

New York, June 22nd, 1862

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My dear sons Gustav and Simon,

I let you know that we all arrived here safely and that we are all, except Mother, very well. Till Panama, Mother was well, but from there until New York, she was sick all the way and I was obliged to engage a doctor here which said that she is not able to go to Europe. Therefore I sent a letter to Cincinnati whether I shall come there and received a telegraphic dispatch to come there. I and all will go there tomorrow. I am astonished not to have a letter from you and I want you to write as soon as possible.

Dear Gustav, we want you to take care of Simon. Mother thinks she has got no chance to see you anymore if she goes to Europe. Therefore, we are going to stay here. Then we think we have a better chance to see you. Read this letter for your brother and see that he gets along well.

I have nothing more to write for today. From Cincinnati I will send you another letter but I want an answer as quick as possible.

Farewell, dear boys, and write soon to your father and mother.

Morris Lindeman

Cincinnati, July 28, 1862

Dear children, Gustav and Simon,

I am very astonished that I have not heard anything at all yet about you. I left orders in New York at Charles' sister's to send all the letters from you to me, but I am very sorry that I have received not any letter from you yet. I send most every day letters to New York to inquire about you, but we have not heard anything about you yet. Your mother was very sick in bed for all the trouble that you don't write. I wrote a letter and gave it to the letter carrier with a ten cent stamp and had it brought to your mother and I made her believe that the letter is from you. After this, she was pleased. Now, my dear children, I hope you have not forgotten already your parents. I want you to write every month two letters positively. If not, you will make us a great deal of trouble. Dear Gustav, I want you, particularly, to write how Simon is getting along, and how he likes Mr. Citran's place. From now I want you to write me your own hand in English. You need not trouble yourself about Mother. She is getting better. I keep two servants - one for Mother and one for the children. If I would know that Mother would grieve herself so much about you, I would not have left California. They are going round here in the city taking up names to draft people for the army. Write me immediately how it is in

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California. I will write you when your birthday is, the 8th of September. You will be 17 years of age. Tell Simon to write his own hand to me, and tell him to write whatever he pleases. Little Susan had the summer complaint. She is, thank God, better. Dore can't walk yet. Now, my dear children, I write you again that you shall not neglect, and write us by first mail as you will oblige your parents and relieve them from their troubles about you. I wish you all well. From your Father and Mother who are praying for your long life.

M. & V. Lindeman

Give my respects to Mr. Burns and Lacey. Also to Mr. McGuire and family. Go to Dr. Bruns. Tell him I send my respects to him and family.

M. Lindeman  
691 Elm Street  
Over (?) Corner (?) Henry  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati, September 16, 1862

Dear children, Gustav and Simon,

I actually don't know what to think of myself that I have sent you six letters and have received no answer. Have you forgotten your parents entirely or have you written letters and I have not received them? I have written two false letters to relieve your mother's pain. I pledge you my word that we don't eat one meal where the tears don't drop into the plates. It is true, my child, that you have helped me to support the family from young up where you had no sense. I know, dear child, you have grown up and got your full senses. When I left California my intention was to go to Europe. When I came to New York, Mother was very sick and was bound to take a doctor and the doctor said that your mother was not able to go to Europe. That made me go to Cincinnati. Of course, the climate is better in Cincinnati. Then in New York, you're aware of what trouble I had with your mother and the children. Many nights we had no sleep, so I think that you know what trouble the parents have with children when they are small. But now, dear Gustav, you are grown and I expected to have a great pleasure on you, but it seems that you won't even give me the pleasure of writing me a letter. I won't write you much more this time, but I will tell you one thing: if you don't soon



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write me a letter or telegraph quick to relieve us from our trouble, I will leave your sick mother and children without her knowing and will come to California myself. When you write me, let it be your own handwriting, and, dear Simon, I want you to do the same. Fannie always says that "my brother Simon and Gustav will send me a gold dollar. Dore walks now just as good as Susy does. Dear children, let us suffer no longer for a letter.

I will now close with the hopes of hearing from you soon.

We remain your affectionate parents

M. & V. Lindeman

P.S. My best respects to Mr. Burns and family and Mr. McGuire and family.

