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## Ida to Sis, October 13, 1889

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Dear Sir

We have really been feeling  
most anxious about you  
all, as there were so many  
rumors of straits etc, but  
of course by this time  
you are all comfortably  
settled at home and have  
forgotten the unpleasant  
odors etc. of the ship.

It seems dreadful to us  
to hear you and Mrs



Palmer leave Europe -  
Though it seems also,  
that we said very little in-  
deed of you, and did  
nothing in any way for  
your pleasure - How-  
ever you could have  
come later, and seen  
our nice pretty home  
that you were so inter-  
ested in - in which are  
things that fit and are  
lovely - 2 accords

from Paris the beautiful white  
feather box and the very beautiful  
black jewelry which will be  
most precious and for which I  
much express my thanks which have  
been on continually with you I  
have already worn the black set with  
great satisfaction, as we were in mourning  
for 12 days, deep black, for the son of

The King of Portugal's Brother, Bereng  
Von Coimbra for whom we now wear  
black and white or pearl & diamond jewelry  
until the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The cards  
which are sent around to us even stipu-  
late as to the fans and gloves we may  
wear, but luckily all this only pertains to  
the evenings, or official calling in the

5th -  
" Day Time; as the Quilt  
Minister told me, we  
may wear Crimson and  
blue in the Morning but  
keep black at night - I  
must tell you that the  
Money came all right  
the Silver piece is being  
kept for you, but funds  
cannot be ready until  
November, 2d all will go  
together, I fear they will  
not prove that the Silver  
piece is over two hundred

years old, as they asked  
them and the man told  
him that it was made  
this century and that he  
could not say it was  
made earlier but I am  
giving myself - I pay  
a certain amount down  
and just have them keep  
it for me - as I am  
afraid to bring it home

Baby brother is perfectly  
charmed with the suit  
and with the moccasins -  
The clothes are exactly

right of him except  
being a trifle long in  
the legs - He has ex-  
changed some official  
calls but it is still  
early and all tell us  
that everyone is out of  
town until almost  
Christmas, that is the Americans  
but they do not entertain  
when they are here -  
He called on the 1st of

Sir Augustus and  
Lady, last Saturday  
which they returned  
on Sunday at noon  
I go <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ her & the  
sent our Secretary's  
and Military attaché's  
wife — Mrs Chew  
Mrs Stein, some time  
this week when she  
appoints the day the  
Ambassador's always



Choosing the day - The greatest  
form is preservation about every thing

Do write me if there is any thing  
we can possibly do for you here -

I saw some lovely Open Cloaks at Queens

The other day when I went with

Mrs ~~Sargent~~ Ervato who had been

sent to Moscow by an Austrian



Lady whom she had met - also  
Mrs Bayard and others have been  
there so I suppose they are in a  
fair way to be ruined - All these  
Americans who went to other, deci-  
ded that Accolls was the only place  
where prices were lower than  
in Paris - I am trying to persuade

16<sup>th</sup>

to come over, &  
We expect Nellie to  
be here, as soon as she  
finishes her home course  
Letter & learn her  
letters & also the, with the  
froverneat. This she prefers  
to do as they have been so  
long without a Teacher, but  
I think she should  
bring them with her, better  
for her and better for them.

Though it is quite contrary  
to the custom in England  
for Children to be left  
in that way with their  
Governesses and Nurses  
even sent travelling with  
them - The same thing is  
true here in Austria -

I am getting out gradu-  
ally, all my things and  
myself from unimpaired  
the clothes to - I wear

The pinkish red mopper made so beautifully  
by "Beak" also the long olive color in the  
India silk in front - I went a few we-  
eks ago to Mrs Locking's Musical, she  
is the daughter of Justice Miller of Washing-  
ton and has me down because she writes  
for the papers) I wore the olive velvet  
with pinkish front from London, which  
is like my brown aut gold - It was

exactly the thing finer than anyone else  
wore and much Complimented.

Though Americans buy some clothes here,  
I heard before I came & find it true  
that the dressing is not up to the mark  
except of course, on grand occasions  
and then the fashions are more than  
the dresses. Julia is doing well in  
every way with her teachers & her brother &

18<sup>th</sup>

the School - They study  
all in German - I have  
a girl for fast two weeks,  
who speaks French &  
no all - which is better  
as they were expecting you  
Ann & soon for today  
Betty who would not do  
all - We have had some  
Americans at dinner  
two or three times a week  
formally - I have to do  
that as it is Ted's nature

And isn't hard for me.  
They like to come so, as  
when they get higher for fear  
of them have anything  
but travelling across to  
night Genl and Mrs  
Gibson and some of the  
Army, come in that  
way. == Tomorrow Friday

I take Mrs Chew to call  
on Lady Paget - the  
latter seems very cordial &  
agreeable to me though 2



have heard frequently of her haughty  
and great airs - In fact all the  
Ministers and ~~men~~ <sup>women</sup> have been most  
cordial though our attachés Mr and  
also, Mr Chen are complaining of their  
neglect of their calls - The position is not  
the same here at all, men like it  
very much because they can sit right  
in and enjoy themselves without hindrance



on their dignity but when it comes  
to their having rich young men who  
are regular dwellers at home, (and who have  
to wait as women always must do in  
the world, for others to come to them, to  
a certain extent,) then the position is  
not so fine as the Ministers; and they do  
not like a difference in a foreign land  
where we are all strangers. However  
Mr Chew seems an excellent Secretary having

been trained to great success  
Gratons in Washington  
at the "State Dept" for  
years - He is rich, tall  
rather fine looking and  
inclined to be dashing, a  
little spoiled I imagine  
being nervous and delicate  
He does all he can for her  
in every way as the men  
No son of days, - She is the  
only child and idol of  
her parents, who are not

Went to Arrive here  
with her two little children  
one three years old the  
other 6 months - They have  
taken a nice but rather  
small furnished house  
near of the British At-  
tache who is staying off  
for a while - This one, is  
temporary they are looking  
for something better -  
He is trying hard to please  
me and he to please

Just in all they say and do but of  
course she is not the elegant woman that  
Mrs Rosset was - (she has great ideas  
dressing I think and speaks of coming  
"at home") which is not customary here  
except at Prince & Henslow's and is  
I have been told, considered rather  
pushing and forward in foreigners

For this reason I will only have  
certain hours at home, (except for the  
Americans for them I have Saturdays) every  
day as Lady Paget and others do - It is  
just as easy for me to avail myself  
of all forms as it is so easy to go accord-  
ing to fixed Customs than try to do  
otherwise. And please no one at  
Washington. I am hearing good him  
This account is much close for today -