

Dresden

Jan. 22^d 1859
7.45. p.m.

My dear mamma

I went to the Sales party on Thursday, and found a large party there, after a while the servants came in and took up the carpet for dancing, which commenced at about 9, and went on until 12. It was a very agreeable party, but not very lively. We had a Sir Roger and the Rev^d Mr Dale danced in

it himself. There was a German Baron there who invited all the young fellows to a ball on Tuesday next.

All accepted it except Ettinger and myself. I had two or three reasons, first I knew nothing about him, 2nd it was mostly Germans, and 3^{dly} I did not like "the cut of his jib". On comparing notes with Ettinger afterwards (he is one of the Russians) I found that he had refused for pretty nearly the same reasons.

Now as to your questions. ~~At~~ I have not seen or heard any birds since I came except canaries and sparrows and one blackbird in the Grosser Garten. The stove is not lit before I get up in the morning. I wear no nightcap and have no intention of wearing one. To-morrow I lunch, spend the day, and dine with uncle J. I think that I have seen him every day except one, since I came. I like having the sun so constantly as it is here I think it is always visible except when it is snowing.

I found that Christians rooms would do for me, but indeed it is still looking out for some for me.
I find rather unpleasant some-
times here, when there are 8
or 10 people all smoking in
a room with the windows and
doors shut, but after all
it is not often that it is
too much. It has been so
mild lately that I have
been going out dressed as
at F. F. I had a very
pleasant letter from Mary
this evening and also one
from aunt E. I shall post
this letter tomorrow on my
way to or from church.
Francis E. Prendergast.

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9.30. a.m.
My dear papa
I received yours of the 17th on
Thursday 20th. I been doing
nothing but German and Home
since I came, the former oc-
cupies 3 or 4 hours a day, and
the time I have here being con-
siderably less than at home,
there is very little extra time,
and which, I spend in wal-
king. I get up at 8 and
go into breakfast whenever
I am dressed, my room is then
not ready for me, until past

9. I then generally write letters
(as I am now doing) until 10.
when my German master comes,
at 11 he leaves, and I work
until 12 (at the German) and
then go to gymnasticise until
dinner (at 1) or, as I shall
do to day, out 3 times a
week for the future, to my
drawing master. The dinner
is at 1, and the table does
not regularly break up until
half past two, but I generally
manage to get away at 2.
I then read Home and do a
little German until 3, when

I go out, generally to the
Grosser Garten, to meet uncle
J. I then either walk about
with him or alone, until 5.
when I come home and work
and read until 8.30. at
which hour the supper is, it
never by any chance over ~~for~~ be-
fore 10, and as it is the
only time when I hear German
much spoken I always stay
till the last; last night we
had the Swiss playing, and
did not break up before 11.
You will see from this that
4 hours a day are spent at
meals, which I consider a

great waste of time, and
after all one does not learn
much German by it, for, as
the American remarked to
me last night, one cannot
expect Englishmen to speak
anything but English to
Englishmen, when they are in
Germany, and as there are 4
Englishmen and an Amer-
-ican here, and if you speak
to either of the Russians
they are sure to answer you
in English, you will perceive
the force of his remark, and
you will also perceive why

it is that I wish to get
into a German family. I
now ^{want} to get my gymnastics and
riding ~~at~~ before breakfast from
7.30 until 8.30 that is, if
I can manage it, which would
give me much more time.

Uncle Jo's friend, Prof. Nicolai
found out for me a draw-
-ing master, who he says is
the best here, and I am to
go and take my first lesson
this morning. He is also
trying to find out a clas-
-sical and mathematical
master for me. (Pr. Nicolai
is professor of architecture here)

I went to the picture Gallery
the other morning with uncle
J. I was quite astounded at
the its size and magnificence,
it took us more than an
hour merely to walk through
the rooms ~~with~~ without stopping
to look at anything!! Uncle
J. said he would just take
me over it, and that after-
wards I might go and look
at my leisure. The gallery
of engravings is nearly as large
I hear, but we did not even
look at it. It is all well
lighted and warmed.

7.30. p.m. I went to my
drawing master this morning, and
was set down to copy a head -
in pencil of course - and on his
finding that I was not very ex-
pert with the pencil, he gave ^{me} a
lot of eyes to copy, and in
course of time I shall get on to
mouths ears and noses. Rather
dreary work after Sharpe. You
may tell him this if you meet
him, and also that he may be
expecting a letter from me
before long. I have just
received a letter from uncle
Joe (via uncle Jeffry). He is
very anxious that I should

begin the riding, and I shall
try and get a lesson on
Tuesday next. I must
leave the account of my
messmates for some other
time, as I shall have only
time to write to mamma
before supper. It has
got rather cold again to
day but still no hard
frost. I find that the pha-
-mois leather gloves are the
warmest. Did you ever know
that uncle J. does not, and never
did, wear flannel?

Francis E. Prendergast.