Ronen Family to Fannie Kiev May 28, 1913

Dear Fenichka,

We are in good health and wish the same to you. At last we received your letters, you can imagine how happy we were. And you know, Avram or Sarah, as usual are the ones who bring us the letters. They always are walking around outside and as soon as the mailman comes they ask is there a letter for us.

You write you miss us. I believe you, because we all feel the same way. We always and constantly talk about you.

Yesterday I was at the hairdresser's and he told me that he could make a braid in one day. As soon as we find somebody to take it over to you, the braid will be in your possession.

Fenichka, if you need something you can't find in America, tell us and we'll send it to you. We all miss you very much. We hope to have photos ready soon and then we'll mail you a few.

Be happy. Kiss you. Your parents.

Dear Fenichka,

I am very surprised to hear from you that you haven't received a letter from us. We sent you two letters and this one is the third. Please, do not worry that you are not getting answers from us immediately. It takes time to get myself together and make me sit and write you a letter.

Now I will try and answer your letter at once. Dear Fenya, now I have more lessons than before your departure. Last month I've earned 30 rubles and hope to make 25 rubles a month during the summer. Franka, as you know, cannot work constantly at one place. Now she is not working again. She is sitting home and dreaming about America and of course, about money. And time flies, years pass, and she is not earning money yet. Fenya, I am now having a dress made for myself by your dressmaker. Today I was

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at the final fitting. Just imagine – they pointed at me and told Manichka that it was Fenya, and now she calls me Fenya. We don't have any news. Things aren't going very well. Why? – you probably know. Today I saw Rose. She told me that she sent you postcard and some kind of package that you asked for. She very offended that she hasn't had any answer from you. Moshka comes by regularly, often several times a day. Sarah moved to the third group. Moshka very much wanted to write you a letter, but he didn't have occasion to do so.

But now, of course, you'll get one. You sent him your greetings, and he'll thank you for them, and add something. Without your greetings, he couldn't write you a letter. He sent you a couple of magazines. Write whether you received them or not. I'm writing to you on the eve of the holiday, after dinner. It's already late, but I'll still send this letter today. Good night. Have a nice holiday. Be happy and healthy. Have yourself photographed, and send us a copy. Your sister Necha[ma].

Say hi to Lyova.

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