Cin., Sept. 16, 1862

Dear Brothers Gustav and Simon,

I inform you that I am well and I wish you the same. I am going to school and learn embroidery and playing on the piano. You must save all the money you can that when I come to California, you can buy me a piano. My teacher says that I am very smart. You must write me by first mail how you are getting along. I wish you all well.

From your sister,

Fanny Lindeman

Give this note to Augusta by Mr. Green.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 21, 1862

My dear beloved children,

With great pleasure we received your loving letter and were very glad to hear that you were both well as, thanks be to God, it leaves me and Mother and all the family the same at present. My dear son, you write to say that you wrote a letter by every steamer, but we received none of them, which made us feel very sick about you. We think it a pleasure to hear from you so, therefore, we want you not to miss one steamer. You can send a letter every two weeks. We were very glad to receive a letter in your own handwriting although it made your mother cry a good deal. Give our love to Simon and tell him to take good care of his learning because it is better than gold to him in time. When you get this letter, it will make the 7th I have sent to you. I want to know if you received all of them. We were very proud to receive your likeness and Mother keeps it in her pocket. The next letter you send, you must send your aunt one because she wanted to steal the one you sent to Mother. My dear son, I want you to take good care of your brother Simon, and not see him want for anything. Gustave, I want you to try and save all the money you can, as business is very bad. All the stores are closed and the city is under martial law. I was forced to go be a soldier, too, and it cost me a good deal of money to buy myself off. I

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I send you the card of the Company I did belong to. Mr. Solomon that used to be with Mr. Herman in Quincy wrote this letter to you and I want to know if you remember me that used to take the Herman horse and buggy and ride you around and I give your father the likeness of the two children.

I now conclude, having no more to write at present. But give our love to inquiring friends. We remain your true and loving Mother and Father until death.

M. & V. Lindeman

M. Lindeman 691 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Your uncle and aunt send their kind love to you both. Give our love to Mr. Burns and family and the same to McGuire and family.

Cottonwood, October 21st, 1862

Mr. Gustave Lindeman

Dear Cousin,

Having been always under the impression that you would once more think of me, and write to me a letter, as you know very well where I reside, but in vain. So I thought properly to remind you that you have a cousin here who has not quite forgotten you yet. I will now inform you of my enjoying good health, the same I hope to hear from you. I presume you are still stopping at the McGuire's house. If so, let me know your salary, and let me know how your other brother is getting along. Don't delay in writing as I would also like to know whether your parents have safely arrived at home. I hope they arrived safe to their destination. I presume you have heard of the misfortune which has happened to us children in losing our beloved father which has suffered mercifully for 2 years before his death. But it seems like we have to be satisfied with all blessings as well as with curses which the Almighty God sends upon us. I may be with you before many months, if the Luck is with me, as I expect to go home for to get my mother out here, if she is satisfied to come. I am waiting to hear from her every day now and as soon as she says come! I will surely go. I must close, for this time, hoping you will write immediately to your

I. Caro  
Henry P.O.  
Siskiyou County, California

Cousin Isidor Caro

Cincinnati, November 12, 1862

Dear Son Gustav,

I haven't received a letter from you for a month. You must keep writing every two weeks (for we always like to know how you are) and don't wait for my letters for you know well enough that I can't write myself, and I don't want to trouble people every week to write me a letter. You shall receive a letter from me every month anyhow. If Mother would have known how lonesome she feels about you and Simon, then she wouldn't have left California if she really would have lost her life with it, so do Mother a favor and send a letter every two weeks. Try as much as possible and take care of your brother Simon and keep the best friendship with Cousin Charley. It is our greatest pleasure to hear that you sleep in one room with Cousin Charley, and boarding by Mr. Green. Your grandparents from Europe wrote me that you had forgotten to write your address. They wanted to write you a letter and had no address. I now have sent them your address. They sent their best respects to you all. You have done a great thing to your grandparents and God in heaven shall reward you for it.

