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and please to be so good as to send me a few more

Dear Sir, I have a few more
which I have not had time to
send you but I will send you a few more
as soon as I can. I am
very truly
yours
J. W. Alden

thought of, I would choose
for my gift from you,
but in the mean time, I
have spent a little of the
money for lots of little things
I wanted & used much. but
I thought now, I would
write and ask you just
what you thought I would
use for gift from, I have
thought of silver plates
jewelry for myself & dear

range a sitting room out of front
bed room etc etc but I feel really
stringy with this money. I want to
hold on to it - and can't bear to decide
on anyone's thing so quickly so I am having
all the fun of thinking it over and
you don't know how nice that is for me.
I can't bear you to do so much for me and
am afraid you can't realize how I appreciate

etc your kindnes - I think you must
have intended me to use some of the
Money to pay for that dress I sent you
which I do hope reached you in good con-
dition and will be useful to you I felt sorry
to have taken the responsibility but dress
has come such exceeding beautiful things
this year made in the Empire style - I saw
an evening dress there two days ago at 600

5th - ⁽²⁵⁰⁾ Florio's is such a good find
I knew you would buy
on the spot if you could see
it - but it is so difficult to
tell at this distance of any
thing - would just go - then
I shall never admit again
as you may be quite disappointed
with the ones I have sent
you - Preslee took all the
responsibility of expressing
it etc - I hope Marie
not think me very giddy &
involve to have put her
present immediately into

dresses. I was at the collection
in an hour after I got her
check and ordered a lovely
sitting & street costume,
flame color and also a
beautiful "Tortie shell" I
really needed one and some
white embroidered Cape
I got from Turkey, made in
the modern style - Here
I have to have more changes
than at home, as I meet
exactly the same people at
the time and the dresses
must be changed often

We had a magnificent brilliant Court Ball
on the 12th to which I wore the Green Mant
Girdle lace over it - which was immensely
admired and spoken of, finer than any
of the Arch duchesses, but you can't ima-
gine their jewels - I will write about
the ball later; the Emperor received us
Aplomats separately "en Cercle", then
he followed him, Arch dukes & Arch ~~duchesses~~

into the ball room where the scene was
most brilliant - and the aristocrats made
a passage - may for us all to pass in -
I then dined with the Emperor last evening
2 days after the ball, - ladies not being asked
on account of the Empress suffering
much with her rheumatism. We had
a very pleasant 4 mas & 2 new faces, though
I wish we were with our family then.

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TO Martha Palmer prob. 1891 - late
The Ambassadors are giving
their dinners now instead
of balls, this month first,
on account of the Court
mourning as every lady
must - wear black, white or
gray, so those who thought
of having balls postpone,
on account of mourning
which was laid aside for
the evening of the Court
ball - We dine at the
Russian Ambassador's.
Tomorrow evening we

asked to dine with ^{German} ~~ambassadors~~ ^{ambassadors} ~~Kenn~~
Kenn last Sunday but the
imitation Bonaparte command
because of the death here,
I her Uncle, Prince Say-
Grimar so she will be
quiet now for certain time
Then Lady Paget is now put
into Court morning for the
loss from Prince Duke
of Clarence, who has died
instead of being married.
You know his of the Arch-
dukes have died here and

We have mourning for Emperor of Brazil
whose mother was a duchess until Jan.
26th - The "Influenza" seems to be freshly raging
in England and France but Vienna fortu-
nately is not suffering with the epidemic.
Notwithstanding our American papers
which have announced that the Emperor
here was ill not true at all that his daughter
was ill with it - that the Arch Duke & others
were - the Emperor's brothers, all of which is

continue and that the Prince of Wales
has died of "Influenza" which is also not true
as we know him to be living - There seems
to be no effort in our papers to put out facts
about people over here - only an effort at
sensationalism - I am also rejoicing that
Chicago seems so free from "Influenza"
as I really worried about Harry and Ma
and those who had it there - I hope that
less will continue as they are there -

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had more than their share &
are now, like Berlin, having
a real epidemic of phre-
phic meddle has died of
it in Paris & so —

