

Appila

[Did you get my wedding cake?]

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I received your letter quite a while ago, but I could not reply as we had a lot of work. I suppose you know the latest news, that Clara was married on September 3rd. She is now Mrs Edwards. They left last Monday and are on their honeymoon –trip in Melbourne and Gippsland at sister Fechner. From there she will sail to Tasmania. Ernst has a married sister there. That is how the young people live now and when they come back they will live in Hamley Bridge.

Now I want to tell you about the wedding. She was married in the Appila Yarrowie Church of England. There were not many in church only sisters and brothers. Many other guests arrived at night there were 52 10 children in all. A few people did not come. Edel was still in Melrose, so I sent her a piece of cake – she had two couples with her. First teacher Jericho and I. The second were Theodor Klemm and Miss G. Edwards. I am not very happy because she left our dear German church. My mother is heartbroken about it. – We young people had a good time all the same!

The guests arrived here at 2 o'clock and at 3 o'clock was the marriage, it was English style. Wedding breakfast was late. The last guests only left between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning, a few were still here at 7 am. It was a one day wedding. Betty Bauer and Florrie Albinus were waiters at the table. Mrs Winnecke sn'r. was the cook and Hermann Pech was the cab-driver. The breakfast was at the parlour at the long table. Young people had games in the woolshed. It was a fine day not too cold and not too hot. Yarrowie was very busy. There was another wedding at 12 noon in Yarrowie Annie Bunney and Mr. Stimpson from Wirrabara.

I suppose you are surprised that Clara celebrated her wedding like that in spite of her mother who did not feel well. A little life is quite good though, especially here where we have a lot of pain and sorrow. I certainly made a lot of work. Aunt Winnecke baked the Kuchen. Clara and I did other things.

Dear Bertha, I don't feel quite as happy among the English as I do in our dear German church. I would not like to be in Clara's place. My mother is much better now and I hope God will help us all, we must have patience. She was mostly in her room on the day she helped peeling potatoes. She is helping quite well now as we have plenty of work. We milk 10 cows now. Clara has not got hers yet. They give more now, than 2 weeks ago.

There is not much feed yet. It is starting to get green now. Wheat is coming up slowly. God be thanked it is starting to rain: it is so necessary. We have the separator in the back room now what used to be the parlour, it is better as it was too much running in the cellar. We have August Kaleschke here since May. He is staying here until he gets a place, he helps us a lot, once he is gone there will be more work. I hope your two boys are well: and you and Paul? How is your mother-in-law? We are all reasonably well. I still miss Clara very much. The days are really too short for much work! –I have to write more letters now. On Sunday afternoons we have choir practice with Teacher Jericho. Your brother Richard was there too, it is a good past time. I can't do quite as much visiting now.

You asked after the school in your last letter. It is nice to see the little ones going to school, they all like the teacher. He loves children, he came last April from Point Pass College. There was no studying before that. The school children sang a song at Gotthold Wurst's wedding. They live together with Wurst's senior. I was there last September and now it's September again, time goes! I was in Adelaide last August

and I got my photo taken. I will send you one too. You might have to wait too long for a bridal photo! Dear Bertha, I am sponsor to 6 little children. I love them so much. I always loved children.

I must close now. I hope I told you everything about the wedding and other news. I am very tired.

Greetings to Paul and your parents in law.

Greetings to you,

Your Friend

Ida Klemm.

Write soon, excuse bad writing and mistakes. I am in a hurry.

God bless you.

P.S. Clara wore a crème Lustre dress, shoes and stockings, orange wreath and veil.

Miss Edwards and I were in cream also with white shoes and stockings and wreath.

P.S. I send a letter to Mrs Zwar with this one. Please give it to her. Dear Gerhard is in trousers now is he!

English Translation

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