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My dear mamma

I have just (4 p.m.) come
in from two hours skating
and found your letter. I
have been on the ice for
two hours, going about nearly
the whole time and skating
after a fashion. I did not
get a single fall and do
not expect to get any or
many more. It is only the 3^d
time I have been on the ice

My cough and cold are much
better though not quite well
yet. As to my going to the
theatre on Sunday there is
not the least fear of it and
in fact I do not care for
it, it is so very stupid here
I think I battered up Mrs
Munt's sister very creditably
and I am glad to find aunt
E. thinks so too. There is
a young married Hughes who
gives me lessons in German
he and his wife are at every
meal except breakfast, there

are several other sons and daugh-
-ters, but none except
him here. I get plenty of exer-
-cise here and am in capital
condition. It is nearly a
straight line from this to
Carola Str. and takes
about 7 minutes (or less)
to get there. I can find my
way about Dresden pretty
well already, and am just
going to leave an answer
to the Dale's invitation and
I shall have to hunt for
the house. F. E. Rundergast.

Dresden.

Friday Jan. 14. 1859.

My dear papa,

I am expecting a letter from you to day or tomorrow, so I shall not close this before Saturday or Sunday. I was ^{at} uncle J's last night, Dr Seiler, Prof. Nicolai, and some one else were there. Prof Nicolai promised to make inquiries about a ~~draw~~ drawing master, there are plenty here, but uncle J. is very anxious that I should get the best. Prof. Nicolai says that the

foundation of all drawing is
the correct delineation of the
human figure, and that the
person who can do this can
do everything. The conversation
was entirely German so it
was a good exercise for me,
trying to make ^{out} what they
said. I had a letter from
uncle Joe ~~the~~ the day before
yesterday, and I have written
to him, but have not posted
it yet. Yesterday evening a
note was handed in to me,
which proved to be an invi-
-tation from Mr & Mrs Dale

to an evening party on ~~Wed-~~
~~nesday~~ Thursday next. I had
not the least idea who they
were, & never having heard
of them in my life, uncle J.
says it is the English clergy-
-man, and aunt Margaret
suggests that it was intended
for ~~the~~ Arthur. I shall of
course go as the invitation
was for Mr Prndergast, and
I hear that there is likely to
be dancing. There were also
invitations ~~of~~ for Smith &
Ettinger, so I suppose I shall
hear more from them.

to day the thermometer is about 1 degree above the freezing point, which is considered quite temperate. When one first goes out on a very cold day - say 7 degrees below freezing point, you do not at first notice anything unusual, on account of the absence of wind, but presently you find your fingers getting ~~to~~ very cold, and the tips of your ears getting a very queer feel, and then getting warm again is out

of the question. However when there is no wind it is not disagreeable. If there is any wind, nothing will keep one warm. Mr Simpson arrived on Wednesday, he seems just the same as the other Englishmen viz. nothing whatsoever remarkable about him. The Swiss, van Berchem, seems a good sort of fellow, though without much apparent breeding; his father was a Flemish count. The Russian, Ettinger (and indeed the other Stuffle) seems a nice sort of fellow, but I have

not had much to say to either of them. The Swiss plays the pianoforte unusually well, and generally plays for an hour or so after supper, and the other evening he played a Russian melody while Ettinger sang, it was very melancholy, but he says that they are all the same.

I am afraid that there will be more English than German spoken now as there are 4 Englishmen, and the 2 Russians always speak ~~it~~ English.

The Professor enforces German at meals, but the moment he is gone, English is the lan-

guage. The Russians both speak it perfectly.

I think I have told you before that I have got a gymnastic school already and have half an hour of fencing and another of gymnastics twice a week. 2 others of this house go to it also. I cannot tell you which of my books uncle J likes best. I have not got the brass compasses. There is very little time for working here in fact it is just as Mr E. told me that I would not be able to work near so much as in Ireland.

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Francis E. Prendergast.

I send this without stamping
it as uncle J says it is
just the same. Tell me
if it is so.

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