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20 of flooring. Reuben
 thinks his little
 new house is
 handsome & doing
 good work on the
 place. I want
 to see it & write to
 Mary, with much love to
 you all.
 Yours devotedly
 Arthur.

To D. C. Cunningham
 P. O. Box, Albany

June 4th 1906

It is 11 o'clock & I am at last
 started to write. My letter, but my hand is very
 shaky from stirring a round so fast over since
 before even rice, when I went to the store to hunt
 up John to feed Reuben's horse, but not a cart
 was to be seen any where, I seemed to be the
 only person up, when the work came later, I
 made the kitchen fire while she went for John
 & brought him up, then I had a hunt for cut
 keys & they were rather hard carried off, then another
 look around for oats & wheat bran for the horse,
 hurried up breakfast for Reuben to get off, fixing
 a lunch for him to take with him to Mattituck
 then some house cleaning, chicken feeding, taking up
 butter &c. When your father came in I had to help
 him get off some medicine in the mail, write
 directions, while he filled capsules, then he "had
 not eaten much breakfast" & I had to get him
 some milk & butter cakes before he started out.

again as you don't wonder at my being shaky & gone. I hope I have not tired you with the details of my morning's work.

Yesterday Reuben was to spend the day, expecting to go to Winstetoe last night, but your Father was sent for before he left, & I asked him to spend the night as I thought your Father would be detained & sure enough he was, stayed all night. I was so glad to have Reuben would have been entirely alone if he had not stayed with me. Sister Sally sent for medicine for ^{Wednesday evening} Mr. Thomas, as I had to send the boy to Mr. Beachley's where your Father was. This morning the first Calophorut the medicine had a fine effect & your Father need not go up, in an hour another surgeon came that he must come up at once as that is where he has gone. The road is so very rough that I would not go with him in the cart. Sister Sally said in her note yesterday evening that Uncle John was not doing at all well, Dr. Carson had been down to see him. Henry & his two children have returned & Rose & her two are at home, they have been to look to beds in the parlor to answer

but the ^{Dr's} cattle feet are due to that. He may go tomorrow if he is not too much worn out, he looked right tired when he left, was up half the night & the rest of the time slept in his clothes.

He is getting hot now, sweating today, we may have a rain this evening. I hope your rainy days are over & that Marie & Maria Louise can enjoy their walks, she must be a pretty strong little girl to walk so far. Tell her I think her dolly must look fine in a new coat that I wish I could see her & the dolly too.

I am afraid you will never see the little dress, it was sent back to our office again last Monday, no one could tell why, that is the 3rd time it has come back, Mr. Davies wrote to the P. M. in No 9, and to return it again, he was tired of it. If it ever reaches you I fear it will be terribly crushed & perhaps rubbed, no more paper was put around it because of the stamps. I am afraid the dress will be too large, if to put it by water the girls to it.

Henry cont. saw two fine frocks of himself, said I could keep one, & send the other to my one I chose. I wonder if you would it like to have it that I

of the pictures less the sweet little curls, Henry
calls it "Henry's hair" I like that one best but
the other is very good. As Wm. wrote, write &
must ask him for a photo, maybe he will say
he can't have one taken & I will have that much
from him. April 16th is the latest news I have
had, that a card. Henry writes of being very busy,
lately a great many accident cases as well as others.
My old friend Mrs. Browder is about the same, still
confined to her bed, Lohmeyer came down to prescribe
for her, says she has atherma of the heart. I do not
know whether he thinks she will recover or just linger
along until too weak to stand those attacks of absence
of breath. I go over very often to see her, she always seems
so glad to see me, they do not allow her to see the
nurses generally, much talking tires her. They have
trained nurses now.

Dinner, a lovely & very early one is now, the cook asks
to leave it early that she may "rest" this afternoon. I
did not like the case but was afraid if I refused to
let her go she would go for good, we are so entirely
in their power! every one is begging for extra labor & they
are polite enough to give up a regular job for a week or

To Mrs. D.
Bong, Germany

P.M. Columbia, Mo.
June 4, 1906

SUNNY CREST.

My Dear Mrs. Duggar:

You have certainly
had a pleasant year
and we have enjoyed
your letters so much.

You seem to have been
so fortunate - in meeting
friends and being in
interesting places.

But we will be so
glad to have you in
Columbia again, and X

Know you will enjoy being
in your dear little
house.

