

Dresden.

June 22^d 1859.

My dear mamma,

On Monday I, in company with young J. spent a very pleasant day with the Boytons and Capt. Montgomery at Paradise, a most lovely spot about 4 miles to the west on the Elbe and so called from the splendid view it commands. We went off at 10 a.m. by the steamer which takes an hour to get down to the nearest point to Paradise, in walking up we passed through a pine wood full of bilberries and wild strawberries which were so good that we stopped there for more than an hour and eat so much that I began to get alarmed at the quantity, but they only ~~the~~ improved our appetite.

On arriving at the house we asked
in German if they were at home,
when a rich Donegal bogue
replied, "I think they are swor
I'll gaw and see" which you
may imagine greatly delighted me;
we were immediately invited to
dinner and tea and spent a very
pleasant day there dining and
taking tea in the open air in
a bower, in the regular German
fashion, which I highly approve of.

22^d. Your letter (which came at
last) arrived this evening, and I
now proceed to answer your questions.
You ask about the roads; it would
be hard to lose oneself in Saxony
in account of the sign posts at every

cross road, but it is very easy to
go astray and make roundabouts
even from the very cause.

One does not meet many people con-
sidering how thickly the country is
inhabited, and at this particular
time scarcely anybody is to be seen
in the fields.

Miss Tudor is
at Teplice to bathe in consequence
of sciatica, rheumatism or some
such thing. I did not try to
speak French with the Belgians as
I do not fancy speaking to people
in a railway carriage; with my French
master I never speak anything but
French, my former master hardly under-
stood German at all, and my
present very little, all understand a

little English, that is, to read it,
not to speak or understand it.

Georgy I have not yet heard from
and Jack has not written to me
for nearly 3 months!

60,000 Russians are reported to
be coming through Dresden in the
first week of July en route for
the Rhine provinces which is very
probable. Small bodies of Austrians
are now passing through, but
nobody takes any notice of them now.
We have had very heavy rain yes-
terday and to day and there seems
prospect of more.

Francis E. Frendergast.
Make aunt Elizabeth give a line.

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My dear Papa,

Uncle Jeffry did not go until Tuesday, so I dined with him on Sunday as usual; aunt Margaret was complaining greatly about the journey and saying she wished she had not to go, but nevertheless she appeared to me to be looking better and in better spirits than I had seen her since I came here. I have had a fencing lesson this morning, and have been repeating some of it with a stick and the consequence is that I can hardly write. Staterok gave me a lesson with the rapier or straight cut-sword on Monday and he is going to give me a few more lessons in it and also in the sabre, which is almost like a Turkish scimeter, being greatly

curved in the blade; however I don't
like anything so well as the
florantes or foils. I have now
been at work with the foils nearly
six months and nothing but the
school exercises without masks
in this time, but now as I have
gone through the course he is going
to set to work with the masks.

Three soldiers were killed here,
or rather at Dippoldswalde,
a place ten miles off, yesterday
by the lightning, and 7 more
injured, they were at the bayonet
exercise in a field and the bayonets
are supposed to have attracted the
lightning. Austrian troops have
begun to pass through again,
6000 are said to have past but

no one troubles their heads about
them now. We paid a visit
to the Boytons and Captain
Montgomery on Monday, and
I made out that the Boytons
are, (as well as Captain M.)
from Conway house near Raphoe
and Mrs Boytons mother comes
from Ards house; they are
cousins of Montgomery the
Zoologist in Dublin and seem
to have the same tastes, for
Mrs B. has a large collection
of insects, snakes, lizards, &c.
I got a letter from uncle F.
again on Monday, enclosing
one from Sharpe and Duckcoll
all of which shall be replied to
in due course of time.

As to my kit when travelling, I shall take (extra what I have on) a light pair of trousers, light waistcoat and jacket, a light flannel shirt, a collar, 2 pair of socks, slippers, and night shirt. On the top of the knapsack I shall take the plaid rolled up, not merely as a protection against rain ~~of~~ but also as covering it at night, for I can't manage to sleep under a feather bed in summer and they only give you one sheet in Germany. This I think ought not to weigh more than a stone or 15 pounds. A long cane or bamboo stick must be added to this equipment. Braces I have given up wearing and I find it a great luxury to be without them.

8. p.m. Your letter of the 18th
has just arrived. As to the
shoes, there is no use looking for
them here; I have got Emmersons
strongly soled and shall put a
lot of nails in the soles myself,
as I could not persuade the shoe-
maker to do it. Perhaps I
might get a good pair in Switzerland
where people walk, which is more
than they do in Saxony. I shall
set about getting my kit in order
at once, for you have no idea
what trouble there is getting any-
thing in the miserable shops
here.

10 p.m. My hand is now
hardly able to hold the pen as, for the
last hour and a half I have been
teaching and practising boxing with the

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two young L's, changing with them
as they get tired and rising each an
turn about. The Baron is going off
to Berlin tomorrow morning for a
day or two, and Miss Buckle for a
similar time to Lhandau, and
on Saturday Adolf goes off till
Monday with his class to the S. S.
so the house will be pretty empty.

I like my new French master very
much and I think that there is
a probability of my learning more from
him than from Comte; I really
think he is the handsomest young
fellow I ever saw, and Adolf,
who knows him personally, says his
character is equal to his countenance
which is saying a great deal.

Francis E. Prendergast.