

my Room.
This Morning. 1863.

Dear Fiske,

The letter came a day or two since -
I did not hurry about sending it, thinking it
probable that I should have more to send.

yesterday morning - June 5. 1863, of the Independence of the
United States the 87th. - I noticed that the address is in a
familiar hand and the postmark Goats. so I wrote
a short letter to Hazard Taylor about you & me and the
cost of bread, and the Gotha Theater Kalendar & such. - Yes,
Sir I did him the honor to request him to go antiquarianizing
for me. - 'Spose he will? -

You, my dear chessers, are bound to Huckleberg Mountain -
shall I condescend to tell you another and wiser 'mir sine
grosse Gefälligkeit zu zeigen? - Yah - Yaw? - Well, here goes.
Some where in the neighborhood of Heidlh - us, Huckleberg hill -
is or ought to be, a place called Rothweil, or something
very much like Rothweil - here, or near here, a perhaps
said Rothweil itself, is or was - as I hear, still is, the seat,
or Estate or Gut or possession, chateau, villa, counterpart of a
family "Gleichenstein". - On his deathbed, Reethoven is told (in
the conversation book) ~~that~~ by his old Bonn friend, Stephen von
Breuning, that Gleichenstein has come to Vienna, and one sees
from the talk that he was a friend, where they were pretty
together - Gleichenstein, too, visits his old friend. - Well, it is
said by somebody - let's think! - yes, by some sort of family connection,
I think the nephew of Malfatti, who married a Gleichenstein
- I don't feel sure - it is said by this somebody that interesting matter
may be obtained about Reethoven's younger years at Rothweil.

Now we will suppose that an excursion be made from Heidl
Mountain to said source of valuable information and that he
who makes the excursion is paid to expense - well, I could give him

an order on my brother in Cambridgeport, who would pay those expenses (you see that I avoid making any definite proposal - that is, for economical reasons! (Here comes coughing Marie mit der Kaffel) 50 new for free stick.)

all the story, about Rothmil and visits of the young Beethoven there, bears a little of the improbable on the face of it - but his acquaintance with Gleichenstein is certain - he dedicated a work to him - a grand sonata in B. F. violin, Opus 69.

The upshot of the matter is - May it please your Excellency should you be able to do it (not as a labor, but as a pleasure) to find out about this Rothmil matter and write me not post paid.

Kindest greetings to Webster - I wish he would invite you to stay with him - perhaps he will.

When you meet Graham & Fran - say all the good things to them - You know I shall feel them and that you will tell no lies, by giving them any quantity of pleasant speeches on my account.

Nothing special ad legation - ~~Sunday~~ Thursday I undertook to dine with Pittsbl at 2 - in general, I was there from 12 to near one - he did not come.

Good bye my dear Thou = who = has = come = down = to = us = from = a = former = generation - (that is, a word long enough for a Dutchman)

Don't forget 'dis Chile.

Yours (still unmarried)

Alexander W. Thayer

Have I done wrong in making a hole in Taylor's envelope - to stick this note in? - I hope not, as I send it under cover to Webster.