

Lombard, Odier et Cie -

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My dear Mother -

We arrived here

on Wednesday morning and

found James waiting for

us at the station. We had

to pay five dollars extra for

our baggage from Paris here

so after this we will travel

with as little as possible -

We were soon here at the Pension

and we had into a great room

18 by 22. and I will make a little

plan of it. The floor is hard

wood in a pretty pattern and

we have three eggs. James is just near us and
Minnie has a pleasant room down stairs where
Frances is now reading early June aloud. The Piazza
is a large stone building and we are on an open
square with hotels and apartment houses on all
sides and two little cafes in front and between us
and the cafes is a little resting place with two
large trees and seats encircling the trees and a
waiting place for men and beasts. Sometimes
we see women washing there - Beyond are the pine
mountains and we are not shut in at all the houses
are as far away as the Church gate from 583 Beacon -
There is always something interesting to be seen from the large
front windows and at the windows are iron railings or
balconies and we hang our things out to air. Around
the corner are the University grounds and depend
from Harvard "yard" children play there and there
is a band and concerts for all. I have been sitting
on a bench ^{listening to the music} holding a little basket full of buttercups
Frances gathered and taking a bunch of violet
who has recovered from her "mal de mer" and
down to the ocean side and is now herself again. Frances
also picked a handful of English daisies for Mad.
Sabath. He had been to the bankers and the post
office. James took his Prof. for a walk this morning
for his two hours lunch and looked at music books
and it to have one made to order with six airs any

he prefers from the list of two or three
hundred. I have told Francis she
can have something to take home
too - and I think I will have a
picture of some birds some for
myself. Francis began his French
lessons promptly and says "good morning"
etc very well. Then we go into school
we all say good day Madame and
we all say it again when we come
out and all end in the most polite
manner. It is quite warm and the
windows are open all the time and
although there is snow on the
mountain we have no chill -
Francis has on all his summer
clothes and I bought her a large
white hat with a tremendous white
tulle bow for every day. I think
we will stay here until July 1st and
then either take a trip or go to

a chair in the mountains and
take a trip afterwards. I am sure
a visit in the mountains would
be very interesting and cool.
While we are here you will take advantage
on Lake Geneva an all day trip,
and wish we expect to do that, and
later, in June a trip to Chamouny
of two or three days. I bought yesterday
a little painting of the Castle of
Chillon for Louis' birthday and
one for Royal's of an island in
Lake Geneva where Francis ^{spoke} ~~spoke~~
yesterday afternoon. I will send them
in a day or two and Fanny can
keep them for the present time.
I'll Fanny I forgot all about the
dollar! I was in bed the day the
trunk started and got up hurriedly

at the last minute and put in the red dress and
locked the trunk. I think the best thing now would
is to wait until one or both of you want to give
something to Francis either at his birthday or
Christmas and let me then supply the money.
Do not care send money over here let me know
what you want to do or how much and I will
supply the funds and we will straighten out account on
our return. There are so many pretty things to buy in
the lovely, quaint old town. We go about gazing in
at all the windows. When we start on our journey
we now think of staying from two weeks to
month in Bonn. There are some very nice people
here ^{in the house} from Bonn - and if you can give me the address
of where John Staud we will hunt the place up.
Then again the names of some of the Profs. I remember
Buechler, & Essner - but there were several others.
We will take our northern trip to Holland, Rhine, Aachen
Luttrebach, Bonn etc first then return here, Bonn
after the mountains, and in the winter go to Italy and
stop in Nice before going to Paris again. I am
planning it nicely in my mind now. Yesterday I
found the Hotel Metropole where my mother lived
so long, and the shop where she bought so much beau-
tiful jewelry. My trunk is all coming back to me
in fact I have got on nicely from the beginning