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My dear Kelly:

If I had owed you any grudge for
your long silence — which indeed
was not the case — it would have
melted down at once before your
long, affectionate letter, and the en-
closed charming photograph. Thank
you very much indeed, and especially
for the letter, which gave me great
pleasure. It is so nice to find you
looking all right, i.e. well and
unchanged as far as I can see.

You must however excuse me if I

Do not retaliate. A cow is a rare, absurd
as it may appear to you, and the con-
sequences of breaking it, would be much
'fatal'! But I do earnestly hope we
shall meet in person next summer,
if you do only make up your mind
to come over to Germany. I have already
set about inquiries and found out a
nice little place, not far from Tammun
in a wooded, hilly district, pretty scenery
and very quiet, where we think of
spending part of the summer and
should be delighted to have you as
company. It is sure to be cheap -
my only fear is whether the food will

suit you, since meat especially is
apt to be of poor quality in German
out-of-the-way places. On the other
hand one may have plenty of good
milk and eggs, and perhaps we shall
manage to set up our own house -
keeping here and take a stock of
provisions with us. It is rather a
long look - not till next summer,
however I will surely keep it in my
mind's eye and hope you will do the
same.

My mother was almost as much
interested in all your doings as I my-
self and sincerely glad of your success.

We think it quite important even from
a pecuniary point of view, if you have
really covered expenses in his first year
since that means at the same time an
independent livelihood for 3 or even 6
females. But ^{the} chief thing is after all
that it keeps you well and makes
you happy. I can quite imagine that
you enjoy life more than in your child
hood and I agree with you in thinking
that this is often exaggerated respect^{ively}
For one thing it is too unconscious to be
well savoured and then it looks too
dependant on others and on outward cir-
cumstances. A certain amount of in-
dependance and sense of self-reliance

I think a necessary ingredient of one's enjoyment of life. Besides, the faculties whose expansion and use one most delights in as one's life begins to curl, are too limited and undeveloped in children to afford them much pleasure. So, let me wish you joy of his pleasant stage in your life and a long continuance of it!

As for me, you know I have begun to dawdle - read some fine ago, and can hardly exchange notes on the journey with you. However, while I continue healthy and busy with my mother till the same condition, even I do not grumble with my existence.

you go well as from myself. Do not forget me please.

I was much interested in what you tell
me of Holloway - College. Had long
wanted to hear an opinion about
it, which it is impossible to form
from newspaper - accounts merely.

The crown-princess always speaks with
a certain enthusiasm about it, which
I have been unable to share and which
apparently the institution does not
deserve from our point of view.

Nothing I do not like at all about it
is, that men - lectures are excluded on
principle. I can quite understand that
it was meant to give an opening for the
lecturing of women, but on the other
hand the utter exclusion of men will

at this stage of things debar them from
much that is first-rate. Better, at
best, a golden mediocrity instead.
I have lately been reading the life of
Prince Albert by Theodore Martin
(5 big volumes!) which has interested
me from a political point of view
and just now I am finishing Mrs.
Carlyle's letters. How fascinating
and how sad! More so than any
work could be to me now - a - days.
I suppose you never read any but
scientific books now? Alas - where
are the times when you enjoyed
Pupper! But if you come to us next

summer I mean to demoralise you
a little and by her revive your interest
in G.C. and such trash.

We have the beautiful weather here of
later, so that it will be quite a hard
ship to bear oneself away at the beginning
of next month and jump back deliberately
into the rush and heat and bustle of Berlin
life. My mother is still here with me,
my sisters have gone into the Bavarian
mountains for a trip and shall rejoin
us in Berlin by the middle of September.
I give to say she is not successful in
her artistic career, which health being
necessary which she wants. In fact she has
as good as given it up. Good-bye now, my
Dear Kelly - Love from my mother