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U.S. Legation
Vienna Jan'y 4th 91

Dear Sir,

I can never thank
you enough for all
the nice things you are
always doing ^{for} me and
mine. We have
all the Christmas pre-
sents from you, I bring
them to my Aunt, and
each of the children

And out of my magni-
ficent lovely Check -
Which is really so fine
that I am tricken
lovely set up in the
bored, and really feel
so grand to love
you and Ma must
both now try to forget
me for a while, at
any rate except as
far as letters go, and

positively cannot allow any
more fine presents - I feel my-
self most extravagantly giddy just
now, am having a beautiful new
~~front~~, embroidered for my bright
yellow brocade, and a new half
high waist, made out of part of the
Court train, as I have heard some

intimations that we might be invi-
ted to dine at court in which case
the waist must be kept high, as it must
be entirely low, for a court ball. No
one knows yet what is going to happen
as though the Empress is here, she
still wears deep black - no one sees
her, and she may not appear at the
ball to which Diplomats are bidden
or she may go in simple to their "Cercle"

Though it is said she will
have a sort of small
Quiet Drawing-room &
reception for the highest
Austrian Aristocrats (who
have not seen her, one of
them, for several years,) at
which time they may
present their daughters
who wish to enter society
or have done so, in the
last year or so - no one knows
yet anything about that

But some have been
kind enough, to tell me
that I would have in-
timation only about
two days before-hand.

I am also, I regret
enough, owing to my
wildly rich feeling
just at the present mo-
ment, to be ordering
my lace dress made by
Becolle over a pale
green brocade, I chose

that color because it shows the
lace, and I already have a pale blue
and a yellow. I am also, having
a box of black net made over
the pale pink satin (bonnet & skirt) over
which are rose-leaves & leaves as if
falling ^{all over it} - a fuller bunch of them about
the neck and bottom of skirt. It
sounds like a great deal to be having

Three dresses at once, but - we see ex-
actly the same circle everywhere we
go - (they are too tight to go with anyone else)
and one gets tired of everyone's dresses -
even at the few balls - The season is short
but certain few people will give their
Grand Ceremonious Balls I believe -

Her Grace next week with one of the
Le Baron & Madame Mauleverer of Wurtemberg
Ministers and his wife - I enclose for
you an article, which has been sent

me by three ^{9th} different
people, and as there is
more about you than me
in it you ought to have
it, but perhaps, have
already seen it before.
It was in the New
York Tribune.

The little gifts we wanted
you all to have, went
from here nearly three
weeks ago, but I suppose

They have not yet
reached for, and
when they do will be
ruined; the fan especially
which we brought one
of the most delicate and
best painted we could
see, some thing like
your father, but how
when the officials have
handled it to suit
their own rough wishes,

The chicks will be broken and
the judge like a bag - Aunt Laura's
will also be injured I suppose.

How many lovely things are being
said about Gen all around! ^{See}
Will make the whole affair ^{the exposition} very
fine and perfect; I know, and no
one could do it so well - It must
be awfully nice to have been always

The admiration of everyone, and know-
ing you are really doing so much
good and making people happy! -
I want to write soon again to tell
you, about how slow Austrian people
are to do anything in the way of
public affairs. They never decide for
their own, but I'll leave all that,
as it is late to night, and I only
wanted to thank you for your

13th

Christmas Present
Which was so Magnifi-
cent and so grand and
which all the same we
are enjoying infinitely

I never felt so set-
up in the world before,
and cannot really
tell you how I appreciate
all your goodness &
kindness — as to your picture

I have never had a
"Chicago paper" except

the ones sent by the
family there, which I
have enjoyed infinitely.
The only papers we get
are from New York and
Mr. Patton sends me his,
and Mr. Child his, as
friendly compliments
on last picture of you
in the "Aegis" was really
excellent and well done.
I am always so glad to hear
from the papers there, when
there is anything to send

P.S. Dear Sir -

I am dreadfully
afraid they will open
the little card case
we sent Mr Palmer and
seeing God's card will
let his enemies think
he is one Minister trying
to pass silver without
paying duty (the little letter
on it) — I saw that Miss
Arenal paid 37 dollars
duty on one of her simple

Wedding Presents -

I only hope the things
will reach their destina-
tion without all being
criticized - I sent a few
to Mrs Harrison too -

Love to all - I am
with fraternal appreciation

Edw A Grant