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April
or May

Dear Sir - I am really
imposing upon you with
all my letters, but I feel
that as soon as you sail,
that will be the end of
hearing from you, and
now today I have to
thank you for the lovely
sands and bays you
have just brought to
me by Haug, which are

so stylish and which I
shall say of very much
bearing — It was very
good of you to think of
me — as it is so nice to
see the little ones
and though we are hoping
to go off for a 60 days
leave, and if we go to
Belgium we may go
so far as to enter France

and see Paris (which we really said nothing
of when there) but of course, if we do get
there in going from Belgium to
Switzerland (that is the little journey we
have rather mapped out, as I have seen
none of those countries and this will
be our last little pleasure trip) we certainly
shall enter the shop in Paris, as I would

not have the where-withall, to go to
North's etc - and to travel simply
for sight-seeing and instruction and
make it rather a hard work, which does
no good in the end - But it is a great
great time to see the Northerners, in
fact, as I had for, I never take shops here,
simply order a dress when it is absolutely

It's necessary - the greatest
time I have ever had
was when you & mao jip
came and I went all
over Vienna, had the fun
of buying everything I
over and at last settled
down on the lovely rug
for one room, the shop.
My writing-desk and China
cabinet, as well as a key

elegant black ostrich
fan, which I have always
needed here for our morning
and used constantly
this winter at all balls and
entertainments / I had not
a chance to show it to you
in our book - besides all
my lovely ^{little} Mac chosen for
all around - I did not
half tell you all I wanted
or thank you enough

only shown from the lovely picture of
yourself, which was also part of your
gift and the candle-bras in the park.

I enclosed for you my letter to
the Marquis de Bagnheim pressing
him for the answer, as to whether or not
a Ladies Committee would be appointed
and telling him positively that you

Princess Melnikoff and Countess Kulkoff
had told me they would be happy to serve
on the Committee if he would ap-
point them. I enclose, for you to read a
copy by Julia, exactly - of the reply I re-
ceived from him, yesterday which
disappointed me of course, very much.
He says (of course most politely) he will

9th Continue to feel an in-
terest etc etc - In the
One fact seems evident to
me, that the Government
is not going to appoint the
Ladies Committee or
appropriate anything for
them ^{separately} - As he states as
I am sure, that this in-
itation was not extended
exactly at the same time
with the other, which was

acted upon by parlia-
ment - The real facts are,
that they do not think the
Ladies Committee of the
 slightest importance and
that they have no money
to give for one, and
that as everyone tells
us now, the Private
Anspencers will have
to pay up for the Expi-

tion they are having here, through
Princess Mullenbach's exertions as
they have gone terribly in debt for the building
put up and all the expenses of bringing
theatre troupes from all other places
etc. They have appointed, a ^{to our exposition} Comitee
Committee here, with Marguis de
Beaureham as President and, the Arch-

Duke Carl Ludwig at the head of it all
but the appropriation was made for this
Men's Committee. Entirely through the
efforts of and by Parliament, and the
Influential men who influenced the Mem-
bers of Parliament — Good there some
Members I fear are not going to make an
appropriation for a Ladies' Committee
& so I fear such a Committee will not

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Appointed by the ^{Calif} govern-
ment without the appropria-
tion - that is the way it
stands and it should
not in the least effect
Fred's reputation, as a
splendid men's committee
and appropriation ^{body} has
been formed here -
Fred has done all in his
power to bring forward
the interest in the ladies

Commission" ever
since the first moment
that he conveyed your
letter to the Emperor
through Count Kalushy
and we have asked &
urged a reply as to a
Women's Committee being
appointed and supplied
with means by the Govern-
ment - As I wrote you
before we had it all ar-

danger to have you meet the impor-
tant ones and if you had come in
May it would have all been just right.
But as it was, so sudden we could not
seem to bring about the audiences
desirable as the Empress and the
Arch-duchess Marie Theres were both
out of the City and now we find

^{Multitude of} ^{Humour}
The Ladies perfectly Willing and pleased
at the idea of a Committee and when
I mentioned that to the Marquis de
Bacquehem he answered me as follows. Will
see in present Popularity, that he should
not dare to appoint such high Ladies, etc
When the other lower ones have not found
it possible to undertake the work, etc, etc
Now a Ladies Committee must be

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