

Sassnitz. Rügen. July 14th 89.

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My dear Kelly

I am very glad things are so far settled,
but I can definitely ask you to come
here and be our guest till about the 1st
week of September, towards the end of which
I shall have to return to Berlin. Therefore
please to come here with as little delay
as you can, postponing your visit at Ham-
burg and wherever else would detain you
to your return. As it is I do already
grieve every fine day before your arrival
for August - especially the latter part -
is not nearly as good a season for this
place as the early summer, when winds
and winds have all their spring-freshness.

and visitors are scarce. Also we have had such a succession of fine weather up till now, that I am afraid we shall have to pay for it in rain later on. However I hope we shall make the best of it - at any rate we are all of us looking forward very much to your visit. Your aunt tells me I shall find you very much aged in mind, owing to your responsibilities, but Fannie Peters on the other hand says you are just the same as ever, at least in looks. You will find the reverse with me - I do not think there is much mental change, but I have decidedly grown middle-aged or rather elderly in looks. So, if you are met by a rather stout and elderly

female, stretching out her arms to meet, come you, do not start, but assume it at once to be your faithful friend. Her hair is much altered, and altogether my sister Gaily, in spite of her misfortune, is about the most youthful-looking member of the family. I hope you like sea-bathing, even in the mild form of it which you get here. In that case, supposing you have a bathing-dress, bring it with you. If not, I could lend you hers, as she hardly ever goes bathing herself. As to the route, Hamburg decidedly will be the cheapest way of getting here, and will at the same time afford you the

chance of a pleasant passage by sea. From
Hamburg you can go by train either to
Greifswald or Stralsund. The former place
has the advantage of allowing of another
sea-voyage, since the steamer, "Anklam"
goes from here to ~~Putbus~~ Lamberbach
(Bergen) every day except Sunday at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m.
But then you would have to take a carriage
from Lamberbach to Sassnitz, which would
be rather expensive. From Stralsund you
can get by railway to Bergen (Bergen) on
a ticket, and from Bergen either come
by post to Sassnitz, which of course is much
cheaper, or take a carriage from here, which
— if a one-horse chair — will be 8-10 £
I should think. Sometimes one can manage
to join a carriage with other people, which