Berlin — June 23d 1845.

P.S. If you should send a box me Hamburg I should like to have a Macintosh cloake to travel with. They are not to be had here and are very necessary for the rainy walking. I have been obliged to borrow my fellow countryman's often as to using it.

Dear Mother

I wrote to you by the Steamer of the 1st of June giving you an account of my safe arrival here together with the particulars of my journey from Havre. Since then I have received your letter of the 15th of May which gave me much pleasure as I did not expect one so soon. I also wrote to you from Havre by the Steamer of the 4th of May. You will have received both I suppose before this goes. I have few little things to add to my former letter by telling you how a day passes with me in the Laboratory. But I cannot give you a better idea of the way of living here than by telling you how a day passes with me. I get up, when at an undefinite period between 6 & 8, the Steward brings me my coffee & rolls to breakfast and then my servant girl brings me in a little kettle of coffee a smaller ditto of milk and a roll of bread for my breakfast later on I go out & place to breakfast and then my servant girl brings me in a little kettle of coffee a smaller ditto of milk and a roll of bread

[redacted] I remain till 6 o'clock. After this I usually take a walk in the [redacted] walk from my lodging [redacted] I do not go far from my lodgings. This is thronged with people in the evening, and is surrounded by trade yield on both the principal [redacted] Little beer gardens where crowds are given almost [redacted] In the evening I make my visits if I have any to make or else return home and read till bedtime. I eat three but two meals in the day. Sometimes my early dinner makes me rather hungry in the evening and I take something at a confectioners & read the papers at the same time. There [redacted] first class coffee houses. I never have better at most & with a [redacted] evenings. There are the only reading rooms in the city and you [redacted] all the Journals and one or two English & French papers. For [redacted] reading but are expected to call for coffee, tea or cocoa [redacted] Sometimes I go to the Opera but am [redacted] to be [redacted] Schelly's concertations or conferences any where in this [redacted] ceremony to take coffee and chocolate. Without [redacted] the professions of German newspapers at these places, Berlin is [redacted] difficult place to find out what is going on in the rest of the world, which can be imagined, the two first places the [redacted] made up entirely of little scraps about the different cities in Germany, which are inserted beyond conception and are expected from [redacted] to be seen and I do not know and information. Then again the scientific periodicals and the French and English [redacted] are not allowed to be seen and I do not know here half as much of what is going on in the scientific world as I do where in New York. I have improved much in the language since I have been here, but do not of course speak it very fluently. I can usually make myself understood. I have not taken a teacher as I made that I intended to do, either for French or for German. I learn German fast enough without and for practical purposes I have more time to give to it or little I go to France which I hope to do before I return. I am well satisfied with my progress in that abstruse study but I cannot tell how long I shall reside in Berlin either, but it is by no means probable as it is perfectly flat and the water [redacted] as it is perfectly flat and the water [redacted] as it cannot run off: the smell of the streets is consequently horrible. The water for drinking is bad and the weather nearly as hot as in New York at this time, we have had the thermometer at 84° in the shade. I have been twice invited to evening parties & arrived, passed half hours and the next time to 4 o'clock dinners. I went of course for curiosity's sake and was in the whole pleased. Everything went off very much as in the U.S. except that there was no music and no dancing. All sexes almost all the Gentlemen in black coats as well as several ladies and I made many acquaintances. Supper was handed around on waiters and consisted of meats cooked in various ways & an allegation of wine. After supper the company broke up. There is a very pleasant custom in Berlin, but the truth is that there is nothing more to be said about it. There were not many ladies present at either party and those only all by themselves as one part of the room dining the greater part of the evening, leaving the gentlemen to amuse themselves as best they could. I have called twice upon Mr. Mitchell & found him very pleasant & cordial. He is to be at Aix-la-Chapelle with whom I have read in New York before you receive this and is to [redacted] be published here at the same time. I have made several pleasant acquaintances and shall doubtless have abundance of them when I begin to attend lectures, which [redacted] my last will not be till October. The lectures [redacted] the middle of August when the Laboratory [redacted]

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