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Now to give an account of where I spent that sum -

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for tips & deck chairs etc.

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for - ballet, Moliere's play & Dukakstein's concert - 5.00

for - dinners - other than vacation - five times } - 20.00  
 & lunches with groups before organized lectures }

for - stamps - have only written you & G. except  
 for postcards & package sent home. 2.50

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for - books - and they were supposed to have  
 been included but aren't & I haven't been  
 able to get them all yet. 10.00

for - a day - Sunday with group at Fontainebleau - 2.00

for - a day - " " " Fontainebleau - 3.50

for - a day with room-mate at Versailles - 3.50

for - mittens which I did not have here - 1.25

for - ink, newspapers & notebooks, etc - - 3.00

for - the trip to the Loire valley - to see 7 chateaux  
 transportation between chateaux, hotel & meals 25.00

for - having these two classes lengthened including  
 the material - new & known ones - 4.00

for - fruit three times - pear & fig & bread - 2.50

Have about \$ 8.00 left now. \$ 138.75

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 what my money was spent for - visiting all over Paris  
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Now, as to allowance - I didn't really know until I became accustomed to the strange system I was lost & probably wasted some money as every one did here in the learning - However, not counting vacations my roommate for example gets \$40 a month and has been over drawing each month. I am sure that after the initial books are bought, which is my main worry right now, everything will work out - I will be walking to the Sorbonne & will only have to ride the bus to the Louvre. Right now I am swamped with work - have three classes at the Sorbonne -

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  2. 18th " "
  3. French history
- which each take two hours a week plus 4 hrs. of homework each - and the cours pratique there which is 6 hrs of lecture a week plus 6 hrs of outside work & a theatre (French contemporary) which is again 2 hrs a week with 4 hrs. required work & seeing the assigned play - and modern 19th & 20th century art at the Louvre which is 3 hrs. of conference & 6 hrs of work - plus my painting classes which have not been entirely arranged for yet. All of that

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