

Burlington, Vt. Schelling St. C.

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My dear Kelly,

I did what I could in trying to get you a German teacher, but the result is that only one suitable person has turned up, and that one not entirely answering your requirements. She has been recommended to me by one best teacher at the Lyceum, whose pupil she has been for years, and who answers for her ^{character} ~~competence~~ and ~~character~~ ^{competence} in the different branches of German. She passed her examination last autumn, is 21 years of age and has a nice intelligent face and manner (I have just seen her) - but

Miss van Colten.

she is not able to teach music well.

I must tell you, that our wissenschaftlichen
Lehrerinnen hardly ever take up music
as a professional art, since they would
never have time for it, either in teaching
or learning; we generally keep the two
things apart, perhaps because we require
more in the way of music. However she
says she could teach the beginnings
and superintend the practising. She can
play easy things at sight and knows a
little of the theory, but does not feel up
to teaching it. As she is ^{any demands} ~~anxious~~ to
get the situation if possible, she proposes

that she would be content with less salary,
and so perhaps the more advanced teaching
could be got from some one else. I told
her that I did not think that would
do, but as she otherwise pleased me very
well and as I have full confidence in
the judgement of ~~the~~ and integrity of the
person who recommended her, I promised
to submit the particulars of the case
to you. I ought to tell you, that her
father is a Prussian Beamter, her
name Alice Profe and her address
Berlin S. W. Bernburger Strasse 35.

In case you mean to engage her, please
to apply to her direct, and to mention whether

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you would pay the journey to Brighton,
which she seemed anxious to know. I saw
the family is in narrow circumstances; she
was dressed very simply, but looked quite a
lady and altogether made a very favourable
impression on me. What makes her anxious
to get the situation is that she would like
to perfect herself in English (which of course
she understands) and to acquire a wider range
as she called it; of course it appears as a great
advantage to her to get into a superior school
and among people that I can answer for.
Please in any case to let me know the decision
before long, as perhaps Miss Pope might have
other chances. Good-bye, dear Nelly, I am
glad you go on well. I am better, but very
busy just now. With love yours affected
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