

Eau Claire, 25. 4. '83

Dear Mother: Anna Olsen

I have received your letter of the 21st of the 2nd month, addressed to my daughter. And I see thereby that you live as usual, and that is a great joy for me and all of us to hear, which also I can report from us. We are all in good health as of this date, for which we praise the Lord for all his blessings, thanks and honor.

Then I can tell you that I have work in the woods during the winter and returned three weeks ago. I was gone for four and a half months, thirty-two dollars per month, and I will now start working at the mills. Anna works in the city here for Americans and receives two dollars a week. She is thriving and getting bigger.

Karl was at Karl Snausen's in the country this winter, but now is at home. Gustav has gone to English School the entire winter and is outstanding with the English language for his age, and in other ways he is clever and quick, and has considerable capabilities. Little Emelie has her work in feeding her two small songbirds, and playing together with the little girls; and now is the time has come for such in the beautiful spring and lovely weather.

I feel a need to ask about the money which I sent to Seffinias Figse (?), of which ten kroner (crowns) was for you, Mother, and five for Ole Bastian, of which I have not received any information. Whether they have received some or kept them I will have to find out by writing to Johannes Vollen, and when you write you can note whether you have received anything from them. I sent fifteen kroner more than the statement required.

I cannot say that I have any further news which could be of any interest for you to hear. You must take the letter along to him so he can see that we are all well and in good health. Therefore I will interrupt my writing with many greetings to the relatives and friends together with all the neighbors and finally a friendly greeting from us all here, and finally a fond greeting from your son

Erling Andersen Sende

Write again soon, farewell Mother

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