

BADISCHER HOF

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Dear Major

Should a conspiracy strike
and you shall be my Father Confessor.
Going to Europe & crossing the ocean
are not so bad after all.

We come over on a Commodious &
Comfortable Steamer. Had a large
space ventilated State room & within
Mr B nor I had a moment of
discomfort - indeed we were
well housed - well fed & had
agreeable Companions - No dust -
good salt water baths, hot & cold -
daily & landed at Cuxhaven
(Cook's Haven) on the "North Sea"
after a most delightful voyage.
The Atlantic behaved beautifully;
and though the German ocean
was a trifle rough neither of us
was the least disturbed.

We have now been in Germany two
days, have seen Hamburg (which I am
sure is the finest city in Europe),
Hannover, Frankfurt, Darmstadt,
Luttenberg, Heidelberg, Mainz
Coblenz and the Rhine between
the two last named places. The
Rhine with its antique picturesque
Castles, its superb National
Monument at Bingenheim & its
vineyards, is well worth crossing the
Ocean to see. We spent an after-
noon at Hamburg - the now
fashionable watering place of
Germany, where the English
Dukes & Continental nobility
congregate in July & Aug, and a
beautiful place it is. We have been
for a couple of days at this famous
old resort - which in its way is still
pretty & interesting. The glory of
Bismarck departed nearly twenty