30 Theresien Straſse
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My dearest Grizzi –

I must let myself out by writing to you dearest. Oh! I have such a lot to tell you & you have been such a darling writing so often. I really hardly know how to begin. Eva & I have been carrying the day before us in a most unaccountable & surprising fasion. I feel in such an unsettled excited condition. I suppose it really only is the *novelty* of being appreciated. I must go back to the beginning of our fun – Last Tuesday was the day of the dance in the theatre. Eva wore black & I pink we bought flowers & both looked very nice I think I may venture to say we were the most distingué looking in the room, people stared – the place

heard Irish girls were such fun, said the other day he did not find us stiff, but easy like Americans, which he added was meant for a compliment. We were introduced to one or 2 other men by the Wienerinnen nothing particular. Of course we not really have enjoyed the Dance so much except for him – Friday evening the Hungarian Verein fancy ball came off. Dr G. was very anxious for us to go, but you could only get admittance through a member of this Verein. Frau Wolf who is one, very kindly offered to take ~~Ev~~ us & also gave Dr G. an invitation. At Breakfast that morning Dr G. just as he was leaving the room came & asked wd. we allow him to send us in some flowers! Of course we accepted. At Dinner Mother's & your letters arrived telling the sad was crowded – A large contingency went from here, we kept together off & on with a Frau Wolf & her niece good natured Viennese – Dr Evans though in reality looked after us all the evening. I must tell you he sits down at the opposite end of the table to ours & I had spoken a little to him the previous Sunday & only took to him moderately. This evening however he did show up well, Eva & I were quite fetched. His appearance a great look of Harry, same coloring, rather big nose, reddish closely cut hair, sparkling tawny eyes, he comes from Montreal, has taken his degree & is making further studies on this side the water, his manner ~~I fancy is very~~ is just what I wld. fancy an American's to be, lively energetic, a great deal of tact & savoir faire, age really 24 altho' you would take him to be 3 or 4 years older, & as he says himself he has had the experience of a man of 30. Well he divided his attentions between Eva & me all the evg. I got in 1 or 2 delightful dances, at least as enjoyable as they could be in such a crowd. Did the American Polka (Montre with him, I sometimes expected to see Tschudi's face popping up before me! We three sat out several dances together in the first rang, when we got through most interesting conversation, the independance & higher education of American girls, Drummond whom he had met & heard deliver his Lecture on Love etc. he got quite lost in this latter subject having, we found a kindred spirit & ever since he has got on splendidly together with both of us. Said he had always

dressed in a most becomming
costume as Républicaner –
She introduced me, I liked his
look at once, he did not seem
to notice me much – went off immediately. Must stop now dearest
it is 1/4 to 12 o'C! I am so sorry for
you & Molly being in for such a dull
time of it. If you were here how your
spirits would rise, this is the
day Ethel starts, how dreary for you
we are having such a splendid time
of it here – "night, night" give Jane
my love! Wednesday afternoon
I shall go on at once with the
dance – At the suppertable
we all met, Frau Wolf, niece
Dr Evans, László (the Ungarian)
& 2 friends of his, Herr Lebel
(a German, not much) & a Herr von
Krahl (a Ungarian very nice looking
There was plenty of fun & talk)

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news about Aunt Sue – of course a
great blow to us altho' not quite
unexpected. Well we were very loath
about the prospect of going to dance,
on top of it all, but on weighing
pros & cons thought it better to go,
on account of our staying away making
so many other unpleasantnesses –
Dr L who I doubt would have gone
but for us, had spent 10/ on ~~t~~his
ticket, besides having accepted the
flowers it would have been so awkward to have knocked everything on
the head. Had we alone been concerned we shd not have gone, but as
it was we did, & never did I enjoy
a dance as that one!
Our dresses were the same as before,
Eva's flowers were yellow daisies, mine
Lilly of Valley shoulder Sträuschen –
We arrived in good time before 8 –
at the Bayerischen Hof (Hotel) –
A good many were there, we

noticed one big man in the Garderobe got up as Mephistopholis whom we afterwards learnt to be one of the Celebrated Malers & danced with Eva – the place was filled with Malers, Defreger was there but we did not see him – Everyone nearly in fancy costumes. There was a procession & speechifying which lasted about an hour before dancing began – During this time we were all sitting in a row, Eva had Dr Evans next to her & with the exception of the 1st dance which he had with me, he was the whole of the 1st part of evg. till supper with Eva making me feel frightfully jalouse as he was rather more my friend than hers till then. After my first dance I seated myself next the Wiennerin feeling

Eva was in for the good time this evg. as I had had the best of it the other night. A few dances went by, people now & again staring, I feeling somewhat disconsolate when I saw a mans eyes fixed on me, a goodlooking fellow, a trifle common – presently my stare is before me making his bow & Aufforderung zum Tanz! Away I went, danced that Polka through, (which by the way was an old friend) I talked a few words with my partner, found him uninteresting rather & then he brought some me back. ~~I was there~~ Presently another man came up, nothing particular, & we danced Francaise together. While sitting during this part of evg. a friend of Frau Wolf came up, a dark, goodlooking fiery eyed Ungarn,

all the Southerners flocked
to our standard, they seem to love
the fair complexion a Spaniard
presented Eva with flowers too.
We were not home till after 5.
I did enjoy it so, especially L.
his whistling was too delicious
he has written to Buda Pest
~~to~~ for Ungarian Airs for me—
On ~~Tuesday~~ Monday we were all sitting
here when a card arrived from
Laszlo asking might he come
to pay us a visit ~~that~~ day at
5 We dressed ourselves against
the hour, having given the
servant instructions to show any
gentleman that came into the
drawingroom— We were ready
sitting in here when a knock comes
to the door, the next minute we