I will now close my letter with the hopes that these few lines will find you and your brother Simon in good health. We remain your dear parents

M. & Y. Lindeman

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Dear Brother Gustav,

I send my love and a thousand kisses for you and I hope you will send me a nice Christmas gift.

Your sister,

Fannie

Cincinnati

December 8, 1862

Dear Sons,

We received your kind letter and were very happy to hear from you. We are all well at present and are very glad to hear that you are the same. Dear son, Gustav, at that time when I wrote you a letter stating that I did not receive a letter from you, I give you my word as a Father that I hadn't received a letter from you that time. Now, thank God, I get your letters regularly. You state in your kind letter that you would like to have the likeness of your two little sisters, Susy and Dore. My dear child, I thought of sending it to you long ago. I had them taken three times, but they would not sit still and so they were not taken natural, but you can depend upon it that you will have them in the time of two months. If they are natural or not, I will send them to you.

Dear son, Gustav, it is very hard for me that I shall ask you so many times for my dear son Simon's own handwriting. I have asked you so many times and it seems that I can never get a few lines of his own dear hand. I hope, dear son, that in your next letter there will be a few lines in it written by your brother, Simon. That is the only wish that we have to ask from you.

We all send our best love to you and remain your truly parents. Know that we pray for you both day and night.

M. & V. Lindeman

Dear brothers Gustav and Simon,

You stated in your letter that Father should send me to school. I go to school every day and my dear Father buys me all my books I need. I also go to dancing school twice a week and am improving very much by writing this letter. I couldn't help shedding tears for you and I hope

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you will think of me as often as I think of you.

I remain your affectionate sister,  
Fannie Lindeman

Dear Son Simon,

I hope when Gustav writes his next letter you will enclose a few lines with him. My best respects to Mr. & Mrs. Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. Welfson and Miss Neustat, Mr. & Mrs. Citron. Dear Gustav, just try and keep good friendship with your cousin Charley.

M. Lindeman

Cincinnati, April 21, 1863

Dear Gustav,

We were so happy to receive your letter of Feb. 8 and to hear of the well being of yourself and your brother Simon. We are all well with the exception of Mother who is not yet as she ought to be, although she is better than she was. You urged, my dear son, that I ought to take her to Europe. This was my intention as you well know, but in the first place does Mother refuse to go and then would she not have the means to if she wanted to go. Times are very dull here now and so I intend to go South this week and leave Mother here until I come back as I can't do anything here at all. We must not overlook the \$60 you are so kind to send us. They came for your dear mother very handy just now and will she do something good for herself with it at the same time praying for the health of our dear children.

My dear son, in asking you for \$100, I did not intend to ask you for more than you could do without any convenience to yourselves and should I be very sorry if you had put yourselves to any serious inconvenience through sending us that \$60. All I wish is that I could see and live with you soon again in such happiness as only a father can feel by seeing his children together. I would therefore ask you, my dear Gustav, to urge your mother in your next letter to come back to California. Maybe your entreaties will be of more power than mine as I would very much like to see once more our whole family united together in love and happiness and, besides this, would it be a great deal easier for me to make a comfortable living there than here.

Please look out for Simon and act as guardian over him until we see him again.

Fanny, Susy and Doris are all well and happy and Fanny learns well. They send their best respects and kisses to you and Simon.

Cincinnati, April 21, 1863 (cont.)

Give my respects to Mr. Burns and family and McGuire and family and all other friends and acquaintances.

Sending you our kisses and blessings, we remain in love,

Your parents, Morris and Yette Lindeman  
Uncle and Aunt and children send their love to you and Simon.

I have received the sixty dollars just when I wanted to send this letter off and let you know it hereby.

