection to the gardens is, that you are likely to meet the queen dowager, and have to stand aside with your hat off which is anything but agreeable. I have got a large, soft, warm coat, which uncle Jeffry chose for me. I find it very easy to ~~of~~

keep all except my hands warm. I have tried 2 pair of gloves ~~to~~ and everything I can think of, but without much success. Keeping them in the pockets ^{or} ~~up~~ up the sleeves is the way most people do, but that is very awkward and uncomfortable. The supper at 8.30 p.m., is composed of Tea, coffee, bread, meat of several kinds and wine. The professor smokes a cigar at breakfast some at dinner and

several at supper, all the
fellows smoke except Stuffle
- one of the Russians, the
other Ettinger, who comes
from Odesa smokes
only a few paper cigarettes.
The rest seem never to miss
an opportunity of smoking
but as the tobacco is good
it is not disagreeable.

Francis E. Prendergast.