

P.S. I am afraid there is some  
mistake about your  
address as I cannot  
find the name Coppe

in the directory, & as to  
no one answering the name  
in the Avenue des Fies although it is in

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Paris

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My dear Albert, likely street

I am now fairly  
settled in Paris, and find  
myself very comfortable. I have  
taken a room in a "Maison-  
meublée" on the Rue de Valenciennes  
and just at the N.W. corner

of the Jardin des Luxembourg  
and as I am in the fifth  
storey I have a full view of  
the gardens from out of my  
windows. I have found myself

very hard to ease in regards  
to a lodging; have been quite

spoiled by always living in  
such a delightfully quiet place  
as we have at home. It is

the noise that I dislike more  
than anything else in Paris.

This place is not like London;  
for there, the only use the

main street as thorough fares, while here they  
make use of them all. I have chosen this place  
principally on account of the situation, the furniture,  
and the land lady, as I suppose I may call her,  
although her official title is Concierge. I found her  
very obliging, and also her husband, who goes up  
being high up far more than counter-balances the  
slight inconvenience of going up stairs; as here I  
can have the noise to a considerable extent and  
as my windows face to the south I have plenty  
of light & fresh air besides the view. I am at  
the top of the house but the roof is flat covered with  
down steeply in front so that there is no disadvantage

there inside there is a little bit of slope between the window  
down but all the rest is square. But I cannot come  
to the furniture. As you enter, the two of French  
down one opposite door, each four feet six by three  
feet four. The bed is against the wall at the back  
top of the room, & is under a canopy formed by two curtains  
which fall gracefully over its ends. As you enter the right  
hand wall is a chest of drawers ornamented by a four  
panel book-case. Next to it is the <sup>main</sup> writing table  
which I now sit on & which has a little drawers in  
front of me. On the other side of the room there is  
a fireplace or rather a grate with a pair of doors which  
wall & protected in front of the main kind of paper that  
have papered over with other paper is a fire place  
is on the walls. Next to this is the fire place doorway

ed by a marble mantle-piece, above  
which is a mirror about a yard  
square. On the mantle-piece stands  
a handsome - gilt clock under a  
glass shade, & on each side of  
it is an elegant bouquet of costly  
flowers, also under glass shades.  
Then comes an écritoire also of  
mahogany, the front of which folds  
down & discloses innumerable  
drawers & pigeon-holes. This  
has a marble slab on top of it  
on which stands the celebrated  
piece of statuary known as "The  
Wrestlers" in bronzed plaster.  
Then lastly there is the wash-  
stand. There are also a number  
of pictures representing gallant  
soldiers on horse-back, & such  
like. I must not omit also a  
little round table in the middle of  
the room, an arm chair & three  
other chairs. The price is 40 francs a month,  
service included.

I have adopted the course  
which I will have kept by  
School commences. I let Madame  
to bring me up a cup, or rather  
small bowl, of chocolate and  
a roll, at quarter to eight.  
Then at eleven, I go out and  
let dejeuner at a restaurant  
which I have found in this  
vicinity & seems to be a good  
place. Then I dine between five  
& six & when I come in I let  
Madame to bring me up a cup  
of tea & a roll. I have not  
had time yet to investigate  
this locality thoroughly so that  
I do not altogether know its  
resources in the way of restauran-  
ts. I will probably to con-  
tinue to go to the place I used  
to patronize on the north side  
of the Seine when the session  
commences, as it is not <sup>very</sup> far  
from the school & is a nice  
place as I have well a shop

them for dinner I will find some place - between  
the school & chapel. Which I can take on my way  
way back. I expected to feel very lonely here  
when I first thought of coming, but I do not feel  
myself at all so now. It just shows how little  
one really believes in what he professed to when  
we are so apprehensive about the future, instead  
of being thankful for the present, & trying that  
the future will be made smooth & easy where  
we come to it.

I have asked Frothingham to take out to you  
a few little things which I have given him. I tried  
to get a pair of asparagus tops for you, but found  
that I could not do so without being so extravagant, so

I had to give up the glass, & content myself with the  
spirit spoon which I got here in Paris. It is made of  
white metal plated, & is wanted to last for ever.  
I left it but dinner when I went to Mr. Crows. He  
intends to sail on the 14<sup>th</sup> & go the route whether  
he or this letter will arrive first, so you must wait.  
till they come before you tell them what to write.  
I got a set of pocket compasses for beads which I in-  
tend as a present. I also send this thermometer which  
he wished me to get for him, & for which he owes Father  
I got Anna a crystal (quartz) pendant which I bought  
at Geneva & is in the latest style. I send a set of  
stands for Rankine, they have sold fronts on iron  
& engraved, & I think they will prove their worth. I got  
them in the Brompton Road, London, the first time I

was there. For Eva I invested in  
an amber brooch, which I bought  
in Dresden, & will serve as a  
reminiscent of that place. Berlin  
however, is almost better for that  
line of things. I send also a piece  
of chocolate addressed to Anna  
which I got at a little manufac-  
tory in the rue de S. Honoré  
& which is warranted to be of the  
best quality. I think you will  
also find a little bottle of China  
cement which perhaps may prove  
useful. (I got nearly all these things  
with the three sovereigns which George  
gave me) (but this of course is con-  
fidential)

My address is, then -

58 rue de Vaugirard,

Paris,

I must confine myself  
to one letter a week for the present, or  
I will ruin myself with postage.

Your affectionate son

William



P.S. I got a suit, I think I told you of, in Edinburgh at Bathie's. The price was £3-17-6 I made a mistake about it before. Then I also got three pairs of drawers at 5/7 each, and three woolen undershirts at 6/- each. Also six pairs hand knitted socks at 2/6 a pair. These are all of very good quality. I have therefore quite a supply for winter.

The weather has been keeping very warm for the season.

Please say to Rankine that if there is any particular kind of Stamp he would like I can easily get it to put on my letters.