Commencement is here
and Columbia is full of
visitors - This week
is very full of social
events too -

Eldridge has gone every
day - but he has not
been very well for several
days - The result of his
many strain visits I think.
I was quite anxious
to see if Major Loring

has grown as much as Cedric
and is much larger.

Mrs Frohman left, with her
children, Monday, for her
home in Canada - She thinks
it quite probable that she
will not return before December.

Mrs Curtis has gone to Cornwall
Dr Curtis will stay in Cornwall
all summer, and look after
the new house they are

building -

Prof V. Jones' house is almost
completed, and is quite pretty.

I am sending you in this
letter \$55. which will I think
cover passage & expenses for the
German girl - I am afraid
arranging for her is going to
give you some trouble, and I
don't know how I can ever
thank you enough.

We are planning to have next

P. S.

June 4, 1956

Shall I address
the letter to Montreal
or Quebec with
directions about sending
the girl to Columbia
or Eppworth? My
address will be
Eppworth Mich.

If I have not
enough money
I will be glad to
ask more, or give
it to Dr. Dwyer

When in Returns -
H. N. W.

When you land, and
will tell you whether
to have the girl come
direct to Columbia or
to Exmouth.

If you find it ^{much}
harder to get a middle
aged middle class
woman, don't try to
do so - I am sure
any friend of your
Reginas would answer.
And you can tell better
there than I can at
this distance -

June 4, 1906

work for Eprworth
Mills. for the summer
and it may be that
I will plan to leave
the girl come right
then from Furber, ^{and}
come on down with
me in Sept.

I may want to come
home earlier however
and I will write
to you at Furber
can strain Kensington
Dominion line so
you will get it

June 4, 1856

Mrs. Jess has not been
at all well since she
came home - She
looked so well the first
week, but since then
she has been in bed
about half of the time -
She is certainly a
beautiful character, and
I don't wonder that
you were glad to know
her more intimately -
Dr. Jess is looking
fine, and every
body seems so delighted

W- have him back.

There is a circus
in Columbia today - so
you can imagine that
there is excitement among
the children -

Edwin sends a kiss
to Maria Loring - and
I feel sure he is going
to be her first caller
when she returns -

With much love and
many good wishes for a
safe, pleasant voyage

Yours sincerely Your friend
Columbia
7-11-2 - F. H. Williams

To Mrs.
Robertson
Buffalo

P.M. 1906

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

VEGETABLE PATHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIO-
LOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS.
MUSHROOM INVESTIGATIONS.

64 König Strasse
Braun am Rhein, June 5th.
Columbia, Mo.,

My dearest precious Anne

This is a beautiful, warm day and we are all enjoying it after our make of gloomy rainy weather. Yesterday Ben and I went out the street-car to Cologne where we spent the day and bought this lovely weather back with us. The Cathedral at Cologne is wonderfully beautiful and it was a great treat to see it and to have plenty of time in which to sit and enjoy it. There are several other churches there which are interesting art-historically but none that begin to compare of course with the "Dom". The Church of St Ursula contains the tomb of that princess (a lovely work in alabaster) who is said to have been killed with her 11,000 virgin upon their arrival in Cologne after returning from their pilgrimage. The old Rathaus and the "Bursche" or nobles' dance-house are also interesting buildings and the Museum has some fine old Flemish paintings among them the Lyonsdale Passion and Meister Stephan Lochner's Madonna in an arbour of roses, a very interesting Alphabet Diner a good many Italian and Netherlandish

works and among the modern works the Queen
Louise that one sees so often reproduced. One
can't realize even in faintest degree the charm and
beauty of this portrait. The dress of fine tissue with
its gold embroidery and mantle of dark blue
velvet are marvellously done.

The stores in Cologne were a great disappointment
to me. I had supposed in such a large commercial city they
would be very fine, but the truth is that most of the
business there is wholesale & the retail shops are very
ordinary.

I have been longing to hear from you both, but
no letter has come. Where the one dear Daddy wrote
on May 7th. I do hope that you are both well and
happy and that it is only that you are having
too much gaiety and fun that you haven't
written to reassure your little worried daughter.

