My Dearest John,

I finally have to take time to write to you. You have no idea why I haven't written to you sooner. The time has gone so fast. The wife of the people where I board is very sick and the baby was also sick. Whenever I come home from work I have to hold this child because it always cries for me.

Sundays I go to church and when I get home I have to cook dinner and the rest of the afternoon I have to hold that child.

Today I told the husband he has to hold the child so I could write to you.

Yes my dear John we have to work very hard in this world. I wash everyday very hard and then when I home then I hold the child from 7-10 and sometimes till 12. Except last Wednesday I stayed up until 2 a.m. in the morning and then I had to get up at 6 a.m. and went washing until 6 in the evening.

Yes, Yes, I must endure it and I can't say anything because she is very sick.

Oh my dear John, next Saturday I will go home to celebrate Easter. I hope my brother-in-law Theodore and Anna with the children will be home. That would make me very happy.

It has been 7 months since I was home. My parents and siblings are happy that I am coming home for Easter. It would make me very happy if you and Nick *(Mary's brother Nick Gesellchen)* were coming also, but you said it would not be possible. Last year we were all together.

My Dear John it has been over a year when your mother died. I hope she is in a better place than we are. She is in God's hands.

Yes my dear John, it is real stormy and it is snowing. I don't know anymore and I am still healthy. I will close with thousands of greetings to you.

from your loving Mary Gesellchen

A kiss for you from me your true love

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