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I am enjant to deal with the British Minister -

The cold is not yet severe - It is five
degrees of Raumer - By & by, it will be 20.
25 and a little more, probably - and continue
so for some days, at a time - Mr. Biocelle, or
your uncle Dullay, will tell you ^{how} cold this is
compare with Fahrenheit - and how cold
compare with our own winters.

I wish Charles was here to go to one of the good
schools to be found in the city - to learn French,
German & Russian - all which he would ac-
-complish directly - and to take half of the
nice little dinner which my french household of
Belvedere give me every day & to which I sit
down after dark entirely alone - For instance -
the day before yesterday, I had soup, mutton
chops, pheasant, green peas, cullery, sallad,
preserved peaches & custard with eye bread of
the most beautiful wheat bread in the world -
Yesterday I had soup, beef steak - wild duck,
potatoes, onions, asparagus, sallad, preserved
peaches - and a plum-pudding - I breakfast a

little after nine - either on tea or coffee with dry
cold toast - You never see warm bread or
warm cakes of any kind - no muffins - no buck -
- shut cakes, no corn cakes - no batter cakes, &
no short cakes! Warm bread is universally
rejected as unwholesome.

Sometimes I wish I had the measure of the
foot and person of your mother and those of
yourself - but, why should I express a wish?

I intended to write what I now com-
-municate for you - uncle Tawanian but forgot it
when I sent him my last letter - If my Presidency of the
board of Trustees of the W. U. of Penna. is not already con-
-sidered as vacated & filled by another I wish him to
put in a formal resignation for me on account of my
absence - I left home in such hurry & confusion I forget
to settle my acc^t. - It shall be done the moment I
return - Ever bless you all -

Wm. M.

Maria D. Wilpining

Miss Maria Sally Wilkins,



Pittsburgh - Pa^a

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