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My dear Kelly — I have wished
to write to you ever so long, but
while at Berlin I was too busy —
especially in the last time — and
since I have been here the days
have seemed dreadfully short with
idling, which is one of my chief
health-prescriptions for these
summer-months. I was to have
gone to a watering-place; however
on second thoughts my sensible
physician decided that the perfect
rest and quiet at home would
do me far more good when
combined with suitable diet. I do

accordingly take baths at home, after
which I have to retire to bed for
several hours, which entails the day
to noon, afternoon and evening-hours.
Now the former are far too hot to
allow of doing anything sensible, and
in the evening it is so Delightful to
sit on the veranda by moonlight
or with a Japanese coloured lamp,
talking with my mother, that actually
nothing but the most pressing business
gets its due share of attention from
me. But why should I waste time
and paper with apologies to you, who
know so well yourself what the

temptations to procrastination are.
I hope you will pardon me at once
and take me for better or for worse.
I suppose you too are idling or muck-
caking somewhere for the good of
your mental, if not of your physical
health, if the latter does not stand
in need of it, and I expect soon
to get a full account of your
recent past and present, in return
for mine. I went to Berlin on
the 2^d of February and found my
hands full of work very soon.
Fortunately it agreed with me very
well indeed, both in body and
mind, so that I quite enjoyed

my task. I was only quite of the last,
when affairs were dragging into
July and the weather got oppressively
hot, but I got a little knocked up and
began to long for home and rest.
I returned here on the 14th of July and
since then have been living as of old
years. In the beginning of September
I must be back at Berlin to get the
new prospectus printed and give the
finishing touches to the preparation
for next winter's course of lectures.
I shall send you a prospectus, as soon
as it is out, to show you what kind
of work we are doing. It certainly
is not as serious as I could wish,

It is true they last only during the winter months, from October to end of April, but the spring and early summer is then taken up with preparing next year's plan of study, engaging the professors and teachers and fitting them in at suitable hours - not an easy task I can assure you. I saw more people and wrote more letters within that time I believe than during the 4 last years of my life. The personal intercourse with the empress has its difficulties, as she wants occasionally to interfere, and not understanding the business would then be very apt to spoil matters if one does not succeed in talking

her round to one's own ideas. Compared to the organization of the English colleges for women the whole affair does of course bear very much of an amateur character, but the fact is we cannot have anything better at present in Germany, as we have no public for serious study and no opening in the way of university examinations for women - two unobtainable causes. The only special and direct aim which we can keep in view besides that of general culture, is to enable our women teachers by and by to take a higher rank and gain an equal footing with the men in the teaching of girls. I have written

so much in detail about these matters
 Dear Kelly, because I feel sure of your
 interest in the "cause" — now to
 personal concerns. My mother and
 sister — inclusive of Ellen — will
 follow me to Berlin at the end of
 September and we shall of course live
 together. I have taken an etage in
 Schellingstrasse 6, Berlin W — rather
 small for our wants but quite
 expensive enough for our means,
 since it is in one of the best quarters
 of the town, as near the Museum as
 I could get a suitable apartment.
 My sister Ellen will help me in the
 administrative part of my business,
 and thus benefit herself as well as me

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and the Lyceum, I hope. You will go
on to study art, taking some more
lessons and beginning to work on her
own account, chiefly in descriptive
art, illustrations etc. At present both
my sisters are residing at some
charming little mountain village
in the Schwarzwald, whence they will
not return before the end of the
month, I hope. They both wanted
fresh air and change of scene, and
Baden is both hot and tedious
in these summer months.

I wonder where I shall spend my
vacation time next summer,
and when we two shall meet again.
Dearully. A few weeks ago Mrs.

Paul paid us a visit here on her way
to Bohemia, and we almost laid
plans together - in case the stays
in England - of my coming over
once more on a visit. However I
think I should much prefer having
a Sunday - even with you at some
nice place in Germany, where we could
live together for a time. Unfortunately
I cannot at present think of asking
you on a visit to Berlin, as some quarters
are too narrow for a guest, when we
are all together.

Love are you and yours in a general
and in a particular way. Please let
me hear soon, dear friend, and believe
me, with love to your mother
always yours affectionately
Elisabeth (Elisa)