Sunday we were invited to dinner by Prof.
Straussburger. He has a magnificent apartment in
the Pöppelsdorfer Schloss part of which is now also
used as the Botanical Institute. The rooms are
tremendous and the Prof. has beautiful
things with which to fill them. His wife is not
living, but his mother, a very old lady, lives with
him and his children and grandchildren
come often to visit him. Sunday besides ourselves
the Assistant Prof. of Botany and a Belgian
Mademoiselle were invited and we had a delightful
dinner and very pleasant time. Prof. Straussburger
is a very famous botanist and it is very nice that
he is so cordial and pleasant to us. Yesterday I bought

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Columbia, Mo.,

five portraits of famous pictures in the Dresden
gallery for Daddy. They are - (1) Van Dyke Children
of Charles I. (2) Van Dyke Chas I (3) Giorgione's
Unus. (4) Rembrandt's Saskia in a red dress.
(5) Holbein's Madonna of the merge family.

They are in color & gold edged. I thought
The Sistine Madonna, Corregio's Holy Night, and
Luca Penni's Ecce Homo are so common that he
perhaps has them already.

If there are other special ones that Daddy would
like I could perhaps find them for him (if not
in color at least in the cheaper colored series. I paid
5 cents apiece for the above.

Bess asks you please not to forget to keep
my letters for him. He says as we have kept no
diary on here he wants very much to have them
& keep tally on where we have been and what
we have seen.

Marie Louise is so happy & is able to take
long walks again. This afternoon she has gone with
Regina to the Botanical Garden to see
the swans. She sends you most kindest

and was undecided as to whether it would
be wiser to go on this long day or to stay home &
write a letter to her. Edward papa and Grandmother!

We are trying to get a German girl for Mrs
Walter Williams in Columbia & have advertised in
the paper. So far two letters have come from Cologne
from girls wanting to go which is quite hopeful
as we only put the advertisement in last night.

I am longing to hear of your plans for the
summer. Where shall we see you. Coming by
Montreal we can go either to Durham or Buff. I
Alice hasn't invited me in spite of several hints
that I'm going her, but if she is home I think
she would not mind having me there a day or
two.

Mrs Moore won't be in Mrs. Gell this summer.
I heard from her yesterday. They have a beautiful
home in Westchester Pennsylvania and two nice white
servants & she is crazy for me & made her a visit.
She expects the stock to bring forward a little better in
September. I should like to visit her, but of course
it is out of the question. I want to see my own
relatives first.

Ben gives me in much love & you, sweet
darling, and Miss my precious Daddy for me
many many times. Marie Louise sends you
with many sweet kisses. With all my heart I am
yours devoted
Marie.

Provincetown Mass.

Hale Co. June 12th 1906.

Dear Ben: -

I am about the only one that isn't "hors de combat" at this time - for Reuben has been with us a week & came up sick from the lower regions - Lawrenceville Creek (St Harris Place). He was able to ride up to "Mistletoe Park" & returned late yesterday evening. Mr & Mrs Harris sent word they would dine with us Sunday, and notwithstanding your Mother had been sick, worn out, I think waiting on Reuben night & day - yet she would put on an extra atir to fix for them; I should have given them a mere cold lunch & permitted them to be thankful for that much - None of the family went to church & of course they should have known that there was some special reason for it. However they ate a good dinner & praised it at each second helping. Mr L says I must thank Marie for her nice letter & says when she is better she will take pleasure in answering it.

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We had a letter from Leveley & one from
 Fannie - both interesting. Leveley, favored
 us with a half-height picture of him-
 self - or rather a pair of them - one
 very serious looking & the other in a
 smiling position. The serious one is
 better looking, as you know it must
 be - a smiling picture never engages
 one's attention - admiration - I should
 say. -

I was to be in Dearborn today at-
 tending the last Hale Co Med meeting for
 the summer, but I saw it made your
 mother sicker, for one - even to mention
 leaving home which she & Reuben were
 complaining -. Recently I have had
 occasion to try & save a baby (^{6 or} 7 months)
 by an incubation process - & constant special
 feeding.

