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(Letter from Ida M. Tarbell  
to her family (Mother) 1892)

5 Rue du Sommerard  
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147T Dear Mother:

Jo will bring you a little package of stuff which please distribute in the family. I'll begin at the head of the family as we do at Xmas time. The dogs are a paper weight for father's desk. They are so entirely Parisian that I wanted you to see them. The little silver brooch is for you. It is good if not very large and I want you each to have a fleur-de-lis in some form, beside these pins are very stylish now. I send Will a paper knife. It has a picture of the French clown Pierrot as everybody calls him. You see him everywhere on Mardi Gras and at all the circuses, etc. I didn't intend any ~~inf~~ reflection on my respected brother. The little tea bell is for Ella. It is in old Rouen ware and "awfully swell" if not very pretty. I intended sending her a spoon but couldn't find the one I wanted. She shall have it later.. I could have found it with a little more time, but my prison ~~h~~ rd has absorbed all the time I had given myself to buy your gifts. For Sara, the lace. It is the nicest thing in the lot and the rest of you mustn't be cross. I got it at the lace factory in Brussels so it is genuine Brussels net. I enclose also a little paint knife which some of my artist acquaintances have recommended as very useful to lay on skies, etc. The mosaic pins are for Esther and Clara, the red for Esther, the blue for Clara. I dared not try to send toys for they say they are almost always confiscated. The cat which runs is

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