

1 carriage is said to have cost 150,000 dollars. Next passed into the harness room. Here, if possible, the  
2 extravagance and folly of royalty was more manifest than in any other place we have visited: saddle  
3 cloths embroidered with gold, and from a pint to a quart of large pearls mixed in the embroidery. It is  
4 hardly possible to imagine a greater waste of money than is here exhibited. And yet the people think it's  
5 funny and show it with great pride. Well, it's none of my business – only to take care that we never  
6 imitate this folly in the United States, no matter how much a President may desire it. Next drove to the  
7 Great Exposition building. I was surprised at its extent & solidity. It has no appearance of having been  
8 built for temporary purposes, and the whole thing being now deserted and useless, it conveys to my  
9 mind an impression of folly and reckless miscalculation. We spent an hour walking about the grounds  
10 and examined a house built in "Turkish" style – minarets, mosque, and all complete. It was very  
11 interesting, very large, and very costly. The extensive grounds are filled with pavilions, covered walks,  
12 and buildings used for restaurants at the exposition – now entirely useless. It is all very well to show to  
13 strangers, but I do not give them credit for such insane folly and waste of somebodys money. Resuming  
14 our carriage, we drove some two miles out and back on a splendid boulevard called the "Prater." Saw  
15 many fine carriages & horses, also the Emperor and Prince Imperial. The girls were nearly crazy to see a  
16 live Emperor, and now they are convalescent and likely to recover. We have enjoyed our drive in and  
17 about the city to day immensely and shall soon be through with Vienna at the rate we are going.

18 March 14<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Did not go out to day. The girls a little out of sorts, and Mrs. Van and I willing to  
19 rest from further excitements. They have a Scotch Presbyterian church here, but, as I could not find it  
20 without a guide, I was easily persuaded by the force of circumstances to remain at home.

21 March 15<sup>th</sup>. Guide & carriage at 10 o'clock. "Drove out of town to the Palace of Schonbrunn. The  
22 building, though large, has nothing about it in an architectural point of view to attract attention, but the  
23 park and gardens are of extraordinary extent and very beautifully arranged in the Versailles style of  
24 landscape gardening. In the rear of the garden on top of a very high hill is a building called the Glorietta  
25 Temple. From the roof of this building we had a fine view of Vienna and the surrounding country. The  
26 interior of the palace is well arranged and fitted up in the usual extravagant manner. In one of the  
27 rooms we were shown the bed occupied by Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup> in 1809. His son died on the same bed in 1832.  
28 There are a number of good pictures in the palace, some very fine "Gobelin tapestries," and several very  
29 beautiful rooms in rosewood and other costly finish. The palace was finished by Maria Theresa about  
30 100 years since. The grounds are adorned with statues and fountains. One of the latter is on a grand  
31 scale with a colossal Neptune, water nymphs, and dolphins. The water not being turned on to day, we  
32 had to guess what additional beauty it would give to the concern. We passed through very extensive hot  
33 houses filled with rare plants, then into a conservatory where we were surprised to find the most  
34 beautiful display of choice flowers that we have seen since we left the floral exhibition at London. In  
35 another part of the grounds we found a fine zoological collection of birds, bears, giraffes, elephants, etc.  
36 Returning to the city, drove to the summer palace of Prince Lichtenstein. Here we found a very  
37 extensive gallery of very valuable paintings – some 2,000 pictures. We were told that the value of the  
38 paintings is six millions of dollars! We spent a long time passing from room to room and admiring these  
39 wonderful works of art. We put this gallery down as the best we have seen. Being cold in the building,  
40 we left at 3 o'clock for another drive on the Prater. All the fashion of Vienna were out for an airing in  
41 cool breeze & bright sunshine. We met the Emperor and his son. They were on horseback. Raised my  
42 hat (which I seldom do) and received a salute in return from their Royal Highnesses. Girls & Auntie were