Mr Rich J Harris has been quite
 sick - but I was to see him only once.
 By the way I must tell you that I
 believe Lucy Melville has a "Steady".
 He flourishes under the name of Batsley,
 & is quite convenient - clerking at the
 Gashe store. You are aware I suppose

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that so much Dick thinks 'tis awful
 to sit up after 9 o'clock at night;
 one night the gentleman was there &
 some time after all had retired - as
 it were - he woke up about 11 o'clock
 & seeing a light in the Hall, he jumped
 up & opened his door & said to himself
 "I thought I had put out that light
 once" - Of course Lucy & the young
 man had all measured time, and
 Mr Harris had not time to think about
 the reality - Another time - Mr B
 had called on Sunday Evening and
 when he knocked at the door again on
 Wednesday ^{night} - It surprised the old
 gentleman & he quickly exclaimed
 "Who ~~ooo~~ is-s-s. That - ?
 & told Lucy - why - he was just
 here on last Sunday -
 The old fellow has forgotten how
 often & how late he used to sit
 up when he was somewhat a
 younger man. = This is an ex-
 perience I presume every man
 has to undergo who raised daughters.
 (This you know is in place of Mr Mother's reg. letter)

21) ⁴ ~~your mother~~ ^{June 17/1906}
I just thought you would like to know
We can't say that your uncle John is
any better - he returned this time
from "Stafford Springs" in ten days,
feeling worse than when he left
home & Bessie wrote that the Sprgs
Doctor told him - he believed he could
rest better at home, poor fellow
he has made a strong pull for
life & showed his pluck & energy,
and Bessie holds on to the belief that
he is always improved away from
home.

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Very spotted & backward; Corn crop
is poor & the soil very hard & dry.
Johnson grass ready for ~~re~~over. —

The dress was
returned three
times - but I
moved it OK

Q8 Cotton is about 18 inches - down to 6.

Monday June 18th 1906

My dear Son

I am not feeling "in tune" for a good letter this morning, but as I know not what "a day or an hour may bring forth" I must use this time. The weather is very debilitating to one already weak, & the announcement that the cook intends leaving does not brighten matters, she was hired for the year, (verbal contract) but is "tired staying here & must go," she may cook until the end of this week, or she may not return to get dinner, has been trying her best to make me send her off but I stood a great deal rather than do it, so she goes anyway. I have not an idea where we can get any

sort of a help; or what arrangements we
can make to live. I am better than I was
last week, but regain my strength very slowly.
Reuben came down Saturday morning leaving
dread two shillings after he went home. We gave
him guineas yesterday & kept off the shill,
I think he had better stay with us until after
the 7th day, they seem to return at that time.
We had a pleasant little visit from Fred, he
came at 1 o'clock Thursday, left next morning.
He seemed well & so contented; not worrying
about anything altho they have no servant
except a man who milks & feeds the horses
twice a day. The whole family take their
meals at the hotel, it is built up, pile in, &
draw down three times a day. I very much

feel the children are not much fixed up for
the trip, have an idea what a "better shelter"
business it is, but they are all as happy as larks.
Fred does not expect to leave home this
summer I think. He said he wanted to visit
you & took your address. They decided they could
not visit us until later in the summer, but
if I can get a cook of course they will not
come at all. They want us to go up in July
even if they are still boarding at the hotel, but
I would not think of such a thing. He now
pays 75.00 for board a month.

I was so glad to have your letter of June 3rd, wish
you could send us some of that cool weather.
I think you would hardly like to exchange with
us. I am very sorry to hear Ben Reed will
leave you, we will imagine the inconveniences
of a change. No, I think it must have been here

for you to deliver and address in German, although
you must be quite familiar with the spoken
language. I would like to have heard you. And
as you danced in a palace! I suppose, besides staying
with Regina that day or night afterwards it
was, like the dear little girl many times for me,
I want to see her so much. Mrs & Mrs John
Dampfath came home with mine from Mrs
Hask's wedding. Now Father called this
morning. I was too weak to walk now, Willie Brown
said he thought they would be innumerable &
come over here this evening, as usual. I have been
gathering up papers & getting them out of the way,
must "dress up" & be ready to receive them.
Our neighborhood is full of visiting girls, all going to
a dance in Dampfath's tonight. I never see them
near the road, which they keep lively in
the evenings. Aunt John is doing better now than
he was last week, had a bad spell then. The
Baptists begin a protracted meeting now, children will

I have returned to the
 13th of June, I must put on
 my best Yankee truck
 and visit the (Princes) & all
 this evening. No. 13
 at 11 o'clock, straight
 off at times, the
 cows are with silences
 from 2 to 3, you better
 say. The two are out
 now. This is a truly
 home letter & absolutely
 written from the heart. I
 mean to say, please
 my heart & let's get a letter
 large & one to former
 with. I would love to give
 all your dearest letters.