Cincinnati, June 26, 1863

My dear Children Gustav & Simon:

We received your letter and were very glad to hear from you and that you are both in good health. We are all the same. I saw in your letter that Mr. Burns is going to send you up to Washow [Wasco?]. We were not very pleased to hear that, because then your brother Simon will be left alone and he will feel very lonesome. But still, if business requires it, my child, you must go, and I hope that you will be successful and be doing a good business. Now my dear Gustav, about your brother Simon. If he has to follow such a business as you stated in your letter, and if he is not treated well enough, then you have got the power as my oldest child to take him away and put him to another place that you think suitable. First, go down and see Mr. Citron about it and tell him that you will not see your brother Simon carrying a child around the streets and washing dishes any longer. You can tell him he can keep him just as long as he pleases if he treats him as he promised your father and if not, you take him away. Dear Gustav and Simon, I must let you know that I have sold all my house furniture and was ready to go back to California but your mother was not satisfied. Still, I could not blame her. She was not able to go and, therefore, we stayed here again. Here in this city is no business whatever. If a man wants to do any business, he must go to camps where the soldiers are and that depends upon luck. Some make money; others lose money. Four of us went in partnership in the same business, I and three others, and went up to Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tennessee, with provision. When we left Cincinnati butter was worth 75¢ a pound in Nashville and in Murfreesboro, \$1.00 a pound. Eggs were worth 60¢ a dozen when we came to Nashville with the provision, butter was worth from 15-18¢; eggs were worth 13¢ a dozen. Now my children, you can see the difference. I am sorry to let you know that I lost \$300



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in my share. I made another trip since then. I made \$50 clear the second trip. I will try the best I can to make up for my loss if I can. Now I must stay here because I can't go any further. As soon as I can raise money enough to come, I will give you my word, my dear children, that I will come if God spares our life. I hope that the Almighty God will bring us together again as we were before and that will be the last time that we ever part. If your Mother had been able to go home when we arrived to New York from California, these things would not have happened. I would not have lost my few dollars so quick, but as it was that she was not able to go - the doctors said she was not strong enough to go on sea again - so therefore, we were obliged to stay and, as it happened, it being war here, there is no business whatever. There are people here that have lost fortunes and when I think of them, I can't complain losing my few dollars. Now, my dear son, I am going away from here again by next Monday and I do not know when I shall return. I have one favor to ask of you: write your Mother as often as you can and write her better news from Simon. Mother grieved herself very much when she heard it. It made her worse in her sickness.

Dear son Gustav, tell Mr. Green that I will write him no letter until he fulfills his promise. If you see your cousin Charley or by letter, tell him that I send my best respects to him and he shall write me a letter. Your grandparents send their love to you and they are very much obliged to you for the few dollars you send them.

I will now close in the hopes that these few lines will find you all in good health.

Your true parents that pray for  
your long life day and night,

M. & Y. Lindeman

Give my love to Mr. & Mrs. Burns. Also to Mr. & Mrs. McGuire, your cousin Davis and family, Mrs. Green and family, Mrs. Marks and family, Manuel and family. Tell Simon to write us a letter of his own handwriting. Fannie, Susy and Dory send their best love to you all. If you could see them and be with them, which I hope you soon will, you would have pleasure with them.

Cincinnati, August 11, 1863

Dear Gustav and Simon,

I am very dissatisfied with you for leaving your dear mother so long without a letter, after your promising that you will write every second week and now when I came home from my journey, I find no letter from you. As I informed you before, I had lost near all I had and must try now to make it up again. I shall leave tomorrow again for Nashville where I hope to make something. I shall there work as hard as I can to make up enough to come to California by next winter and, God permitting, will see you again and be happy again in the thought of being within reach at least of the presence of all my dear children as mother, especially, cannot live without you.

I want you to come up to your promise and write every second week regularly and gladden your poor mother's heart therewith in my absence, as she only lives for you, and night and day thinks only of you. Let Simon put his own writing in the letters and write us all about yourselves and your doings. Remember that you can never write too much as all that comes from you is interesting for us.

We are all well and as happy as possible under the circumstances and we do derive a good deal of happiness from the dear little ones here. Indeed, if it were not for them, I would have long ago been again in your presence if I had to beg my way through. As said before, little Fanny, Susy and Doris [sic] sweeten our life, at times when we miss your presence so sadly, with their childish talkings and doings. Don't forget to answer soon.

Your affectionate parents,

M. & V. Lindeman

My respects to Mr. Burns and family, as also to all inquiring for us.

M.L.

