

Paris Dec 24th 1847

My dear Mrs Schuyler

I received your charming letter last evening & am delighted to hear that you have reached Florence without being wetted, or other disagreeable incidental to travellers, not getting a letter, I began to be somewhat alarmed having heard of several hair-breadth escapes between Nice & Genoa.

By the last steamer we received two very kind notes from Mr. & Mrs Schuyler, the ties of association are so strong that I will not allow myself to feel that they are from strangers. You ask me if we are still to the Hotel du Rhin? Yes - and I begin to doubt if we shall ever leave the enchanting spot. Occasionally we send for Mr. Marchal & find any quantity of fault & threaten to leave, then he promises to do so much better for the future, that we are induced

to remain. As to what we do - ~~probably~~
Mr. Coleman's letter will inform you, as he
told me to day that he had written you
and said of us, that we had "nothing
to do but read the newspapers & love."

We have just received an invitation
from Mrs. Moulton for Monday evening, it
is to be the debut of her daughter & quite
a large fall. - Mr. Walsh gave a party
on Friday, which is said to have been a
magnificent affair in the Paris sense,
which is somewhat different from ours.

Mrs. Haight gave a recherche dinner
last week, (by the by tell Mr. Hamilton
I am rather disappointed in his beauty)
these are the only American entertainments
I have heard of.

We have made all due preparation
for the Presentation. Now I wish you were
all here to go with us, I can't tell you
how desolate we have felt since your
departure, sometimes we have become
quite desperate, & decided to leave forth-
with then the recollection that it is winter,
and rather cold to visit Russia, has
determined us to remain until the spring
when I hope we shall see you. Do
hurry through Italy & come back and

spend a month or two here.

The second masquerade is to be given on
Saturday at the Grand Opera, the stores
are filled with dominoes, masks, & all
sorts of queer dresses, & present a most
attractive appearance at night when
lighted, with persons trying on the
various costumes.

At the Italian Opera there is a new star
Mlle Albani, as yet we have been unable
to obtain places everything desirable having
been engaged for a week or two. Report
says she sings delightfully, second only
to Jenny Lind, but that she is shock-
ingly plain, being perfectly even from head
to foot, not the least appearance of a waist.

Grisi is exerting herself astonishingly &
for the last few nights is said to have
quite revived her departing glory.

The little writing case has been a perfect
treasure, I use it on all occasions & value
it exceedingly for its many conveniences, &
for having been the travelling companion
of one I love so well.

With love to Mr. & Miss Hamilton in
which Mr. B. joins, & in the hope of meeting
you ere long, believe me, my dear Mrs. Schuyler
yours truly
M. Bergh



Mr. J. M. G. L. L. L.

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Mme Schuyler
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