

1 very much pleased with the bobbery. We returned to our hotel at 4 o'clock, had a good dinner, and  
2 conclude to finish up Vienna to morrow if it is a pleasant day.

3 March 16<sup>th</sup>. Guide and carriage at 10 o'clock. First drove to the royal palace, having a permit to visit the  
4 treasury where the State Jewels are placed for safe keeping. In one case we saw crowns, sceptres, and  
5 many other baubles covered with diamonds, pearls, sapphires, etc. – the concern valued at 50 millions  
6 of dollars. Saw the regalia worn by Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup> as Emperor. Also the cradle of pearl and gold  
7 presented by the city of Paris to Marie Louise for the resting place of the young king of Rome. In a  
8 cabinet was the regalia and relics of the Holy Roman Empire of the 11<sup>th</sup> century: the crown of pure gold  
9 with pearls & precious stones, two sceptres, three swords, and the royal robes embroidered with gold  
10 and sprinkled with pearls. Also many "sacred relics" such as a tooth of John the Baptist, the arm-bone of  
11 Saint Anne, a piece of the table cloth used at the "Last Supper," three links of the iron chain by which the  
12 Apostles Peter and Paul were fettered, a piece of St John the evangelist's robe (dirty white silk). Also a  
13 little casket containing some earth saturated with the blood of the Martyr Stephen. In other cabinets  
14 were a great number of dishes, cups, plates, goblets, etc., of gold and silver ornamented with diamonds  
15 and other precious stones. Here is useless wealth enough to pay for all the railroads in the kingdom,  
16 shown once a week to the curious under guard of a platoon of soldiers. We next visited the royal  
17 museum of natural history. Here we found the most extensive and perfect collection of stuffed  
18 mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles, insects, and corals. Said to be the most complete collection in the  
19 world. It was of great interest, but would take a week to give it a proper examination. We gave it a  
20 couple of hours. Resuming our carriage, we drove some 5 miles to the celebrated Monastery of  
21 "Klosterneuburg," one of the largest and oldest monasteries in Austria. It is also one of the wealthiest.  
22 It was founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. It is located on the right bank of the Danube. The buildings are of  
23 great extent and make a very imposing appearance with much architectural pretension. The interior of  
24 the church (which is large) is very effective, in Corinthian style, profusely decorated. The chapels on  
25 each side of the nave are beautifully fitted up with marble in different colours. It appears that the arch-  
26 dukes of Austria are crowned here with great ceremony. Consequently, we were shown a suite of state  
27 apartments consisting of several large rooms elegantly fitted up and decorated with tapestry, pictures,  
28 and gorgeous furniture. But the crowning glory of the building is the throne room, about 90 feet long  
29 and 70 feet wide, in the form of an ellipsis covered with a fine dome at great height, the cornice at the  
30 base of the dome of colored marble, supported by 16 marble Corinthian cols. on magnificent marble  
31 pedestals. The entire finish of this grand rotunda is of coloured marbles and is very imposing and  
32 extremely beautiful. Our ride home was very pleasant, but rather cool owing to a strong wind directly in  
33 our faces. Arrived at our hotel at 4 o'clock. Paid off our guide and discharged him. Some photographs  
34 to morrow and a walk about the city will finish up our examination of this very elegant and interesting  
35 place. The next day for Prague.

36 March 17<sup>th</sup>. A beautiful spring day. The sun without a cloud and no wind. We walked about town some  
37 2 or 3 hours, purchased photographs, etc. I have been much pleased with our visit here. The best built  
38 parts of the city are finer and of a better style of architecture than the best parts of Paris. There is a  
39 boldness of relief in the decoration of the buildings in Vienna that is not found, as a general rule, in Paris.

40 March 18<sup>th</sup>. About an inch of snow fell last night, but the sun came out all right this morning and made  
41 short work with the snow. We left Vienna at 1:25 P.M. and arrived at Prague at 9:15. Found good  
42 accommodation at Hotel "d Angleterre." Had a good fire, sumptuous supper, & now to bed.