3/ Laszlo in the thick of it
looking charming, I was longing
for him to ask me for a dance
& so he did. The second time he
came up & we had finished dancing
I said something about Hungarian
music & he at once said he would
whistle me some songs which he
did most beautifully. I saw he
took to me he had such a way
of staring, & then in the end he
said, "Wissen Sie das blonde,
grosse, Vornehme das giebt
mich an gerade weil wir so
entgegen gesetzt sind, das ruhige
Vornehme gefällt mir gerade,
weil ich so lebhaft & feurig bin!
He has a great admiration for
das Vornehme" the French he
says are Schick, aber die
Ausländer & Americaner Vornehme.

I forgot to mention he also is an artiste, got 1st prize at an exhibition in Wien — he asked me to come & see his Studio & Eva & I finally arranged with him that he should call for us here & take us through Leibach's Studio & then his own at the Academie on Wednesday

The rest of my partners during ~~rest~~ 1st & 2nd part of evg. were Dr. Evans with whom I sat out 1 or 2 dances talking, after which we came & stood at the door — there was a table quite close full of little bouquets which the gentlemen were buying & giving to their ladies. What was my surprise, when my first ~~unin~~-troduced partner came up & presented me with one! A minute after, I was still standing with Dr. E. a very fine dark man came up & begged me for Francaise — he was a very nice fellow, also an Artist, Russian asked me did I know the Duchess of Edinboro' that he had painted Princess Victoria & Mary — Afterwards Laszlo (pronounced Lasslo) came up to me with a bouquet & took me off for another dance — he is a charming little fellow, a regular Hungarian in appearance & manner, evidently loves fair, Vornehme people he was delighted at the idea of our coming to his Studio — Eva & I were so amused the way

They all 3 brought us home. I can hardly write Wa & Mary are talking so - From all I have told you, you will gather what a good time we are having, & I am enjoying it so, but continually with a kind of feeling that I ought not to be enjoying myself so much. It is so strange for us to be run after, & we really are, tho I sometimes wonder is it improper our going out with those men alone, but if we did not we could get no fun at all, you must either go in for it all or have none at all - & the people here dont look on it as being strange for May - We conclude it is all right & L. & Krahl are & would be considered gentry at home - they are quite different to the bürgerlichen Germans - they are both looked

see Laszlo standing just about to come in!! I jumped up & brought him into the drawingroom - he was so put out at having gone to our bedroom asked us were we angry, those stupid servants. He was very fresh black frock coat, clean collar & cuffs, gray breaks. he was not so excitable as on the other evg. he stayed an hour & in the ~~end~~ said the time had passed so quickly. We changed the day on which he was to show us the Studios to Tuesday (yesterday). he & his friend Lebel, who he said was anxious to come too, might he etc. we settled should call for us at 1/4 before 2. Accordingly they arrived à l'heure fixe, we had to leave before dinner was over - Our first place was Lenbach -

a most beautiful set of rooms &
Studio - It was most interesting
hearing L's remarks - We then went
to his own Studio & he got so excited showing us his pictures, things
he is going to send to Chicago Ex.
& ended up with taking our photos!!
We then walked through the
streets where Carnaval celebration
were going on to see the fun
making a détour before finishing
up with Coffee at Caffe
Luitpold which is quite the
thing to do here - I had L.
all the time, En Lebel -
L. was so nice & amusing, he is
so like a child, of course there
was a good deal of nonsense &
paying of compliments in the
conversation, he promises to go
through Dublin going to Chicago
next year, when he will come &
see us - At Caffee Luitpold
sitting at another table was
Herr v. Krahl also a künstler
I mentioned him before - he
joined us, the talk was amusing
& interesting I had said I was
going back to Brussels to get
lessons from Ysaye -
then they set too at me, why
I cld not get lessons here
that when Ysaye comes to
Munich on the 9th they wld
fight him & break his arms
so that we should have to stay
here!! did you ever hear such
nonsense? Von Krahl asked us
to come to his Atelier on
Sunday I am also to bring
my fiddle L. persists on hearing
me play -

on as lights here — Eva & May's
talk has rubbed me up so much
my ideas refuse to flow —
It is very wise of May staying in
London, how lonely you will be
where do you sleep? Light-foot is
evidently a success — also Kect
have you been singing? how
extraordinary it seems that they
have not yet become settled at
home, we are indeed to be envied
I intend making the most of my
time, as I suppose this trip
means a years hermitage for m
[illegible]
some. I can't write any
Good-night ~~dearest~~
Ever your loving
L. M. Guinness.

Your Bene sends much love
& thanks for birthday letter — I wis

this personally cd: we having some
of our pies; we almost go out
of our minds with having too much
yesterday Eng. Dr Ed. gave us a
Browning reading. You can't think
how lucky we ~~H~~ are

Ever yr Bruce