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Schmidpasse 4.
(LT heir (Katharina) 1st stock

Dear Mrs.

I was perfectly
overwhelmed yesterday upon
receiving your fine Christmas
gift of \$1.00. which is a great
deal so much for me to accept,
and which I feel badly to
have you send me. I am
really ashamed to be always
receiving this way from every
one and I thought I had
told you that I had sent

He asks \$250. and a
Wrapper, and I considered
that dreadful for N. B. S.

I wrote him that I would
buy it for fear, he would say
the trip over here was expen-
sive and troublesome and
that he must use this money
for that. It seems yet to
come and I am afraid
he will think Maria a
most old-fashioned fellow.
I am certainly grateful
for all you have all done

for us but I beg of you to stop even all
such extravagance on my account, as I
am so comfortable and well fixed, having
more than ever before in every way, and
it makes me feel so badly for you to be
sacrificing yourself for me, when I
have really more than you have and
I am sure you would be satisfied
if you could see my home, that I
need nothing more - How I want you

To come over, and come immediately -
You can just as well as with bring one
of the boys which ever one can leave,
and come across the Ocean, which as
you see is nothing whatever of a trip now.
When I think of Mrs Grant (who is always
so nervous and excitable) crossing with only
Mrs Hunt to look after her, and not bring
the slightest trouble just the most comfort-
able time, I think it is unreasonable of

5th
You not to come - You
certainly want to see us
and our home here, and
one cannot tell how long
we may have it, so that
depends entirely upon the
 whim of the President or
Mr Blaine, and when we
have our good little turn
of luck, we want you to see
and enjoy it a little.
You never have appreciated
Providence but Vienna
will seem quite as such

and we are falling into the trap
of diplomacy comfortably - We have
detained a great many Americans at Munich
and had a really beautiful reception
at on "Thanksgiving Day" for those of
which you will see nothing in any
paper as we are so entirely cut off -
I see the mention of all that goes on
in that line, in Berlin & London
Paris and London but utter silence as
far as Vienna is concerned. Not only are
those Legations more or less connected with
Newspapers but there are correspondents
in all those cities - There is not the sign
of one here - There was one here for
two weeks, but he found so little in Vienna
to write about, it is said, that he was
recalled to Paris - You know that there is no
American Colony here, to interest them
only the travellers who keep us pretty well
engaged - They all seem to appreciate our

attentions very highly - We had a little
reception while that one poor correspondent
was here which he mentioned and I had
you the Clipping - Our Thanksgiving
Affair was much more elegant however.

We have just had Col Sumner, the
U.S. Minister to Greece, staying with
us and gave him a small dinner on
Sunday evening to which we asked
his friends Genl and Mrs Rodolphe -
They are most agreeable and have

been very ^{good} white and nice
to us, asking us to go to
the theatre with them, be-
fore we asked them to dine,
and they are to take us
to see the Royal Riding
School on Saturday next.

They have fine positions here
and are of the best quality.
Now he is more broad in his
views than usual, as he has
travelled all his life, and
been sent to America once.
When he had an interview

With General Grant who
was then President, Heals
feels very pleasantly towards
Fred because General Grant
tried to prevent the shooting
of Maximilian, in Mexico,
and General Rodolphe
was one of the Officers who
accompanied Maximilian
there, the latter for many
who could not rest here,
would now be the heir to
his Throne since the death
of the Crown Prince, if he
could have remained at

home with - General Rodolphea Krowing
his, and know I do faster, threw aside
all ceremony and came to call just,
which is never done here - We like them
very much - I am just now expecting a
call from the Military Attaché and his
wife of Romania - Our ceremonies of
calling are immense and in Jan'y the season
of winter season we will have, will com-
mence - The Emperor will give us court

But, but there will be two Court Concerts
this year in Feb. I am thinking of having
the long yellow brocade cut off this winter
for general use, or falls at Antwerp.

Fred does not wish me to do so, but thinks
I had much better earn it for perhaps a
Court ball another year, as the dress is
so perfect as it is. I am in doubt now
as to whether I ought to use my lace
dress or not. Of course, if we staid here

Another Winter it would be
so nice to have something
new and fine for the Court
What you ^{think} about the lace
Dress: I have some more
(Mrs E. gave me)
fine lace, that I
could have made up on
an elegant white or orange
silk — Would you have
the Court Train cut down a
little of this yellow brocade
for for me and wear
it this winter. They only wear
the long train for the ball
or Court not the Court

I am so glad that the
Season here is so narrow
down to a short time

from Jan'y. to Lent and
we find that the very highest
Aristocracy go out very
little, the higher the rank
the less they go into society, & then
there is a very gay set
just set just below them,
who are in a whirl all the
time and if one goes into
this set, then goes by to the
higher circle — the lines
are drawn sharply, and it
is the second set, who give

Mr. Allen in charge all at times. I will do what I can.

For the reputation of being a dog
and goat — Fred had a Glendine
Hunt with him a few days
ago and killed 8 hares — I wish he suggested
Mr. thought of making up — box to send
home for Christmas, but find that the pigs
we could give would not be worth as much as
the duty we would have to pay on them
or that those who received them might pay.
We are having a severe snow-storm which
has lasted several days already and
the children are delighted. Tomorrow
evening we have a dinner of 12 Americans
and on Sunday the McElvaths come to dine.
They live next door to us in Hermiton.
I hope the gun I sent you and the coffee cups for
Aunt Laura may be of some use. — Are you
not coming over? Why will you be so
opposite you never even mention this town.
It would be so easy for you to come — The
Aunt the children joins me in thanks for the
lovely present which you should not have sent.