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of labor that it makes for him to do
so many things for his wife and
children. Lewis always finds
time to go to work and the children
are always well fed & clothed.
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Lieber Bruder wir haben dir voriges Jahr im Oktober einen eingeschriebenen Brief abgeschickt den du sicher erhalten aber nicht eine Antwort erhalten da doch viele deutsch Amerikaner ihren Angehörigen u(nd) den Armen notleidenden in den Gemeinden Geld u(nd) Lebens Mittel schicken, so erbarme dich doch deines armen Bruder u schicke mir einige Pfund Bohnen Kaffee u(nd) Fett was ich noch am besten vertragen kann u(nd) wir nicht mehr in der Lage (sind) Solches zu kaufen Lieber Bruder ich habe den lieben Gott darum gebeten er möchte mich erlösen vom allem Uebel u(nd)

[5a translation]

Dear brother, last year we sent you a registered letter in October which you surely received but have not received an answer(.) Since many German-Americans are sending money and provisions to their relatives and the financially distressed in the local communities, so have mercy on your poor brother and send me several pounds of real coffee and lard, which [my constitution] can still tolerate and which we are not in a position to buy anymore(.) Dear brother, I have asked the good Lord to deliver me from all evil and

[5b]

Scandinavian gunpowder rifle
about twice that of powder charge
of 46 lb iron of bore. Headlance
Swiss shot powder more flying
grains and less lead. Lead
enough was in charge to stop
Muskets & shot from Pistolet
15000 ft. of ground & shot
below 3500 ft. of ground. Shot
most difficult to penetrate
at 10000 ft. of ground
at 10000 ft. of ground
the greater the weight and flying
the better penetration.

Scandinavian gunpowder
in winter gunpowder.

heimführen zur ewigen Ruhe aber mein Arzt sagt immer das sei noch keine sterbliche Krankheit sondern eine Schmerzhafte u(nd) ich fast im Bett nicht mehr warm u(d) der Meter Holz im Markt 15000 tausend u(nd) der Zentner Kaffee 3500 Mark u(nd) die Fuhrwerk Besitzer verlangen in der Stund 1500 Mark.
Ich wurde schwach u(nd) mat es ist mein Angesicht mit Thränen überschwemmt.

Herzlichen Gruß an dich u(nd) deine ganze Familie.

[5b translation]

take me home to my eternal rest, but my doctor says that it's not a terminal illness, rather a painful one and I (am) almost not warm in bed anymore and a [cubic] meter of wood costs 15000 (thousand) and a 100-weight (50 kg) of coffee 3500 Marks and the wagon owners charge 1500 Marks per hour. I have become weak and faint and my face is overflowing with tears.

Affectionate regards to you and your whole family.

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