Your letter yesterday was most
 acceptable, it made a quick trip, 11 days. I
 am glad you are having nice weather & that
 Louise enjoys such pleasant walks. I wonder
 if she won't miss them when she gets back
 to Columbia on that sunny lot. It is not
 quite 10 o'clock & yet it is very warm out
 of the breeze, but right now as warm I
 would not go to sleep for the longest, ~~now~~
 the breeze was at on one side of the house & a
 Honeysuckle (I ask that is the way to spell it)
 struck his bell into me making me itch all
 over that too kept me awake.
 I wish it were possible for us to import a

German girl too, but we will have to wait
for that until there are others of the same
sort around. I think I wrote you my work
left about 18 days ago, your father went out
looking for me, she quietly promised to come but
was so long about it, I had given her up.

Yesterday evening after service I walked down to
Bettings to see if I could get her to cook dinner
tomorrow while talking to her your father
sent her word to come home, a woman was
waiting to see me, it proved to be the one he
had spoken to she is wanted to try it awhile
& see how she would like it. I don't think
she will stay she is a "high flier" - afraid
to sleep on the deck, & a cot is too narrow &
she is saying she will "feel quite good" if she stays
and a cot sleep well last night "if she stays"

work it will not see some, but she is no
cook. I do wish I could keep her long enough to
make that visit to Dewey he wants me to go
down the last of next month. His girl tells
me her husband has had more shells, his wagon
came to Bristol for hay, she is from
Minnetonka. I think he might have let his
woman have a message as he passed, I begged
him to let me hear from him.

Dewey Kings is spending a week with sister
Sally, they are coming down tomorrow to spend
the day with us. One Harris & Lucy have
gone to Livingston, sister I - thought him too
weak to go alone, One John Harris was telling
me yesterday how badly he looked when he left.
Oh my! the old people are getting so fast, and
they will all be gone! What John is doing pretty
well now I hear, we must try to go to see him
but I expect the work would say, I am afraid to

stay here while you are gone.

Friday we went in town to sign the deed to the Petersburg house, I cooked breakfast, carried your Father out of bed to feed early, & we actually were off a few minutes after 7, but he made up for it in town, I could not get him away until 12 o'clock, then the sun was scorching hot & it was a slow drive home. Now, it occurs to me that I better tell you, the share for Louisa was sent to Paris, care American Exp. Co. If they have not your present address you might send it & get the package, but it must be terribly misused. The baptists are to have a protracted meeting next month, Wallace Collins is to preach the opening services. I think I must go out of some company, he & his Mother were at our church yesterday evening. Sam Father had a case over the creek a few evenings ago he proposed to leave in at New Canaan, on the way over, & take our up on the return, & I saw the wonderfully small boy.

that really are going
 to be with. We have
 new grass under them
 and they grow some
 good. The flowers
 look a heart full of
 love that you all in
 the family will
 give me. I shall not write
 June, Alice.
 I like legs. I don't know
 to come in contact with
 legs. I like it. I like that
 my visit in Buffalo. She is the
 dear old Theda tomorrow
 morning & after visiting Dr.
 Mrs. Bancroft for four or five
 days. I am going to spend a few
 days with Maude & then I
 go to Buffalo for a short visit
 to our precious parents. Agnes
 expects to meet me in Buffalo

+ came home with-me as I
am hoping our three girls
can be together again. Louisa
is to keep house while I am
away. She goes back to Abbot-
Academy next fall for her last
year and will graduate.

The children are all at-home
& we have some busy times.

Was glad to get your dear
letter & loving wishes. It did my
heart-good but really would like
to forget my birthday soon passing
so fast. Mary made me a beautiful
cake & she put sixteen candles
on it - for me but even then
could not forget to add the twenty
years in to the sixteen.

My mother died in my birth.

Her old man, his death is much a pity
to himself & his family. Mrs. Miller
is going to Buffalo with her son for a
month & after the change will do her
a world of good.

When we were 9 the tale of your
sister's death - I can't see it come to me
for just as long a time as you saw
those, I am sure & I should not let it
be so far from me as to be forgotten next
month.

With best love to mother & sister - I am
all & I am not yet. I am so glad to hear of the
success of your travel. I am not well yet.

PM. 1906
Boeing Steamer
Bordeaux and Rhine
June 26th.

My darling Mamma,

It has been long
since I have written you, but I have
been so busy and the mother has
been so traveling and this makes so that
that I have lost the "glance". I have
made with Regina's help two little
dark blue serge dresses & blue serge
blouses for Louise & now on the boat
a set of lace collar & cuffs, two girdles
and a few other little things getting
ready for our homeward trip. There

to Edinburgh. Now I wish it had been possible
for you & dear Daddy to make the trip
with us.

