

Fond du Lac June 11, 1880

Dear Friend John,

My health and these few minutes allows me time to write you a few lines. I think you must be wondering why it takes me so long, to answer your letter. I didn't have time. I am at a very hard place here. More work than I had at Luis place. Last Summer I wondered if I should stay here or not. Dear John are you coming home for Johannistag Midsummerday? I don't know if I can go or not. I wrote a letter to Pauline too. She is now in Chicago that is so far from here.

Oh I am now all alone here and it is no fun anymore. It is hard to have fun if you have to work all the time, Sundays like weekdays working, not going to church and nothing.

Dear John there was a big fire here in town, a big mill burned down and three Houses next to it burned to the ground. Oh it looks terrible over there.

Dear John you write that I could have a chance to cook for you, but will you pay me four dollars a week along with Room and Board? But I am afraid I wouldn't get along with Thomas. I used to tease him and he got mad. And the madder he got the more I teased him. I ask him once what he did with that women who laid in his bed and she didn't say a word. It was a Rag-woman that we made and laid it in his bed. That made him mad at me, but I had my fun doing it and teased him more. I hope he don't carry a grudge, but I think he is still mad at me. I am sorry Thomas.

Oh dear John I don't know anymore, don't you think that this about enough? I think so, I don't know anymore.

Amen Amen

It closes with lots of Greetings your true loving friend Mary A. Gesellchen

Friendly Greetings to Thomas and Friedrich Kirsten. Tell them I thank them many times for their Greetings Maria Gesellchen

Excuse me for waiting so long. I had no time for writing a hard place.
Amen Marie Amen

