

Buffalo, N.Y., May 21st, 1884

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 own 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.

Buffalo N.Y.
Sept 13, 1884

Dear Johnny:

We arrived hear safe but the folks didnt expect us we got hear at 8 o'clock Kate was just telling Lena she didnt believe I would come till she seen me but we were almost dead we were so tired the train didnt stop any where's very long at Cleveland 10 minutes and at Erie ten minutes.

I didnt see Steve or his father any more that night not until the next noon and then Steve sent Edd up and he came and the first thing he asked When was Johnny and Charley coming they said they wish you would come before election day Steve thinks it is odd that you dont write he said he rote last it was your turn We are exspecting Joe hear every day and when he comes Mrs Reimann will send Edd's and Steve picture with him for you and Charley they didnt like it that Anna kept them Johnny I think they are very nice people I never met with nicer once Mr R. is so nice. Kate rote to your mother yesterday. I think this is a very nice place We went to the City hall and Jail and Cathedral yesterday. they are grand I got acquainted with most all Kate's friends. We intend to go to the Niagara Falls next Thursday. Yesterday Kate and I was in the street car and there was a woman going to put her money in the box and Kate had her umbrells standing out far and triped the poor woman and she fell flat O she was wild at Kate she was half scart to death. Johnny I didnt go where I said I would yet but I will go next week and then I will let you know. Johnny you ought to see the Cleveland men turn out they have very nice suits Cleveland will be here next week. Ever since I have been here I have had sore arm I could not raise it but Mrs R. doctored it for me and it is a little better. We just came home from the market that market is lovely. Johnny the folks hear didnt know I was going to write to you but when I was writing to Ma Mrs Reimann came in and said Lizzie tell Johnny I send him a kiss and I told her I was not going to write to you and she said that would not be rite so then I told her well if I would write I would tell you. Johnny how is all the folks down there Every time we go away and stay all afternoon and when we are coming home and then Kate will say O wouldnt I wish the boys would be hear when we get home The next day at the dinner table Mrs R. told Steve that you and one of the boys would come before I went home and he said he wish they would come soon and then Will ask Steve how Frenchy was that you wanted to know and he said she was well and then Mr Reimann said who is that and Steve said O its a woman down hear that tends bar.

I guess I will have to close for I dont know any more news just now I will know more the next time Steve is just telephoning he wants to know what they are going to have for dinner. My love to you I suppose I dare not say it for any body elce if you dont want any one to know it.

From your friend
Lizzie
65 Adams St.

Now Johnny answer Soon I will be anxious to hear from you.

Sandusky, Ohio July 1, 1884

Tuesday #1

Miss Lizzie Zipfel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dearest Lizzie !

Having a few spare moments I will try and kill them by answering your letter. We are all well and the same at your house and hope you and Mother are getting along nicely.

I did not go out to Jarrett's this week and are not going until after the 4th of July.

I think we will have a dead fourth in Sandusky if there is an excursion going to Cleveland you will see me there if not I think I will go to Fremont to the Band tournament. Hope you will have a good time and that you will be back soon.

#2. I suppose you know Lizzie Martin's sister is stoping at your house. I tell you she is a Jim Dandy. She resembles Lizzie a little but is better looking "I am going to make a Mash" Suppose you know Mr. Nick Young was buried last Friday. Mrs. Geo Feick was to the Funeral as soon as the Funeral was over she went to bed and laid an egg, it was a little girl. It wonders me that she did not have the face to lay it in the buggy. How is that for heigh, some say that was low, but I say it was heigh low Jack in the game, only its a girl.

When you write tell me when you are coming home Lizzie is getting along nicely and takes good care of the children. You know I am at home this week so I go down and help her a little about as you said. (last word unknown)

This is enough chin music for this time so I will close by sending you my best wishes and many kisses to you both.

Yours Truly

J.A.F.

The ink is pale I look pale on Monday
The pen is poor I felt poor so
you excuse all three of us

I do not remember what I promised you that Sunday
you can write it in your next letter
(this is to be destroyed)