We have been so much interested in hypnosis
lately so there are several people in the house
that are here under the treatment of a famous
hypnotist here by the name of Herr Engel.
A pastor who was here was a "soul friend"
of Herr Engel & when I asked him in
the course of a dinner conversation if he
had read Trinity books, he said yes he had
read the German translations of all of them
& if I had read Trinity then I would know
Herr Engel as these thoughts were practically
the same. Herr Engel however had found
the "technique" & was able really to heal.

I have been twice to his office & seen his
hypnotism & it is really quite wonderful
how much he is able to do for all nervous
diseases. He has a great number of patients
ranging from people suffering from insomnia,
nervous prostration & paralysis, cripples & even
epileptics. I have wondered by the way if he
able to help dear Aunt Lucia. I saw one
elderly m. to do gentleman that who had
fallen from a car a year ago & who
since that time hadn't been able to use
his arm. It hung limp & he couldn't raise
it at all. His son persuaded him to come
to Engel who hypnotized him & while he
slept told him to raise his arm. He raised
it a little & Herr Engel told him "Higher
higher" & he raised it up as high as

too, my time has been broken up
by having to go to try on a new
suit (black) which I am having
made here. I had my doubts about
having it made in Germany, but
I think it is really going to fit
very well. Each day at eleven o'clock
I go to Prof. Sparburg's lectures
at eleven o'clock and enjoy them
very much, but of course not early in
the morning.

I can't realize how the time has
gone. I feel as if on haven't much
left here especially when on talk of
having to send some trunk off the
first of next week. We won't leave Bonn
until about the tenth of July and then
go to London for a few days & am

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he could raise the other arm.
Since then he has practiced raising
it every day and now has complete
control of one fit. I will tell you all
the wonderful things that I have
seen when I get back. Frank Engel
a very sweet little lady who has been
here in the pension six weeks under
Frank Engel's treatment wasn't able to
walk for seven years. Sunday night
we were called into her room
& Frank Engel made her walk up
& down the room several times
only with his fingers on her shoulders.
She hadn't been able to raise her
feet, but that night she raised
them as high as we do in walking.
The next day however she was none
better & she hasn't been able to do as well
since, but I am hoping that as soon

on the Rhine where they had gone to have
a month & have specified songs commemorated
their greatest hero. The Bells left Saturday
for Italy where they will spend a month
& then come back through Switzerland
& Holland & sail for home the 15th of
August.

We have run to the Bethorn house
too, since I last wrote. The room in which
The great composer was born is a little tiny
chamber & the whole house quaint & interesting.
We saw his organ & piano, his leaning back
manuscript music etc etc & the ^{museum} gallery is
especially rich in portraits of him from his
young days up to the time of his death.

Tomorrow we are planning to go on
an excursion into one of the beautiful
valleys near here. It will be an all day
trip & I do hope we will have lovely weather.

To-day Ben has to give a Vortrag
in German before Prof Strasburg's
Seminar. He has been working on his
paper these last few days & wishing that
he had been writing German all his
life!

I am so glad there is coming
to be once more in dear old America Bay
to see you & dear Daddy & am thinking
of you constantly. Do write your next letter to
reach us by July 18th or 19th. Steamship Kensington
of Dominion Line
Liverpool England

and then another to Quebec Canada

as she gets her strength back she
will be entirely cured.

Last night we went to the Theatre
to see "Hanneke in Paris" a play
really burlesque given in plat-
deutsch. It belongs to the real Rhine-
land & formerly used to be played with
dolls but now with real people. It
was very amusing although I course
we couldn't begin to understand all
that was said.

Dr. Bell's sister came last week
and while she was here they came
one night to supper with us
& the next night we went to their
parlor & drank Rhine wine & ate
cakes with them. Then at eleven
o'clock we saw the fackel-gang
or torch-light procession of the students
returning from the Bismarck statue

are hundred and it is so good to see friends
again. Several American "wives" are here
among them Mrs Arthur and Mrs Barnes.
We have going to move to the Pension where
they are this morning. It will be so much
pleasanter to have some place to go about with
while Ben is at these embarking meetings!
They really take up all the day and the poor
men who leave right after the Congress is
over will have seen nothing of Vienna. We
"wives" are very well taken care of by the
Ladies Committee which provides us amusement
for every minute of the night and day!
Every thing here is Dutch treat. Sunday night
the men opened their eyes at the opening
reception, which they supposed was to be
a big thing and very formal, where they found
themselves (the only ones besides the waiters) in
dress suits at a big restaurant where everyone
sat around and smoked and ate or drank
what their individual pocket-books could afford.
Monday morning at the opening address

