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to Sis , prob. '89-late D.C.

Along for him They asked him
there if he knew me, and
then said he just ought to see
My sister Mrs Palmer who
was the most beautiful of
women - The old gentleman
was crazy to see your picture
from what he had been
told of your wonderful beauty
They appreciate classical
features here so much -
We have been doing justice
by all Americans Jimmy on
an average one little quiet din-
ner a week for those who come

to us with letters, and they
continue to come every
week. As to the officials, we
have been exchanging names,
and calls with the Ambassadors
and Diplomats, who
have all returned to Vienna,
but the "Emperor" who still
has to take me to many places
says, the season does not
begin until June 1st. None of
the ladies begin their reception
daps until then, and all the
Diplomats say, that Vienna
is the finest city in the world

not what the horselets and Beales and
all others told us - There is a perfect howl over
the lack of fairy, but that just suits us exactly -

The Grand Aristocratic will not receive the
next lower set, who are really the gay, rich set
here and give the reputation of gaiety to Vienna.
They snuff so far that Lady Paget will not re-
ceive in her house, the other English people who
are there for business etc. - "She represents the Queen"

and refuses to receive common people
and all the English of course are dead against em-
plaining as they go to the little English Church the
best of it is, if one goes at all with that next
set, then the ones who belong to the highest drop
them immediately - The Russian Military Attaché
and his wife are charming people, but felt
out-raged when the Military Attaché, from
England, had at a dinner to meet them some
commanders from his country - Lady Paget has
a ball generally once a year, which constitutes
her entertaining, and she completely ignores
all except those who hold certain rank here -

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The higher Class do not en-
ertain as much as this
next lower Ent picker and
fayer set. This Beale told
me all this before we came
and I am sure we are quite
willing to be as quiet and
formal as anyone -

We have been a little im-
barrassed as the "Smalley-
Richards" (very nice cultivated
people themselves, the corres-
pondent for the London Times)
head the next grade of society
here, and they simply desire

themselves and their surprises
to the pleasure of the American
Minister and wife, since they
are none of them received
in the home of their own American
address, at all. They have
given us a dinner, at which
we had Madame Brazel and
her husband the Dutch Minister
(she being American is consistent
of them) and now all the
Brimley Richards set their
chairs a dash at us, and
we are busy trying not to
jump them and at the

Same time not get into their stirring set.

It is all very amusing - I never heard or saw anything like the way the ladies are drawn here between the classes and rank.

It is all very nice for me, as our position is fixed and the ladies are laid down. I have been receiving from one to three, every day, foreigners and, Mondays afternoon all

Americans - Every Monday have quite a nice little set - Yesterday quite charmed with my reception last Monday so there are a little collection in town just now all as nice as the Dr Mc Kim and Dr Clarke whom for met - They do not stay more than a week or so.

Yesterday after one I have Monseigneur and ^{Mlle. Murelle & wife} Madame Mozel and Madame Decrais and daughter (French Ambassador) I put them both on a "saga", which is covered with the feather, ostrich, sole Mrs L. gave me and they stand a long time, and made a nice call. I am getting French & drawing teacher for Julia

through Madame Mozell -

I hope you are having a
delightful winter and pre-
sume the house is almost
perfect cannot see any
room for improvement after
reading the descriptions of
your reception, of which I sent
one to Mrs Grant -

Ad with plea - I am so
sorry to know of Look's final
decision on the important
question - What more about
Ben Jones? Affectionately
Ada -