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My dear Kelly

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I have kept my letter
a day or two in hopes of seeing your
letter, but apparently she does not
intend to call on us and I do not like
to delay my answer to your letter any
longer, so that I shall dispatch it now
without the trifles I had hoped to
send with it. I can now order the
book I mentioned in yours, and send it
by book-post to Sussex Square.

She and I are going to a big masquerade
to-night, or rather to the, *Opéra-Com.*

of the women - skirts of Boubin,
The dress as a Spanish corset and
myself with only an apology of a
costume in the shape of a white lace
mantilla on my head added to the
an ordinary evening dress. Perhaps
we shall see your sister there, as these
festivities are extremely popular among
Boubin ladies, no gentlemen being
admitted, but a great many ladies
figuring as such and a good deal of
funny performances and general
'gollity' included in the programme.

Whoever wears a masque but carelessly
has to provide some sort of artistic
or fanciful or burlesque costume, or
to pay a fine instead.

I hope your sister Kitty is going
on as well as possible and that you
have good news from Dolly. Is there
a chance of your coming over in the
Easter-holidays instead of Xmas?
In that case I might perhaps be tempted
to make a trip to the Varannes with you
in order to get a spring-riding and to
see my old friend Dr. DeWinter.
I wonder whether you are at your

uncle Fanny's, & whose address I have
unfortunately forgotten, or with your
sister Fanny. In any case I must
address my letter to Lanes. Square,
hoping that it will be forwarded to
you from there. Please remember me
kindly to all such of your people as
remember me and whom you happen to
see, especially your parents and your aunt
Fanny. Good-bye, dear friend, and
an revoir before any long, if possible.

Yours affably
Alice von Colson.