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get one of my lovely Checks that look
at every single thing they have in their
store here, and keep up my visits
to them for weeks on weeks. The truth is
that the only time I feel really rich in
my life, is when I get one of yours or
Mao's gifts, and then I have the luxury
of feeling grandly wealthy, independently
so, and no one feels gladder than Ted
Kunisey does when one of my gifts is re-
ceived, I observe that he also takes good
solid comfort out of the shopping and
is most amiable about attending me.
He acknowledged that he didn't deserve
any more pipes for his collection and so
two year ^(or so) I got him, a lovely silver coffee
set, three pieces, from Ma, so that when

Any of you come to see us hereafter, I will have
"frühstück" in the morning more comfortably, not in such
minuscule dishes — then when we came to Chorsing your
gifts, I only allowed Fred enough for a lonely ^{hundred} ~~unfurnished~~
dish cigar-case & cigarette case, to match, with silver trimmings
which, he (having just returned from a "shooting" with
Prince Philip of Coburg) tells me, all the gentlemen admired
and especially complimented, thinking them American
or English make. — Fred is delighted, every time he has
used them at the grand high shootings (having been
asked three times since he had them) your gifts have
attracted greatest attention. Julia is charmed with her
gift the Album of Views of Vienna which will be of deepest
interest to her all her life, as she has been so happy here.
Aljaco presents, besides some books, goes into the bank
as he is doomed to be a poor Lieutenant. I gave myself a
lamp & seal (for the desk you gave me last year) to go

on the tree but the rest of my grandeur will be
Chosen slowly and carefully. - Indeed it is true
that all my luxuries and pleasures, I get for the
Children and myself, with Yours and Mrs's gifts.
No matter how we try, it seems that we must
spend our income for the show & the state of the
position, and these have really been so many more
Americans, and nice ones, this year, that we have been
obliged to entertain a great deal more than we dreamed
of doing in the fall. - I have resolved to stop off now as

We really cannot go on and of course the American
Colony will hail with delight the arrival of a new
Minister, if we do so little during the winter. - We at
least must arrange for our great packing and
move - the 1st of May. - In the mean time, I am
ordering a beautiful pink Court dress for myself.
and three ball dresses for my grown-up daughter
who looks very pretty, refined and stylish in them. -

Think, indeed I am having real
pleasure, glancing in Julia's dressing
it is a great deal more interesting than my
own, as I am rather tired of my own
appearance, and Julia, like everyone
else, looks so much better in fine
clothes - I thought of having what she
would need ~~here~~ made by a seamstress
or Bartolomeo, but the good artist makes
her so much prettier, that I could not
resist getting all at Arcells. Fortunately
this year there is to be more at Court than
^{usual} because of the marriage of the Archduke.
So Julia is in for much pleasure. There
are to be three Court balls - wonderful
for Vienna, and the "Clips" are to be asked
to all, we hear. So Julia had to have
three evening dresses, surely, perhaps,
more later - according to the invitations.
She will try to keep them nice to bring

home with her. Of course the visiting dress in which
she must go to be presented to all the high ladies after her
presentation at Court, is lovely - made from a dress
you remember. I tell Julia to enjoy the advantages
her Papa can give her this winter, as Miss Whitney
Miss Leiter or Mrs Gould or any Millionaire
would be only too charmed to have the chance of being
presented at this high Court as the daughter of a Minis-
ter. - She is grieving over the fact that she has missed
seeing your beautiful grand 'Bazar' but still
that she is greedy to make for everything and must not
expect to be going to Court here, and at the same time,
enjoying your magnificence there, about which we
have read with wonder and delight -
Many many thanks for your most lovely
gift which has made us such a charming Mrs
and will still be the means of great happiness to us.

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Dear little Dominio
Each of you
They were sent
Two weeks before
Christmas I think
They must have
been sent to you
all there
I must write
and must
write to
The Liechtensteins
have been awfully
polite asking me
to dine again.
I must write to about that

Thank you very much for the
present. I have a
little more of the same
recognition and interests
to think of at all times

My dear friends
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recognition and interests
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