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Viola, 1. Ross from
Virginia, June 21st 189

Dear Mr,

We are enjoying the country
most in the mountains as
much as the scenery is beauti-
ful and the air delicious,
and Fred can go from here
every morning to his office.
We are looking forward with
the greatest possible pleasure
to seeing you and Mr. Palmer
with the boys, who have telegraphed
that they will be here next

Wednesday evening. - We are
going to meet them in Vienna,
and show them the little there
is to be seen, during this season
of the year here, and then
bring them out to "Back Hill"
where we are now. I suppose
they will find the country
unbearably stupid after
Paris, but perhaps it may do
them good to have a rest as
they have been so far and so
long. I was quite anxious

for them to come before the 15th of June, as
then they might have seen a really interesting
and beautiful exhibition of fine jewels and
work in gold and silver, which had been
loaned by the highest families, tickets being
sold for the benefit of the poor of Vienna. It was
worth seeing as even if one is here for years
it would be impossible to see all these beautiful
things which were collected together for that
exhibition. Then next of all, I wanted them

to see the great procession for Corpus Christi
in which the Crown Unites with the Church;
the Cardinal with all the Signatories of the
Church, and the Emperor with the Arch-
Bishop, his Court and his Army take part.
All the Court returned to Vienna for this great
religious Ceremony yesterday, and the Costumes
and Uniforms of the Emperor with his Court
and Generals, who followed the Cardinal
with the Priest in in this manner robes

^{Marcellino}
St. Basil has a sight, - one that
can be seldom seen or equaled
All the Armenians, both
Sark and their missions are
particularly brilliant. He dis-
serve his rather small sal-
ary, straight and command-
ing, in magnificent armor,
and surrounded as he
walked, hat in hand, pre-
ceded by the Cardinal and
followed by the Arch-bishop
all of whom are either his
nephews or nephews of his immedi-

de-faculty - It is on this Corps
Christi Procession that the Em-
peror with his Court and Army
in their most gorgeous Costumes
Walk behind the Cardinal
and those who represent the
Church, thus showing the respect
they feel for their Religion.

The poor Emperor is said
not to be at all well and conse-
quently did not return to the
City for these services. Otherwise
he surrounded with the
Arch-Bishops in the most

Beautiful forms they could have worn
would have marked him as the Emperor
and his suite to the Church - After these
services at the Church we saw them return
home in their Court carriages which was
quite interesting, as the display and magnificence
quite surpassed all the fairy tales of our
youth - The Drivers, outriders, Coachman's seat
and the humble Perry covered with gold
lace, the Carriages elaborately trimmed with blue

inside, and gird bands outside. The Emperor
had 8 white horses with most elaborate
trappings, and many of the Arch-Dukes had
6 horses - We had most agreeable winds
set aside for us to enjoy the great off air, and
you may imagine our children looked to
their hearts content and to their great subse-
quent fatigue - It was really very thrilling. When
the Cardinal and Emperor came by the
soldiers who were standing in lines on each side

9th
Kneelt in the street and re-
mained in that position un-
til certain devotion's were per-
formed by the Cardinal.

The latter had a tremendous
Canopy of red and gold lace
carried over him, priests on
each side, and boys in beauti-
ful robes walking in front
of him waving little silver
vans containing incense with
which they filled the air, they
were the same walking back.

Wants as to face the Cardi-
nal - It is supposed of course
that in thus showing his
devotion to his Religion and
the Church, that the Emperor
humiliates himself very
much in thus working in
the street head uncovered
as other mortals would do.

All this would have interested
his 'boys' immensely I think.

The girl I have was with
Mother Loren that year she
came over here in Regy's

improvement - and, yesterday a letter came
from Mrs de Koven to Bettie Witten in German
singing the picture of her little girl and ask-
ing Bettie to come over there to live with her.

This girl does not wish to learn her own Country
history. She is perfectly enthusiastic over Mrs de
Koven who was very kind to her and they all
say she ^{Mrs de K} studied very hard here, learning
German in 6 months, having lessons every day.

Mrs de Koven composing every moment of time.

I suppose they just came over to work and
study from all I hear. I do not know
that you realize that you have not written to
me at all since I left home. I hope it
does not denote ill health on your part.

Mr Grant will return to her home with
him. I suppose it will be for
the best as she makes to do it. Anne has never
lived in any one else's home, though you shall
be just as well pleased if she ever decided to
stay with us. Affectionately with you to all
Eda Young's Dear

P.S. We have taken quite a roomy
comfortable apartment, which will
be very suitable for the American
Minister. Though not very large,
still the Salon Hall and Dining
Room will be comfortably large.
We shall either buy furniture
or bring our own over. William
Rums has upon investigation
of prices. If we buy we will only
get. What would be a nice
addition to our own. A furnished
apartment would have been too ex-
pensive and so we do this. I
have had a nice "ship" from paper in
which I saw and Mr. Rums has been hearti-
ly mentioned which I was to send
you. I hope to find it. Off I do it.