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My dear Kelly

Many thanks for the patterns and your  
letter. The opportunity for getting English  
material is too tempting for my mother  
to let it slip by, though we do not really  
want any thin dresses for this summer  
and shall probably not have been made  
before the autumn. There is therefore  
not the slightest hurry either for the  
ordering or the sending of the 3 different  
kinds we have fixed upon. Still I suppose  
it would be best to order them at once,  
as the patterns have to be returned, and  
I hope either you or one of your sisters  
will kindly take that further trouble



for my mother. I see the money has to be  
sent along with the order, and it is so much  
more convenient to do that from England  
than from here. Besides I do not know  
whether the people would take the trouble  
of sending the goods to Germany. If so I  
will not trouble you any further than  
with the ordering; otherwise I beg you  
will just let the things come to you or  
to your mother's address and send them on  
when it is convenient. I do not know  
whether the carriage has to be prepaid and  
what it would come to. I think it is  
therefore best to have a margin in the  
amount for your eventual outlay.  
If my calculation is exact, the dues mentioned

would come to 14.  $\text{fl}$  1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in English money,  
which — with allowance for "agio" and  
postage — would make it about 15  $\text{fl}$  Mark  
in order to cover your expenses for the P.O.  
and the eventual carriage — cost, either  
through you or through the manufacturer  
I will send 2  $\text{fl}$  Mark more, i. e. 17  $\text{fl}$  Mark  
through Miss Schöner. I have arranged  
with her that she will spend the money  
on the way, so that you get it transmitted  
in English coin, by deducting the sum  
of 17  $\text{fl}$  Mark from the ~~sum~~ you pay  
her for her journey. I think this will be  
the most convenient way both for you  
and myself. If my calculation should  
not meet your expense or leave a surplus  
through difference of arrangement, we



can make up the difference in stamps, can  
 we not. Please to let me know about it  
 by and bye, as I sh<sup>d</sup>. not like to remain  
 in your debt very long, for fear of forgetting it.  
 I hope Fr. Schone will meet your expect-  
 ations; she seems very fresh and bright,  
 and certainly looks forward very much to  
 the situation, which is always nice to begin  
 with. Fr. Profi has told her a great deal  
 about the particular circumstances, her  
 special duties etc., so that she will soon  
 find out her bearings, I ~~trust~~.

My holidays have come to an end last week  
 and I am going to have the first exam. of  
 the teachers in German and History next  
 Saturday. I have asked all the Commission  
 and several other important people, as for



distance the 6 Directors of public Girls school  
at Berlin, and I hope some of them will  
come of back. We are having two Berlin  
cousins staying with us in Ellen's rooms  
while she is away at Barmhensen, and  
the task of showing Berlin to them partly  
devolves on me too, as my mornings are  
free of present. The town is looking its  
best just now with the early spring foliage  
and a very bright sky. I think I told you  
before that I have planned a trip to Switzer-  
land with my mother in the summer-  
holidays, but that will not be till about  
the end of June. In fact it could not be  
before the 9<sup>th</sup> of July if one of our Cousins  
Miss Lewis had not kindly stepped in and  
taken the responsibility out of my hands  
from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June till the beginning



of the actual holidays. I shall have to  
be back by the middle of August though.  
I hope you have enjoyed pleasant Easter  
holidays and will have an easier time  
coming on now. My mother sends you  
her best love and good wishes, and thanks  
for the patterns of course. She is especially  
touched by your kind remembrance of  
Lise in connection with your sisters' plans  
and so is Lise herself. They both think  
it would be just the thing for Lise to  
enter into partnership for a time with  
persons of a more enterprising and active  
taste, and she would bring at least a  
conscientious and thoughtful proceeding  
as her part of the bargain. Of course all  
this seems far off still and depends entirely

on what your sisters think of it when it  
comes to pass, but still the mere ~~and~~ looks  
is pleasant for Lise as a possible future.  
Goodbye dear Kelly - please to  
remember me to your sisters and  
parents (when you see them).  
I am so sorry for the Kennedys - had  
not heard of it before. Do you know  
but Miss Prudence has lost her  
father and but Caroline Peters is  
disporting herself in Italy. ~

With love

Yours affectly  
Alice Ann Colby.