Cincinnati, August 19, 1863

Dear Children, Gustav & Simon,

I have received your kind letter August 15 and was very glad to hear from you, but at the same time, feel very sorry that your father was not home to read the letter. He started off for Nashville two days before your letter arrived. He lost so much money the last trip he made and this trip he is going to try to make what he lost, if

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it is God's will and if he is lucky with it. I hope that he will succeed. I have not received a letter from him yet but am expecting one every day. I feel very lonesome since he is going from here, the evenings especially. When he is here in the city, he is not home through the day, but at evening, he is most always at home with me and the children. My only wish that I have is that I could be with you, dear children, in California once more. I know that I would never again leave you. I have not had a happy day since I left you. Sometimes I think I will go out to enjoy myself but then when I think of you in what a far and distant land you are, I can't help grieving and being uneasy about you and I don't think that I ever can enjoy myself until I am with you again dear Gustav and Simon. Many a night I can't sleep a wink only thinking of you and wishing that I could be with you. If it is God's will, we will meet and never part again. I tell you the truth, dear children, the reason we have not been to California before this time is that we have been short in money. Your father has been very unlucky. Everything he commenced to do in business, he lost money in it. He thinks there is nothing like trying and so this last time, he borrowed money from a friend and went to Nashville - him and some others - to try their luck once more. The last trip he made, there were several other men who went with him and they all lost money. I am happy to see in your letter that you did not go to Washow and the reason that I am so glad is that if you stay, you will be with your brother Simon. I think that you can do just as well where you are. Dear Gustav and Simon, one favor I have to ask of you is that you will keep your holidays just as you would if I were with you. These holidays coming are the best that we are to keep and I hope that you will not forget them. These holidays I will have to keep by myself. I don't think your dear father will be home to enjoy them with me and you may think how I feel about it. I am a stranger here in this city - no friends nor relations but your aunt and uncle, and you can think how lonesome I feel. I could have lots of friends if I were to keep up with them, but I am always so down-hearted that I can't enjoy myself even if I am out in company with them and so I think it best to stay home and grieve to myself until that happy day will come where I will enjoy myself in your company. Dear Gustav, one more favor I have to ask of you, to write to me and tell me if your aunt (Uncle Benjamin's wife) is in California. I received a letter here lately from home

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and your Uncle Benjamin was not mentioned in it and we all thought he is dead and we heard here lately from some countrymen that your aunt went with her brother to California and I have often wondered if it is so. So you, dear Gustav, let me know if she is in California and another thing, if you please write to your cousins up to the mines and tell them to write us a letter to let us know how they are. Your father wrote them a letter sometime ago but never received an answer. We don't know what to make of it.

I will now close and may God bless you all.

Your dear Mother

Your sister Fanny says that when she gets to California she can be sure of a present. She doesn't think you would fool her then as you did last New Year in saying that you would send her a gold dollar and didn't send it. She is always talking about the gold dollar that her brother is going to send her.

Your Aunt and Uncle send their love to you and they feel very slighted that you don't often write to them. They would be very pleased if they once more could see you. Your little sisters, Susy and Dore send their love. Dore is kind of sickly and Susy is very well. You would be astonished if you could see them - how large and smart they are. Give my love to all inquiring friends and I would be very happy to receive a few lines from them all.

One thing: I almost forgot to congratulate my cousin Charley and I was very glad to hear that he is engaged to Miss Newstate. I was quite astonished to hear that Mr. Cohn and his family are back to California and I hope that we will hear from them before long.

No more, my love to you all from your dear mother,

Y. Lindeman

P.S. Your father said before he went away that if I should get a letter from you, I should send it to him and he will answer it from Nashville. I expect you will get a letter from your father before long. Dear Gustav, I hope that you won't delay in writing me a letter. Be so kind to do me the favor in writing me a letter every steamer. That is my only joy and happiness that I have when I receive a letter from you.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 30, 1863