Fred was delighted to carry
"Mr. Blaine's Instructions and
your letter to the Emperor,
to Count Kalusky yesterday,
having a long talk with
him, and a most satisfactory
one. The Minister promises
to do everything in his power
for the advancement of

the Cause and Opponents
of Communism. I shall
speak to him especially of
getting the right ones to
lend their names, even if
they do nothing. He put
it on the scale of its being
a Charity etc and I loved
it very much. We want
to now let that rest for a
day or so, and then I shall
speak with the Minister of
State and different
bodies, as I have oppor-

trinites - We have the old fashioned idea,
of ladies being modest & keeping out of all
public notice or affairs, & fight against
here - They really have as much influence
with their husbands sons and society
as we at home have, that both Fred and I
have been shocked much - In their own
City is always, against anything that looks
like the ladies being put forward into public

notice - They will take this up as a Charity
but to say that it is for advancement of
Women or to let them think it - No for the
Progress of Women in further ways etc
would kill it here. They hate anything that
even savors of women's rights, but I do not them-
selves and often hint that Ladies in America
try to rule etc, etc - They think all that
is lost - As I am very careful about the way
it is to be put here before them - They have

17th
None of that spirit which pre-
vails in modern times, about
women - But I want to
say that I have observed
very clearly and so has Mr.
Ans we have decided that
the wife now is as much con-
sidered and has as much
influence as at home - They
are much freer in one
way than the English but
they consider it unladylike
apparently to differ decidedly
on any point with their
husbands' opinion or to

seem to take the lead -
so we must step carefully.
They are not like all other
women, in finding their way
about every day affairs, and
being considered and listened
to, especially when right and
true - but it is their
"lolly" not to compromise
with in any way or have
a free thinking - I'll
write you further about
all this - Fred said all
he could yesterday and

We shall now go on as you wish -
Princeps Metternich has returned for the
Court ball - I saw by the "Entente" that
Watt sends me for which I am so grateful.
Now you and Mr. Palmer are contemplating
a trip to Mexico, Can that be true?
When would you then come abroad?
You must not get entirely out of the
habit of writing to me, as I must hear

all about you - I shall now and just when
we may expect you - here as we are look-
ing forward with such pleasure to your
coming - You must be very busy -
I got John a beautiful mule from Genard
and a pigeons pipe for which he thanks
you so much - We have been delightfully
treated by the Austrians and have many
compliments to send you upon your
kindly received here to our society -

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Count Helldorf the
State Councillor & Governor, a
high aristocratic official,
told them the other day that
no minister from United
States as yet others had
been so popular as he and
here, just exactly about
a remark made at a dinner
in London by the Austrian
Ambassador, there, reported
to one of the U.S.
Legation — The same thing

was said by sister of the
Austrian Ambassador to
Denmark and we are
really gratified at the recep-
tion we always have
among the Austrians now
Julia is being constantly
seen and complimented
by them at Madame Leiza
dancing class - Her man-
ners and grace are spoken
of as her brothers are - Of
course all that is nice
for us in a foreign land

Especially where no one of our Minutes
seems to have ever taken any place at
all except that of an official Min
utes - Everyone remembers him and his
charming daughters but they do not seem to
remember John Jay of family at all though
they feel so high and respectable and our
own friends, Genl and Mrs Beale, (who we
formerly only knew as Genl) seem not to know

among the Austrians at all - They were really
only presented next to the palace entertained
a few Diplomats and retired so are quickly for-
gotten - Of course I need not say this to any
one else but you - Count Kinsky told me
that he had been Minister for 10 years within
time there had been 6 Ministers from our
Country - He spoke also to me the other day
of the Vice President of the Diet here and told
me at the ball how much praise he had
heard of my daughter from Mme. Rejzney

The Minister went in rank &
him said the other evening
when I remarked that in
the natural course of events
he would be leaving next
year — "how we don't ^{want} to hear
any talk of your leaving,
as we all like you and the
Grant so much and want you
both to talk of remaining.
We won't hear of a successor
to either of you" — it which
is of course pleasant for him —
But if you could only know
what kind of people have been

sent over here you would not
be surprised - And how many
where they have lived - They
must have all saved money
which we don't do - Mr Jay &
Genl Beale were Genl Grant's
appointments you know -

As you see I am very glibly
cal talking about ourselves
but talk it for granted for
all want us to go on well
here -

^{later} Our visitation for tomorrow
to the Russians has not been occur-
ring to the morning, as the
English Prince is a nephew of
the Russian Empress and he
is not yet buried - The Mother

