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March 31st, Dresden.

Dearest Papa;

Mama's letter of the 17th came a day earlier than yours, and I was glad to see from it, that mine of the 5th had reached you all the day you expected it.

This may not be as long as I would like to make it, and has been delayed by the fact that I had one of my nice old headaches-poor Rudi came home late from the Opera, only to have to have to hold my head until about 2 G.M.! But I am alright again, and glad to be free of the pain.

You spoke of Mr Battle returning to his post-had he been ill? I never did receive the note of thanks from him of which you spoke, but only the card.

One thing in your last I did not at all understand: you spoke of my prejudice about observing American festivals, and I cannot imagine where you got such an idea, for I have been to every gathering, even when I didn't think we could afford it (as at Thanksgiving in the Continental), just because I thought you all would like it, and the colony here would appreciate it. On Washington's Birthday I did not want to go (though I did), as it was an old-ladies'-party, and so badly attended always, and that week was not any more than usual-they simply called it a "Washington meeting". None of the Consulate were there, or any of those who might have saved the day a little. I haven't any prejudice about observing feasts American-in fact I observe so many things American, I am afraid my German friends will some day take it amiss. Please explain where you got such a ^{have} false idea of my attitude? Here there is absolutely no war feeling, and the lion and the lamb lie down beautifully together. I am really grieved that you could have suspected me of being such a goose!

Well, so Tobin has changed again! I wonder what this will turn out to be??

That was indeed too dreadful about Dr Cleckley, and I feel deeply for and with his devoted family. Don't fail to give Hervey our address when he decides to come over, and tell him to come via Bremen, and look us up- I should love to know him, for I liked all Gould and the others told me about him. I hope he can help pull Colden out of the mire.

We are just too tickled that there is some chance of our cousins, Martha and Dora Elizabeth coming over. Please don't let them give up the idea and we will try to give them the best idea of Dresden which the season and our care can secure. Did you ever receive the letter I sent Martha, which had first been returned to me? You never mentioned it. Did Aunt Dessie come out to see you all? Where is Battow?

The registered letter hasn't come, but I shall sign the paper and return it at once. I wish you could get ~~what~~ your trouble and devotion in the matter deserve.

Please tell Mr Phintzy how I rejoiced to hear of his successful first operation. I shall be thinking of him in three more weeks. As for Maude I shall write her next, but I just don't seem to be able to catch up.

Rudi says can't Cousin Pressly Craig get him a job which would make his coming over worth while and sure for some time to come? We were interested in the paper account, and also received the other N.Y. Times.

I am just so grateful for the Easter gift, and shall spend it on a bonnet, as I think that would be what you would want me to buy. I shall tell you all about it later.

Your new form of address sounds too sweet, and I like it very much. You speak of my letters of Feb 20th and March 5th, but I wrote you a long one Feb. 26th—was that not received? That would be too bad. Indeed it that did not reach you, you must have felt that "several" of yours had remained unanswered. I am to-day answering, not only your last, but those of March 2nd and 6th, which had never received my full attention.

I trust you got my Easter greetings, with the pictures?

I will be very good and spare my good clothes and Rudi's cello, when we have to go to a party in the rain in future. But with one change the car took us near the house on the Burgerwise 20. I should not have worried you with these details! But you say you like all the little pieces of news too!

It made me unhappy to think your heart had again been worrying you, and I wish you would try the cold compresses which help Rudi so much, and the exercises which Riebold recommended to him. Do be more careful with your diet, for that is back of it all, I believe. And do have Uncle George look you over again. Be sure and tell him how much I appreciated his note, and trust he will like our photo.

Eckardt has received no new orders yet, but was delighted to hear

some were in prospect. His wife is up again, but he looks ill.

What did poor Cousin G. decide to do, and how is her arm?

This week, of course, I am going nowhere and doing nothing, except going to Church—that is, he is having Services to-morrow and Friday. Friday Rudi has *Parzival*, and again Easter day, beginning at 5 P.M.

Since last writing, I spent one evening with the Hallas, or rather with her, as he was in Vienna, and Rudi fetched me after the Opera. One day Agnes had lunch and Frl von Winterfeldt another day; and Sat. Armbruster had supper, which he seemed to thoroughly enjoy. He says if you ever get to N.Y. either of you, be sure and let him know, for he would love to tell you all he thinks of us. He sails next week, as here he hasn't enough pupils now, to make the mare go. He is so broken-hearted at having to leave, for he has lived here 25 years or more, and loves every inch of the place. He couldn't get his passport in order in time, so is going as emigrant, think of it! He wanted to go now, because an old lady friend of his is dying, and he wants to see her once more—she has been ill a long time, and keeps hoping to see him again. He is one of the nicest men I have met in a long time—I know you would like him. We served cream of green peas, lamb chops with salad, and cauliflower and pommes de terre; and lastly a delicious rice pudding. Later he had oranges before leaving, so I think he was more than satisfied.

Don't worry, I never see an olive! And I haven't seen a can!!

By the way, please ask Mama if there were only 15 of the blue plates which she bought in Sevres intended for the German Officer—I mean did she give me more than 15 to bring? It seems such an odd number, but on counting them, I find only that many. I should like to know.

I called on old Wehsener, and he was so pleased to see me—says he will look up the bill for the Vatican set, but it would help him if he knew when it was bought—does Mama remember? In that way I could get it in free.

There are a thousand other things to say, but I must stop for my head is still a bit weak, and must not be overworked.

A world of love from your little girl, who still likes to be petted, even if she isn't as small as she once was, or as the little ones you speak to on the streets.

Rudi is having another stege with the dentist—he pulled his

wisdom tooth yesterday-it was absolutely rotten, through and through, and I can't imagine why Brewer did not do the same thing last summer. The last few days have been like spring- I could hardly stand my winter suit, which, up to now, has always been too cool!

Please look up the missing letter of Feb 26th.

Again much love, and do write whenever you can, even if only a sheet - I would write everyday if I followed my heart, but I have to try and give the others some sign of life, and I can't use my eyes too much.

Thanks a thousand times for thinking of our Easter- I hope yours will be blessed and joyful. This card's message is for you both on that day, even though it now must get there too late.

Devotedly always,

Mary WHITE

P.S. The card was too big to enclose, so I am just sending the sentiment.

See how beautifullu the machine writes now! I had it cleaned and then put in your lovely new ribbon-many thanks once more.

3 P.M.

The paper has just come and I signed it at once.

And as for the check, it was entirely too much, though I am so tickled that in this way both of us can have an Easter present from you all, as Rudi first wanted me to spent it all on myself, which I just could not do. Now we feel so rich and shall go shopping to-morrow.

This afternoon he is expecting his boxes, which have been stored all this time at Frau Paul's, since arriving from Lankwitz.

After Easter I am going to have the Consulate crowd around together, as they are always engaged weeks in advance. I shall be proud to show Anna's pretty plates, which will add a lot to the looks of the table.