

Dresden

May 14. 1859.

My dear Papa

I am beginning this letter to tell you that I have got Greek and Latin masters. Dr Hübner recommended a Dr Schiebe as a good classical master, to whom I went and found that he had only two days in the week ~~which~~ I could take, and Dr Hübner hearing this, said I ought to take him by all means for the Greek and he himself would undertake the Latin part, so I have 4 days a week of Classics. Here is my day-bill

	Gymnastics	Latin	Greek	French	German
Mon.	7.8			10.11	12.1
Tues.		10.11	11.12		
Wed.	7.8				11.12
Thur.			12.1	11.12	
Frid.	7.8	9.10			
Sat.	7.8			11.12	12.1

My first Latin and Greek lesson
will be on Tuesday next and
by Scheib's direction I have bought
a Greek & German Lexicon —
Benseler's, only a few months out;
it is Royal 8vo, in paper and
cost 6/; also the Apologia
Socratis, also in paper costing 4/;
these seem very cheap, but then
they are unbound and on bad paper.
Hübner I like very much, he
has a great resemblance to
Sharpe in manner but not
in appearance. I shall also have
to get some books for him.
Much Jeffry says he thinks that
I may soon leave off the German
lessons as I shall learn a great
deal from the having to translate
into German. However that
will soon be settled.

I had no knapsack with me on my trip, but when my traps were properly strapped up ^{one} of the leggings it looked just like a knapsack and I carried it like one.

My kit was - one shirt, a night-shirt, 2 pair of socks, 2 handkerchiefs, and a pair of slippers, soap, and toothbrush in my pockets, I had a map, writing case and pocket comb. The things I have underlined were particularly useful and agreeable. A flannel ~~waist~~ jacket and pair of trousers would take up very little room and be very useful. Carrying the ^{was} paletot troublesome but very necessary. Do you think it would be advisable for me to get off to Switzerland at once? Now is the time for travelling through Austria as the guilder (2/) is to be had for

$\frac{1}{4}$!! or in other words about
 $\frac{4}{5}$ of its real value. There is no
saying how the continent may
be stopped up in a couple of
months while at present it is
perfectly open in all directions,
and seeing Switzerland now
would be better than the chance
of not seeing for a good while
to come. I send you another
route. Rail via Nürnberg
to Lake of Constance - Switzerland
- Lake of Constance to Munich
Munich to Donauworth thence
per steamer and via Ratisbon
Passau & Linz to Vienna, thence
by rail to Dresden. The Danube
scenery is said to surpass that
of the Rhine.

Should the War

Should the war come on so as to prevent any going about in this part of the continent I should like to go up to Sweden or Norway both of which are only 3 days from here.

17.th I have just had my first Latin lesson from Dr. Hilner and as you may imagine did not get very far; what I did being to translate a few sentences into Latin and the first six or 7 lines of Horace into German, the last of which was very, very difficult. He says it will be so for the first 8 days or so and promises that it will greatly improve my German. I am expecting Dr. Scheib every minute now.

Wednesday 18. Your letter of Sunday has just come and I shall finish this and take it to the post forthwith.

I am very well contented to remain here till 1.st August, but the plans I

have been sending you will not be
lost as I ~~at~~ suppose you are
not well posted in the present
state of communication by rail &c
over Europe. I do not fancy
I shall make much progress in
my classics as the the learning
through German must always
be a sort of hinderance, but of
course they will help the German
greatly. Bathing is to be had
in the Elbe, as well ^{as} ~~at~~ swimming
masters of which I intend to
avail myself. To day is lovely
and it seems likely to hold.

Everyone here has turned out in
new rigs - Panama hats - duck trousers
and light shooting-coats seeming to
be the order of the day.

Francis E. Prendergast.

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My dear mamma

It was only yesterday that I wrote
but I am beginning this now in
order to answer your questions.

In the first place tell aunt
Flora that the pencils I use are
Paravisos (or Rowney, it is all the
same) H.B. externally of a dark
red colour, and if she is buying
any do not let her be persuaded
to take hexagonal or octagonal
ones but stick to the honest old round.

There is not driving road to the
Winterberg Hotel, but there is a
very fair bridle road - that is
such as you might see near
Berehaven. In summer the Hotel
is often full; when rain coming on
the people cannot of ^{course} leave and then

the people usually dance for want
of something better; Adolf and
I were laying all sorts of plans
how to manage to be there on
a wet day in summer.

I keep on making plans for travelling
though it is impossible to know
what may be the state of Europe
in a couple of months.

Would you like me to collect
specimens of the different Saxon
coins in circulation at present?

There is nothing over a 3/ piece so
it would cost but little.

You ask me if I am grown,
uncle J. measured me the other day
and in the last 4 months I have
grown one eighth of an inch.

I suppose I may conclude also that
I am broader for my summer

waistcoats are, I find, too tight
across the chest.

17th As I expect a letter to-morrow
I shall keep this letter, there not
being anything of note in it.

I am very anxious to get off for
somewhere before long as travelling
may be rendered inconvenient if the
war spreads, though indeed I ~~was~~
suppose Switzerland would be
always open. I have got the 4 books
bound very nicely and cheaply and
in the miraculously short time of
three days! I have always been
sorry that I have brought so
many books with me and were
it not for the carrying them I
would often buy books here where
they are so cheap and good.

Wednesday 18th Your letter just arrived
Let me hear more about Miss
Holbrooke as I am curious as to the
result. Send my best respects to
Mrs and Miss Nash. Is there any

supposition of the last being about
to change her name before long?
I took a very long walk yesterday
viz. to Thaxandt and back
doing the whole in $4\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

I got drenched to the skin in the
last half hour but as I was
able to change it was no matter
The Ls were all severally caught
in the same shower and all
more or less wet thereby.

Mr Francis E Prendergast

P.S. While on a journey where the
letter must be like a journal I always
write to papa to save ~~trouble~~ breaking it in two.

You can read G's letter if you like