

Berlin, January 7th 99.

My dear Kelly

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I am heavily laden with thanks, not only for your last nice letter and the kind gifts you sent me through P. L. Levin, but, my mother's and sister's grateful acknowledgements of the very pretty things you presented them with. Only they have expressed a wish you would not put them under quite such heavy obligations another time, as for instance the Jubilee - spoons you sent my mother & my mother's presents, as she generally finds herself out of the way of abolition, as for me, I was sincerely glad of the pens and pins, and if it were not absolutely impossible, I would try to say as much for the book. But alas, even my very sincere and solid friendship will not stretch so far as to enable me to buy and read political documents, "which are in them."

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elves unpalatable and indigestible matter
for me, even from an impartial point of
view! As matters stand now, I feel that
my own as well as all German sympathies
are utterly exchanged from English politics
in fact go entirely and even enthusiastically
with the Boers. You see, it is a hopeless
case, which you had better dismiss from
discussion. I wish I knew any one to
whom your book might be welcome
or interesting, so that your kind intention
in sending it could be realized with a
change of personal address, for though I
would not give it away, yet I might
lend it — but unfortunately all the
people I can think of are even more in-
accessible than myself or my mother to
a representation from the English point
of view. I dare say you will carry it
through, nevertheless, with all the national

due to humor
the interest
I must dispatch same more letters
Please excuse
writing

stubbornness and valour and resource
that you are possessed of, and in a way
it may be considered as the cause of
civilization (however insignificant) against
a wild people; still every fibre of my
heart revolts against this unjust war.
Persons I am by choice:
St. Lewis and Ruth came to see me about
a week ago, and have since given us the
pleasure of spending an evening here.
We thought Ruth looking as fresh
and pretty as a full-blown rose — it
is my mother used that simile — so
I hope she is entirely recovered. She has
kept wonderfully young and girlish
in voice and manner, which is a great
charm, I think, though it may be due
to the very fact of her shirking the
school-responsibilities. We are all

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very glad to hear, how well these letters
repay the trouble of bearing them. Ruth
as well as Fel. Levin extolled the charms
of the situation and the internal comfort
of the new buildings so highly, that I
begin to feel quite eager that the ^{empress}
Frederick may see them. I hope her visit
will come to pass next spring.

We have spent Xmas very quickly, the more
so as my mother has been suffering from
rheumatism a great deal this winter,
keeping her bed for many days. Otherwise
she is unchanged, but she ^{felt} the ^{cost} of the winter
as a great hardship. I cannot write any
more to-night, and besides it seems rather
a waste of time, as Fel. Levin will give you
all accounts much more satisfactorily by
way of mouth. So goodbye and much love
to you, dear Nelly, from us all, but especially
from yours affectly
Elizabeth Colden