not do so in the day time. Their appearance here would be something so extraordinary that I should be mobbed at my heels in a moment and the police would unquestionably despatch a couple of regiments of infantry to take me prisoner and investigate my hats & gloves as treasonable suspicious looking articles. You ask how I dress wear my beard &c. I dress almost exactly as at home, indeed I still wear most of the clothes which I had when I left home. I wear very respectable whiskers & an exterior which, and please only my chin so that I look somewhat so  though this of course is a flattered likeness like all those which great artists draw of themselves. I am quite fat and upon the whole am tolerable spirits point of view. You ask whether I think in German yet. I hope I never shall literally but I now no longer translate from English into German in speaking but speak at once as I should do in English. I also hear & understand what is said without translating into English first, and I read German in the same way. I have considerable command over the language but have still much to learn both in words & grammatical forms. I intend to speak both French & German much better than either Frenchmen or Germans. I shall be very glad to travel with you when you come out but I must first finish my necessary studies. First and then and the power as Laima used to say a matter to do. But I hope you will not wait so long as that. I am not yet quite fixed in my plans after leaving Bonn, but I think it very probable that I shall spend 6 months in Leipsic where the chemistry [illegible] before August. I am making good progress here and am well satisfied with the laboratory & am in. I have had many offers to go into society but am occasionally invited to drive with or to pass with one of the professors & to take tea with them. I have however no great wish to go much into society as it would take up too much of my time and call me off from my work at inconvenient times. So I plod away patiently at my work and leave society to go its own way in peace. Jenny Lind is still here but I have not heard her again. The tickets are all bought up by speculators and sold at an exorbitant price. There is a very good Italian company here and I have been once or twice to hear them. You speak of Miss Hennig having been out to Chicago. I think Lee mentioned that he was engaged to somebody in Brooklyn - when is he to be married? Is the person?

I had a letter a few days since from Mr Grisom in Flensburg inviting me to visit Flensburg in the spring and mentioning the birth of his little girl. He is now settled in business with his father and will I hope do well. His wife & little one were in good health. Dr Anderson is spending the winter in Munich with his little boy. We have just seen a visit from another American chemist a young man named Norton who has been two years in Edinburgh studying agricultural chemistry. He is much pleased with the Scotch and has just won a prize from the Highland agricultural Society for an essay on bats. There is another young man studying at Leipsic, named Hosford and doing very well. More & more Americans come out every year to study but most of them are theologians. This is also a good thing for they go back again with much fuller heads and much more liberal minds than they brought out with them. When you see Mrs Prime remember me to her and ask her to take Robert that I hope soon to be able to write to him. I have long intended & wished to do this but have been as yet too busy. It does not take me much time to compose a letter but I am a very slow writer & require a great deal of time to get my thoughts upon paper. I desire also to be remembered to Carson, Beckman and all friends and have great pleasure in exchanging loves with Miss Bridges & Miss Wainman. I do not at present think of anything of which I am need. I will make use of a parcel to send home to you before long - shall I direct to care of E Stevens's Son & Hom? I shall write to Hom if possible by the steamer which comes out this week & will buy and ship Laima for her agreeable gossip - even chemists like a little gossip sometimes - I am glad you will be to have Liza back again in New York. It is now 12 o'clock my regular bed time and I must finish my letter to George tomorrow - so good night dear mother & believe me your affectionate son. H. Wolcott