My dear children, Gustav & Simon,

I have just received your letter from Mother and was indeed glad to hear of your well-being. In regard to our coming to California, it is at present an impossibility, as times are not the best. I am here in Nashville and peddler I run to the camps to the soldiers and work very hard, but still can make but very little above a comfortable living. If I make a little money and come home, I have to lay it out for expenses for you know that Mother is always sickly and as yet is not much better. If possible, and I can make enough and if Mother can stand the travel, I will try to come out next spring for I cannot remain here for I hardly make a living and I am growing old and cannot work as hard as I used to. Over the Holidays I shall be home with Mother in Cincinnati. Dear child, Gustav, do all you can for your brother Simon, for that is all the pleasure we have in this world, if we hear good news from you, dear children, and send Mother every two weeks, regularly, the letters, for I shall probably not be home through the winter. You wrote me about Charley, that Charley is engaged with Miss Neustadt and that Miss Neustadt has a little girl. Write me that plain for I cannot make it out what you mean. Furthermore, we have no more to write. We are all well and hope the same of you and wishing you a happy holiday.

I remain your affectionate father and mother,

M. Lindeman

Give my respects to Mr. Burns' family; also to the McGuire family.

Nashville, October 25, 1863

Dear Son,

Your kind letter of September 18 is with pleasure received. Am happy to hear it that you are in good health which the same is with me and dear Mother and all of us which I received a letter from Mother the other day that they are all well at home. I left home soon after New Years. Am at present in the above city peddling. I am so happy my dear child that you kept Holidays. As you did not make up your mind what to do, my son, do the best, ask God to help--so you are sure to get along. I hope you will take care of your brother Simon. I am working hard to make money for next spring to come to California, me and Mother and all of us, which I hope to see you all, please God.

Write to Mother as often as you can as there is no more pleasure to Mother as your letters, hearing from you your health.

No more at present. I wish you and Simon well. Answer soon. I remain your dear Father which hopes to have a letter from you soon.

M. Lindeman

Mother and all of us send their kind love to you and Simon. Please give my best respect to Mr. Singer. Mrs. and Mr. Blum Engraves from Lobsans sends their kind respect and wish Mr. Singer to write to Freidchi leib Tohbiches tochtu [uncertain of this part] which Mrs. Blum the husband of the same will be glad to answer . . . you will allow give Mr. Blum . . . card to Mr. Singer.

Dear Son Simon:

I many times ask you to oblige me by writing to me your handwriting which it will make me happy to see it. Moreover I can have the pleasure to . . . make your dear father and mother happy and write to me by yourself . . . dear Simon. God bless you . . . this is the wishes from your father and mother which we hope to get . . . from you.

M. Lindeman

My best respect to Mrs. & Mr. Sitr . . . and . . . daughter. My best respect to Mr. Cohn.

Henley, December 3, 1863

Mr. Gustav Lindeman,

My dear Cousin,

Your kind letter from the 16th came duly to hand, and was very glad to hear from your enjoying good health. The same I can assure from myself and brother Morris. I was extremely glad to hear that your parents are well, and are doing well. I expect you must have a very good situation, and get a good salary, as you have been at that place for several years past. I have but little news to relate to you, only that I had a letter from my parents a couple of weeks ago, and heard of them being well. You can tell such to brother Ernst Caro. In regard to your sending me news, I would like very much for you to send me the Daily Evening Bullet of Alta, California, and I would be very thankful to you for them. But you must send them regularly every day. By doing so you will much oblige your cousin.

Isidor Caro

Address: I. Caro  
Henley P.O., Siskiyou County, California



Cincinnati, Jan. 26, 1864

Dear Son Gustav,

I just got home in time to receive your letter and you may know how glad we were to hear of you; also were we very happy to see that you are in good health and spirit and we thank God that we are the same. Now, dear son, I will tell you about my coming to San Francisco. I am ready now to go now, dear son. I have made a few hundred dollars in Nashville. I don't wish to come to San Francisco without goods. I want to bring goods along to start up in business in San Francisco. Now, dear Gustav, I want you to send me every cent you have got and if you can borrow some just do so till I come. You know, my son, I am not doing anything for my sake. It is all for my children's sake. Your mother says she won't go without I can go in business so that we can settle and stay in San Francisco. If you want to do anything, do it right away with the same steamer and let me know what you will do, for if I go, I would want to start right away. The business that I will start, I want you to tend to it and have it in your own name. Don't forget and let me know what you'll do immediately. I am ready to start as soon as your letter arrives for in Cincinnati, I am not earning a cent just spending it and there is no use in spending when I don't earn anything. I haven't any news to write to you. I will now close hoping that this letter will find you in good health.

