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My dear dear Wife & children

I will be carefull not to write to "forhayist" [excited] this time so that you can not scold me again and yet I can not help right here in telling you that I am <u>convinced</u> mind you <u>convinced</u>, that I have the best and truest little wife and sweetest and best behaved children in the world dont get "prochis" [angry] now for such are my conclusions and the more I see of others, the more I am convinced. When I came to Columbus I found I was detailed on the very disagreable duty of assisting in conducting recruits and deserters to their different Regiments, I at once asked to be relieved but Col Burbank full of red tape could not or would not do it.

I called on the Governor and he telegraphed to the Secy of War on Thursday I was relieved Friday. I left in company with my recruiting Sergt [illegible name] who asked me to accompany him to Lima Allen Co And get the Provost Marshal Assistance for him.

By the way I must say here that I managed to get transportation to Cairo by way of Chicago via Crestline [Ohio].

At Lima we stopped 5 hours but could not do him any good & was also sorry to find our old friends Mr & Mrs

Ellison away, burying old Mr Ellison away in Marlborough.

Flora is as hateful as ever only more so she has grown considerable. Deb is at home and the same as she used to be only looks older and homlier having been very sick as we started on the train to Chicago Mr & Mrs came home, they pressed me very much to stay but I had no time, they look as they allways dit only Mrs Ellison looks very thin & pale, she told me she wrote you a letter but you never answered her, I told her I knew nothing about it, perhaps you never recd. it.

On the Cars I met Isaac Greenebaum on his way home. I arrived in Chicago Friday night, found them all well & all living together at Theresa's. Michael rented a house close by Theresa. Mother is well & looks well. She is very much down about me staying in the Army & is also bound she wants to be "Gefattern" [Godmother] next time.

Henry Hart just arrived from Germany looks well. I wrote a long letter to Aunt in Worms, Henry says I am her pet & she says she would give half her fortune to see you and the children.

Goodman & wife are well. Mrs Guthman will write to you, he wears a wig and I think looks better he is getting old. Leopold Mayer & family are well, Shoeneiman looks natural & so do the rest.

On the cars here I saw a German woman nurse a baby

& every ones in a while she would take up a little Girl about five years old & throw the shawl over it & let her nurse.

This is about all the news.

I am going to day on the Steamboat Hannibal. I can not get Transportation here I must pay for it and colect it in New Orleans, I must draw \$30 on Enos Brown & Co. if you have not the money there any more place \$30 "thirty dollars" up there so that he will meet my check when it comes. AMERICAN JEWISH

Minor Ames came with me from Chicago here he is here yet. I will write to you as soon as get down the river.

Roselle's is gone down. You must start some letters for me right off. I will not give you a chance again to scold me on account of not writing enough.

Give my love to my sweet good children & tell them to be good & learn & their Pa will soon be home. I love you as Ever.

## Your true & loving

## Marcus

My love to Elizabeth, if Cohn has any clothing done let him send them by the Lt Col or Sergt Gantt of Wooster.