Friend Johnny,

I will now answer your letter, which I read some time ago. I was very glad to hear from you all again, and I should have answered sooner, but we were so busy house-cleaning, that I scarcely had time to do anything, but thank God, we are all through and still alive. Well, Johnny, how does the world use you? Now, before I forget, you must allow me to congratulate you on your being an uncle, a fact which you did not let me know. How is your Mother & your sister Ida getting along?

I received a letter of Lena Strobel this morning, and I see they are all alive and kicking as you generally say. I see there was a party at their house, and I'll wager they had a splendid time.

There is one thing Johnny, me being sick most all winter, I was left on the parties, but I dont mind it any more for it has given me a lesson, and I hope made a better girl of me, for really I am almost fit for the nunnery (all but) I suppose you have been waiting for Ed & Steve to write, but I am really ashamed to excuse them again, but as the heading of this paper will explain Pa left his old place, after being there 32 years, and built a mill of his ow n and certainly Ed & Steve just had their hands full, helping Pa get things in shape, but I spoke to Steve a number of times, to write, but now they have more chance and think will write very soon for they want you to come down to Buffalo for the 4th of July, for we will have a great time, as they are going to raise the Soldiers Monument I wish you could be here then, for I think it will be nice. There is an excursion to Detroit the 23rd and I guess Ma & Pa are going. Detroit is not very far from Sandusky is it?

I bet you was to a great many leap year parties, was'nt you. Have you seen the Rosenbaums lately? I wrote them a letter a few weeks ago, but so far have no answer yet. I am also expecting a letter of Cousin Anna. I shall have to write to Lizzie too, for she promised to come & see me this summer. I heard that Mrs. Zipfel is her old self again, and I am ever so glad, for I never expected she would live, when I left already.

Now Johnny, being run down, I dont know what else to write so I will close with sending all our very best regards to yourself & all your folks and hoping you will answer this soon, I am as ever

Your good for nothing friend Katie Buffalo

65 Adam St. Buffalo, N.Y.

Now do please excuse my poor writing & the paper I used, for I thought the paper I used would explain itself without my writing.

I hope you will come, but do please send your picture beforehand so that I may know you yet for most likely you have a moustache.

My mustache is as fine as ever & I guess I will raise side gallways now.

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