I remain your true

Father and Mother

M. & V. Lindeman

Tell Mr. Citron that he has got a letter in the post office and I made the address L. C. Pacific St. No. 29.

Dear Son Gustav,

Go to Mr. Citron and ask him if there is any plated jewelry in market. I have got a chance to buy a lot of jewelry the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) a dozen sets. Breast pins and earrings were worth at my time in San Francisco \$18 (eighteen dollars) which I can buy for six. Finger rings that I used to pay nine dollars a dozen I can get for three and one-half. It is very nice and showy goods. Therefore, ask Mr. Citron if I shall buy it or not. I think I can make money with it by selling it at auction.

Cincinnati, March 9, 1864

Dear Son Gustav,

I received your kind letter and in it saw that you are in good health and spirit; also that Simon is well which I was very glad indeed to hear, and I hope that you will always be well. Your father is not home at present. He is at Memphis, Tenn. He was well when I heard from him and I hope he will keep so. I am well at present and so is Fannie, Susy and Dore is not very well. Susy especially. She is always sickly. You can think how hard it is for me to be always alone at home with the children. I can't get a girl nowhere. Your father has been trying all over to get me a girl, but it is impossible to get one. Your father has written you two letters here lately and has not received an answer yet and you say in your letter you did not receive them. Perhaps you have got the last one he wrote you by this time. Dear son, Gustav, your father was home here four or five weeks. He could not do any business here in Cincinnati and so he thought he would try Memphis. He promised me before he started that it would be the last trip he would make, that he would settle down at some place which I hope he will and he is just waiting for an answer from you of the last letter he wrote you. I will send your letter to your father and then he will answer it too, but, dear son Gustav, if you receive your father's last letter be sure and answer it as soon as possible for he is anxious to know your answer. Dear son Gustav, as soon as you receive our letters, be so kind as to answer them immediately. I always feel so uneasy and if we receive letters from you, I feel so much better. Dear son, I received a letter from Mrs. Green. She said she heard we were coming back to California. She said that she was glad to hear it because Simon could be with me again. She thought it would be better for Simon to be with me again. Dear son, do me the favor and do all you can for your brother Simon. Do it for your dear Mother's sake and when you write another letter, get Simon to write a few lines with it and be sure and not delay in answering it.

I must now close hoping these few lines will find you both in good health and spirit.

Your Aunt and Uncle Heimerling send their love to you. Almighty God has blessed them with a young son. He is four weeks old and is named Benjamin after your uncle that is dead. Your father and I stood up with it. Let your cousins in San Francisco know it and all the rest.

Give my love to all my acquaintances and to Cousin Charley and cousin up in the mines and the cousin in San Francisco and my nephew



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Morris, the one in the hat store; my love to him and tell him to be so kind as to write me a letter. I would be very happy to receive a letter from him. My love to Mr. and Mrs. Green and family and tell Mrs. Green that I received her letter and was very happy indeed to hear of her. Tell her I will answer it as soon as possible. My love to Mrs. and Mr. Citron and family and to all that inquire of me. I remain your true loving Mother.

Yette Lindeman

Fannie sends her love to all acquaintances and her special love to you and brother Simon. She is longing for a belt buckle all the time and she keeps saying she would like for her brother to send her one and so she told me to write and ask you if you would not send her a gold buckle.

Dear son, do me the favor and keep the holidays Eastern, and your brother Simon, keep it as good as you would if I was there. I always think of the Eastern you helped me make the pound cakes. I hope you will remember how you have been taught to keep the holidays and will keep them as you ought. Now don't forget to write soon. Do your dear mother the favor and answer as soon as possible.

Dore and Susy send their love to you and Simon. Just as I wrote this down and mentioned your name they commenced to laugh. Dore keeps saying it is her Gustav and Simon and Susy says it is hers.

