

Appila

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Dear Sister,

It's about time I write to you. How are you? I am fairly well, only my legs give me trouble. I have my left leg bandaged to the knee. Since last week the right leg also has been swollen. I've also had cramps several times. I will be glad when it's all over. I am expecting about 13<sup>th</sup> June, so it's not much longer. I will probably go to Laura again for the confinement. I have had an English maid for the past four weeks, she is very good to the children. I still do the milking myself, only three cows, they give very little. It's still very dry and we had a quarter inch [6 mm] of rain. It looks threatening every day, but it's only like fog. We have not begun to sow yet.

We are busy building a barn. We have Mr. William Dack as stone mason, and Heinrich helps him. It will no doubt take quite a bit longer before it's all finished. They are putting up the walls for machinery sheds along each side at the same time.

We have a boy of 14 here again going to confirmation. Lessons, he comes from Wilmington, Hermann Schultz. So far he seems to be quite good; but it remains to be seen how he develops.

Have you sown any vegetables yet? And how is your flower garden? I have sown some but it didn't come up too well. I don't know whether the seed is to blame or the weather. I already have 50 chickens and 3 hens are sitting. The hens have been laying well. Eggs are 1/1½ butter 1/3.

Old Mrs Slattery died last week. She had a stroke and only lived 2 hours after that.. Is Paul's back better? And how are the children? We are all well, also Heinrich.

The Synod went off quite well, we had only 2 delegates here. At first we were to have five but only half turned up. I had Florrie Zwar [married Herb Janz – R. Z.] to help me.

I must close, hoping few lines find you all well.

Hearty regards to you all, from us all,

Your loving sister,

Edel.

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English Translation

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