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## Ida H. Grant to Sis, [May 20, 1892]

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Friday -

Dear Sir

1892

may  
prob.

Will you please send  
to the "Legation" for your  
picture, thanking on  
a card, Mr Lincoln for  
receiving it, as he had  
to send to the "Custom  
House" for it I suppose.

We sent it that way

Thinking it would  
save for the trouble of  
getting it through be-  
sides for did not men-  
tion which house we  
were going to, so I  
did not know until  
your letters came.

I think the picture  
will be at the Legation

Before you receive this - Enclose  
herewith, Comptons Pottings bill  
for painting 50 florins and for glass  
and framing necessary for packing  
(as otherwise the picture would be  
cutted out) - 3 fls. 20 - I also  
enclose Charges from Woblers  
for the packing up and up carriage

of picture — 56 fls. 27 in all

I am sorry it is not so good a  
likeness as mine, though I went  
once to see it and staid an hour  
telling Countess Potting what faults  
I found, it was something in the  
nose or cheek, but she could not  
seem to get it exactly to suit me

57<sup>th</sup>

as my own of you does,  
which is really one of the  
best and Prettiest-like-  
needles that could ever be  
made of anyone, we  
think - We are delighted  
with ours - I think the  
one I send is very soft  
and pretty, but not quite  
up to ours - She got the  
pearls in this one, much  
better - I am so sorry

You have<sup>65</sup>nt a photograph  
for the Princess M - Think  
you had better write the  
letter and let me put  
it in it, this photograph,  
which I had copied in  
Castel, as it is so pretty &  
never got as good a one  
before - and never will  
have again - I am afraid,  
and I want her to have a  
pretty one, she will show  
it to everyone - Tell you

Y<sup>rs</sup> Mum has your  
photograph taken in your  
court-dress, as I did not  
do; it is so nice to keep  
those things as souvenirs.  
So read no one please  
in your court-dress and  
write me all about your  
presentation, the sending  
samples of your dress. We  
are so interested. As paper  
did not mention your

8<sup>th</sup>  
Being at last drawing  
- room, I suppose it is  
at the next I decided she  
presented - Its very  
disagreeable going but so  
I've been all the show  
after you get there, which  
makes these court affairs  
worth while - It is only  
that you are to be with the  
Diplomats as then you will  
stop in the room and

See well, all who pass through - I am  
rather tired (p. now, over our being  
invited to "Badapest" from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
of June, to attend the ceremonies of the  
Crowning of the Emperor's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniver-  
sary as King here. We are asked by  
the Government only the "Chiefs des  
Missions" with their Wives - no Secretaries,

or Military Attache's which I am mean-  
enough to be pleased over as Mrs Chew  
has been most impertinent in many little  
ways and needs the time to be drawn for  
her, by others, just by me. Her father I think  
gives her much more money of late as he  
wears a different dress every day to the Ex-  
position, etc — none of the Legation  
but Fred and I will go and there will be  
a Court Dinner - Ball - and Concert

11<sup>th</sup>  
as well as the Gala Opera  
one night - They have asked  
for an answer, as they  
must arrange seats for  
the Ambassadors & Ministers  
but their Pires - We  
have never seen Budapest  
and I am glad of the chance  
especially by in this way,  
as a member of the Court -  
It must a grand celebration  
I am glad the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv-  
ersary came before me

departure. <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup> - I'll have stake my green  
out lace, over it - The white crêpe, and  
my yellow, to be ready for the different  
Court entertainments, and I must wear  
them all around here, once more, This season  
as Princess Schenbelle (Court Minister's wife) the  
Margröfin Pallavicini <sup>in their fine palace</sup> and Lady Paget  
have all started up to give balls next  
week. I can't imagine why! I suppose

13<sup>th</sup>  
Because The Weather is  
so cool - It seems quite  
an effort to be going out  
again, but there will be very  
grand, great balls all three  
in one week. You see  
I have to keep dressed  
up to the mark, as I see  
exactly the same set at  
each one - You must be  
sure to tell Ma how much  
good her gift did me  
and what I bought with it.

She always thinks I am  
not talking when I tell  
her how I enjoyed it.  
Write all about your  
presentation etc. - and  
send me some papers about  
the World's Fair besides those  
you send to the Mellemich.  
I must write to her send  
photo etc. - I nearly killed  
myself with my letter of yesterday  
but feel when you get back home  
you are too far to think of me  
You never write now - be careful  
it over your little short stay. We must