

had a fine drive through the awful looking remains of the fall
of the Rossby, where hundreds of unclaimed corpses are lying till
the day of judgement - got to Arth where a crowd of pedestrians
with sticks & bags were preparing to assault the Rigi - steamed to
Zug, wishing for a little quiet - when behold! the little place was
in an uproar like an opened ant-hill - I saw the Fin National -
the place was full of flags & festoons (pretty enough, by the way) -
a hundred persons or so crowded into the little steamer the moment
we left it - rifles, bands, & volumes of tobacco smoke in a boiling
sun sent us up here (whereas we had meant to have slept below) &
here we are, with all the lake of Zug (I had like to have felt
it Jug!) beneath us - & all the plain country beyond without end.
The Rigi cuts out most of the high snow - still the place is charm-
ing, & I wish you were here: only perhaps you would rather be where
you are!

By this time I hope you have mastered Der die dar - Zwei - Geese &
One - Jack - off - be. be. be. (pray don't betray me to the Herr Pro-
fessor Doctor - if still living - who figures in the Anti-Jacobin.) -
I really have a great respect for gentle Germans. But vulgarity -
the same in its essence everywhere, is especially unattractive when
rolling about in a cloud of smoke. We thought of you so often at Mad.
K's - you seemed like a part & parcel of our idea of the place - but the
house is changed, & the management more pretentious & I am sorry to
add less comfortable. I think Switzerland is over doing the thing, &
being overdone - & they will be done up in the end. Which I shall be
very sorry for, for I love them, tho' not all their means & ends. - After
all, I don't think a noble animal, though often very clumsy, & needless
rough. - What do you think of our finding a dear friend of Mr. Dyer's at
Thun, & an F.R.A.S. - a very pleasant fellow, with a nice wife & family,
at Mad. K's. - I wd rather you wd not ask his name - so I will tell you
- Hopkirk! - He can't help that, poor fellow! - he met too a very nice young
girl who has an aunt at Brian, & knew some of our friends. And there were 2
pleasing American ladies there - but the rest of their compatriotes such, both in
appearance & behaviour, that I am glad ~~you~~ you did not forget going to Amer-
ica. Their assumption is most offensive. My wife sends her best love & says
you don't know how glad she will be to see you again, & hopes for 1 1/2 days at Odessa.
your very affectionate friend
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