Now that I have a chance
for a little chat, I must tell
you first of all how much
we appreciated seeing you in
your own pretty home in
Washington and how much
the visit meant to me.
That darling, happy baby.
I wonder what she is doing
now, and whether you are
enjoying Indian folk and
where Dr. Moore is now.
We are with you now here
with us. It is quite a large
meeting - between Jim and

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they went in their grey
suits and joined the Germans
in full dress!!

Monday afternoon there was
a very pleasant excursion to
the Kahlen and Leopoldo Beige,
and although the air was
rather chilly we quite enjoyed
it. It was half past ten when
we started down the Berg and
of course half past eleven
before we were asleep in
our little beds.

Mrs. Robinson is here but
I haven't seen her at any of
the festive occasions except last
night & then didn't meet
her. Mrs. Brittain Mrs. Brown

the fair. After the Opera we went to the
Rathhaus Keller and there we had our
dinner. How little family life these Vienna
have! They tell me they never see their
homes after twelve in the morning and
they never think of getting back before one
or two in the morning.

Because of the death of the Emperor's
nephew the reception to the Bolshoi's was
up and so they too were prevented with
tickets to the Opera. The reception given by the
Burgomaster, too, has been postponed. I am
so sorry for I brought my only evening dress
to make on that one occasion. and doubt
when there will be another opportunity to
wear it while we are abroad. It is said that
the most beautiful affairs are that the
many relatives of the Vienna women are
exquisite. so you see what we are missing.
Yesterday we went out to Schönbrunn in the
afternoon and there saw the Emperor who

and the two Misses Rumbold
are also here and I believe
these are all of the Americans.

Tuesday was a very full day.
In the morning the ladies
were invited to drive over the
city and in the afternoon
to a "Gaiety" in the Stadtspark
"Gaiety" sounds so much more
rollicking than it really is,
doesn't it! We had chocolate,
coffee, or tea rolls, cake
and ice-cream. The Emperor
was to have named the gentlemen
that evening and as a sort of
"sop" to us we were ^{given} tickets
to the Opera or the Theatre
and went directly there from

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was there by special invitation to see the Botanical exhibit. Can't be wonderfully erect and well preserved!

In the morning there was a solemn unrolling of two statues in the University and ^(how did they) last night a concert in Restaurant No 3 in the Prater. After the program was completed (at five minutes of tumbler) chairs + table were moved off and the floor cleared for dancing. We were asked up onto Franz Juchacz's box, but we were too nearly dead to stay.

This morning there was a trip to the Museum but I didn't go. Took my breakfast in bed instead and saw something

Berdafeith and I shall remain with Louise.

We will be in Munich the rest of the summer. Berlin was lovely. We were there at the time of the marriage and the decorations were beautiful. Of course there were crowds of strangers there at that time but we didn't find it at all inconvenient. I was perfectly delighted with the picture gallery at Dresden and it is beautifully situated, but didn't it strike you as terribly little and rather insignificant after Berlin? While I was sitting in the gallery looking at the Sistine Madonna, one of our dear American girls came in with a young man. She looked at it with her head on one side a second and then she said in a high voice "That's pretty good, don't you think?" evidently the young man didn't think for she said "Well, it's said to be a fine picture painted by a painter named Raphael, but I don't think her mouth looks quite natural."

If I go on at this rate I will have nothing to tell you when I come back and I must close and make little Annie Louise up. What fun it would be if you were only here! Kiss the Darling Baby for me & for Louise & for your dear pretty self. ^{Keep a great deal of love from Marie.}

of Louise for the first time
this week! I have a very nice little
nurse girl, little in stature, who
comes every day and stays as late
at night as I want. Mrs. Louise
has really been like a different
child ever since she got really
rested again after leaving ^{Germany}.
She is just as good as gold and
eats and sleeps well.

The rest of the week is filled
to the brim and I know I shall
be glad to go about by myself
a little and have a rest
from being at any certain place
by any certain time. I am
tired of the Hungarian
trip. I don't believe the game
is worth the candle. Ben
may go on at least as far as