Cincinnati, July 17, 1864

My dear children,

Waiting for the time till the gold might get cheaper to send you funds to come here, I feel myself very much disappointed. It is getting every day higher in price. The gold dealers ask at the present time \$300 in green backs for \$100 in gold. Now my dear children, you will see very plain, by circumstances of such a nature it is not possible for me to send you the money. Mother feels very much depressed that she has to wait longer yet to embrace you, and you may depend on it, it makes me feel sad that I can't help it. My sons, I request you to be as saving as possible, that you may get enabled by your own means to accomplish that what I would like so very much to assist you along. By no means buy any clothing. I will furnish you with all when you arrive here. If it is possible come here till coming September, when the holidays commence.

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By next mail, I will write you more news. Likewise I will write to your cousins Isadore and Charley to help you along in your purpose to come here and I will send right off that money to their parents in Europe.

Mother, sisters, and myself wish you all well and hope to hear very soon of you.

Your true father

M. Lindeman

My best respects to Mr. & Mrs. Citron and their family and I will send all my thanks by my next letter. Also my best respects to your boss and his lady and to all my acquaintances.

M. Lindeman

Cincinnati, November 16, 1864

My dear sons,

Your letter of the 12th of August we have duly received and we were very glad to see that you are all well. Your likeness which you sent me at last made me very happy and I always have it in my pocket book which I directly bought for it. I saw in your letter that you want to have your sisters' likeness, but it is at this time impossible to send them to you on account that Dore has been sick, but the next time I shall if they are all well, send to you surely. I was very sorry that I didn't get any writing at all from Simon. I hope he will write me the next time a big letter because I feel very uneasy about him. By writing this letter, I can inform you that your father is absent already three weeks. You can easily imagine how I feel when I have to be alone with the children. Since I left you I have always been troubled about you, but I hope it will be soon all over, because Father will not start a business until you will come to us. Dear son, Gustav, I wish you would save as much as you can. We would send you some money, but it is too high, the gold. The business is in Cincinnati very slow. That is the reason that Father left for Memphis because the times are better there. I hope you will write me as soon as you receive this letter an answer. All your sisters send their best respects and wish that they could see you soon. While we were writing this letter and speaking about you and Simon, Susy clapped her hands.

I remain your Mother

Y. Lindeman

Mr. Citron and Mrs. and family, I send my best respects. Mr. Green and family also. Mr. . . . and family also; Mr. H. Green and

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family also; Mr. Manni and family also. All who inquire about us give my best respects. To Cousin Charley and Morris, I send my best respects. I send to all my cousins my best regards. I feel very lonesome about them. I wish they would write me a few lines. Your aunt and uncle and cousins send their best respects.

Court Street 188 between Elm and Plum.

Cincinnati, Feb. 6, 1865

My dear son,

I am happy to inform you that your brother Simon arrived here by the 1st of Feb. in very good condition. I was just passing up on the above mentioned day, Court Street, a young man was calling on me, "Father, don't you know your child?" I was surprised and looked on him and finally I recognized my dear son, Simon. He was just on the way to inquire for our dwelling. You may imagine what pleasure it has given to me, the mother and sisters to behold our Simon. My son, I may tell you frankly you behaved yourself like a good child and brother and God may bless you for what you have done for your brother. My son, it would crown our pleasure to see you here in our family as soon as possible. Now I leave matters to you because you are prudent child to stay a few months longer in San Francisco or to come home forthwith. Simon told me you work now at present for a good man and receive good pay.

My son, I hope these few lines may reach you in good health. Mother, sisters, Simon and myself send you our love.

Your true father

M. Lindeman

Give us soon an answer.

Court Street No. 188

P.S. Simon feels very happy here and indeed he is a good boy and gives me much pleasure and meets all my expectations. I bought him two suits of clothing from top to bottom and expended for it \$60.

Your true father

M. Lindeman

My best respects to Mr. De Young and family and tell them that I am glad that my son makes a home at such a respectable family. Likewise to Mr. Green and family and very much obliged to them what they have done to my son, Simon. My best respects to my cousin Charley and his bride.

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