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**[Ida Honoré Grant] to [Bertha Honoré Palmer], [December 19,  
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1889.<sup>2</sup> Dec. 8th

And sent her some little The  
papers had about our reception  
and also, the account of her  
reception - from the Chicago  
"Inter Ocean" I wanted her to see  
it - You all must not feel  
the least anxious about me -  
I would telegraph if there  
were anything important -  
You see the letters are not so  
very slow - Jones was 13 days  
coming, but sometimes they  
come in 12 days. I shall be  
crazy with the candle and  
lamp shades though I can't  
help feeling sorry that you will

It is on Thinking about me -  
I will use the for with great  
Pride and pleasure - I sup-  
pose I will have to have a di-  
plomatic dinner, if they invite  
me, for as it was right to the  
English Ambassadors and  
I am much interested. I'll  
write you about it. I hear  
that the French Ambassador  
will have a ball - and  
the German Ambassador  
will give something always  
a dinner and the Russian  
Ambassador said he hoped  
I would dine with him some-  
time this winter - I have a



Splendid stylish French Roman to fix up  
my new things for me and my new cloth  
dress from Beccolli is really lovely - I'm bound  
to match - I'll wear the fine velvet & call  
M<sup>rs</sup> Comtesse de Jangle upon Countess G<sup>ra</sup>  
and Countess Clara - G<sup>ra</sup> represents the Em-  
press at the palace - Fresh meat to the  
Cardinals' funeral today sent there all  
the Royal family - They go to Buda Pest Brea-  
main till after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
of the Crown Prince's death -

The more I am learned in the ways of the  
court, the more I find that the highest Circle  
are more quiet and restricted in their  
façade here - I am hoping from what the  
Sark in his last letter that he will be able  
to come to visit us during Christmas week  
that is what we have been begging him to  
do all along and he rather promises to do so.  
I fear he will find us very comfortable and  
fine, but a little too stately and quiet after  
all the gaiety of London - We go to Prince

9<sup>th</sup>

Hohenlohe's Officially on  
New Year's evening - No calling  
is done here on New Year's  
day except of those of lower  
rank calling on the higher  
ones - I suppose the Attaches  
and Secretaries will come to  
see us from what I hear -  
Then we all go to Hohenlohe's  
to pay our respects to the Empe-  
ror, who poor man, rarely  
sees anyone - I was because  
they have been so proud  
and stately I suppose that the  
Crown Prince broke through

and went to ruin -

We have had slight colds  
which is getting off easy,  
considering the "Influenza"  
which is going around -

You must not imagine  
all sorts of things about me -  
We miss you all terribly  
and are so sorry not to be  
near you all at home. But  
otherwise I am happier than  
ever before in my married  
life - I never expected that  
such a nice home even  
for a while and it is such a  
comfort for it to be my own  
and in this I do not wish

To seem ungrateful for all Mrs Grant has  
always done for us - In fact I know it is really  
more natural for people to like their own home  
especially when they have children and like  
house-keeping as much as I do - My cook  
is splendid and does all the marketing for me  
Deomoe and I am convinced does not do  
an unreasonable amount of stealing - The  
butler is also excellent - a little more extra-  
gant than the cook - The second man whom  
I am forced to keep besides Frank in the  
Legation and all the others are excellent but  
everyone here, more than in America is full of  
the horrors of house-keeping and the outrageous  
conduct of the servants - Mine have been ex-  
cellent so far - Mrs Beldy who lived with Mrs  
Sherrel for 18 years got them for me, and would  
do in every way, anything in the house for me.  
She managed all Mrs Sherrel's children, as well  
as Mrs O. through every illness, brought up the  
last child entirely, and saw of anything more

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