

Wassmann Letter

(translated by Gilbert von Studnitz)

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Dear Louise,

This morning I received your second letter. It was very unfair of me to have made you wait so long (for a response), but I had to work so hard these last few weeks that evenings, when I was finished, I was happy that I could just lay myself down in bed. I also had a letter from Aunt, she wrote that she had been ill but is better now. She was with Mrs. Fries during this time, it is no wonder since she wrote that she was cooking in a restaurant, you can imagine how hard that was for Aunt on top of all the worry and grief. He didn't write any more, I don't think he knows where I am, as I didn't respond to his letter. I wrote to Aunt she should come here to Seattle, I would gladly pay for her trip, but she said she must stay there until everything is settled. I thought if she was here we could live and work together and at least have a quiet life together. Dear Louise if you only knew what Aunt had to endure the last two years. Aunt said I should come to Portland but I think it is better if she leaves and doesn't say to where. I don't have any fear of him, but nevertheless I would have disgust to be near him, I don't think that he is in his right mind anymore. What do you think how we can best help Aunt, I am prepared to do a few things for her and the innocent children. Dear Louise believe me that I am just ashamed to be bearing his name. Write again right away so I know how things are. I am going to close now. Many greetings from your friend Anna Wassmann.