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Ida Honoré Grant to Ma, December 19, 1890

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Dec 19th / 1892.
Weima, Austria

Dear Ma,

It is impossible for
me to tell you, how
much I appreciate the
very lovely present, just
received from you, in
Bud's letter, but the only
way back to my great
pleasure in the gift, is

that I fear, Very much, that
you deny yourself, in
sending me so much.
Indeed it is too bad,
for me to be having
all these nice presents,
but I seem to have no
effect whatever, in any-
thing I can say by
analysis, on these sub-
jects and I suppose

I may as well take it for granted
that my words are useless. I shall
be so very fine this winter, that I
shall not know myself. There
are now rumors of a ball at
Court and dinners to be given
by the Emperor and Empress for the
Diplomats, and I must have
my lace dress made up handson-
ly for the ball and the yellow
changed (as I note ^{the} for the long court
trains are not worn here) and
I will have some mid white stuff
put in the front, as the beaded
white piece, though only worn once
was perishable, like all those
pretty things, and the beads must

5th
Aug - I also, have
taken the pink totin
sis far from the neck
& have the beaded
stuff all taken off, and
have the dress re-shaped
with this new soft silk
muslin and pink
feathers - All these
things come in & sell
here, as the circle is very
small, and when one

goes out through the
Season one does al-
ways, the same people.
So does get to be better
known. In New York
I never saw the same
set of people twice, so
the same evening never
went a long way.

You have no idea how
very lonely the Black Lane
and Beloit is, that dis-

gave me trimmed with the pink
and feather trimmings - ^{she gave it in mourning} The materials
were all just the mode, now, and I
had the whole dress made over.
I take the greatest comfort in these
old things being made over, here
no one knows them, and the dress-
makers are very cheap - The velvet
sis gave me, (Larabee and plum-
color), is beautiful for calling. The
last year I am here, I must have
a lot made up for Julia to take
back with her - Your other gift-
to me with a great many in getting
money presents, and now I shall
be too fine altogether with this

9th

and his' present -

I hope the few little
trifles I sent home will
sit there, safely, and
will not be ruined -

I choose for you an
umbrella, with your
monogram, which I
hope you will like and
use - Don't care it
for me, as I have one
Mrs Grant gave me, like

th. I fear the fangs for
Amth Lama and
his will be dilapidated
and soiled after having
been gone over, and
packed carelessly in
The Custom House, at
New York - as they are
rather delicate. I sent
my simple contents,
real amber cigarette
holders for the brothers,

and cigar-holders for Pa and
Uncle Ben - Another time I'll
just send some thing that will go
by mail as the taking in of packages
through the Custom Houses is far
gone there now - We are so provoked
that this position does not enable
us to send things free of duty as we
as taking our own furniture - Fred, the

Children, and I all join, in sending
You and all at home Wishes
That you may have a Merry Xmas,
And a Happy New Year.

I must close with many
but repeated thanks for the
most lovely present
Yours affectionately Eda Louise Grant

P.S. I wrote to that
we had engaged
Mr. Punnett as our
friend to look after
the package and pay
the duties for us in
New York, as we found
the things must be opened
there anyhow -

Love to all yours
affectionately

Ida H. Grant