

Husband succeeds to a company, but you can say to dear Papa that I admire his country very much. I wish we might be so lucky as to pass near the parish where he was born on our way to Camp Blavis, the name of the place where we are going. It is about seven miles from the town of Belfast. The people in that vicinity have frightful principles, that is, they are all disposed to join the French if they land, but I do not despair of silencing them by the noise of our cannon. I have great confidence in my profession, and as I entered it willingly, I am a courageous soldier. Faith, you should see me close my eyes when a cannon goes off, but that is only because I have weak sight. If they should need me in case anything happened, they might give me a post where I did not have to keep my eyes open, and I should distinguish myself, no doubt.

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As I suppose that dear sister Adelaide has begun to be interested in the fashion, you will kindly give her this part of the paper. Come now, Adelaide, pay attention. Caps of the present style are all of a piece, "uni," like Madam McGee. You make them like the lining of a hat, that is, larger at the top than the part that touches the head. They should be covered with satin, black or white, arranged in folds, and a rosette of ribbon at the side, with a bunch of flowers in front. If your hair is not really black, do not powder it, but curl it quite high in front, leaving it hanging at the back. It should be short (cropped) at the side, combed smoothly, and the back hair plaited in two braids and brought around each side of the head so that they join in front where the hair is curled. Dresses have not changed in style, only I like to see young ladies without the neckerchief. They can dress modestly without that, and if you have a good figure, show it off to the best advantage. So much for the fashions.

You will please, dear Mother, address me generally in this way: *Mrs. Meredith, at Capt. Meredith's, R. British Artillery, Laughlinstown Camp, near Dublin, Ireland.*

My Husband understands state affairs better than I. All I know is that the French do not want to conclude peace with us. That makes it now so that the brave English have