

66. Sarah Krueger to Alexander Krueger, November 8, 1898

[55] SARAH KRUEGER TO ALEXANDER KRUEGER, NOVEMBER 8, 1898
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Dear brother,

I will write you

5 a letter today and tell you
about my trip. I will start
at the beginning and tell ^{you} what
we did every day and where
we were.

10 We got to Madison at 10.30,
ate our lunch, and had our
valice's checked, and then went
to the capitol, there was a man
there who took us through the
15 building, but I would not want
to go through with him the
second time because he seemed
to be a genuine flirt, he was
alright untill we got up to the
20 dome then he asked us wether we
were married, and he says he
wanted to show us the city in
the afternoon, but we told him
that we wanted to call on

25 some friends, there and so he
did not come with us, from
there we went to Scince Hall
but did not get into the musium
I knocked at the Janitors room
30 three times but nobody opened
and so we went out again and
from there went to the green
house, but the gardener seemed
kind of queer to me, I asked

35 ^{him} if we could see the building
he says yes we could look at
it, but that was all he said
to us, we went through the
building our selves, from there

40 we went to the dairy building,
but ^{the} butter maker never looked at

us when we come in, but there
was another young man he came
up to us. I asked him that we
45 would like to see the building
he said there was not much
to ^{see} just now, but he would
show it to us and he did show
us all the rooms, from there
50 went to Mrs Rowe, I
had no trouble in finding the
place. I knocked at door and
a lady come, and I though
to my self when she opened
55 the door that it was Mrs.
Rowe, and sure enough it
was. I asked her if Mrs.
Rowe lived there, she says
"Yes I am Mrs. Rowe my
60 self," and when I told her
who I was, then she told us
to come in, and was friendly
and good to us, it was about
half past one when we got there
65 and they were just eating dinner
I heard her husband talking but
did not see him. Mrs Rowe
said that a boy was boarding
by her, he is one of last years
70 boys his name is Schulte. Mrs.
Rowe said that you knew
him well, he had been to the
war and now is boarding
there to regain his health,
75 I heard him talk but did
not see him, we stayed there
till three oclock then Mrs.
Rowe treated us to some
cake and apples, and told
80 me that when I go home
again, then I should stop
a few day by her, well we
went from there to see Mrs.
Klienhietz, I rang the bell and
85 a fine looking boy came to the
door. I asked him wether Mrs.
Klienhietz was home, he said yes

and he went and called her
when I saw her coming, I knew
90 at the first glance that it was
her, because you described her
so often to me, that I knew
her well I told her that I
was, "Mr. Krea si swester,"
95 and she was as friendly as
you said she would be, the
three little girl were home when
we got there, but after we were
there about half an hour, then
100 the three other girls came
so I saw the whole family
except Mr. Klienhietz he
was down at the farm. I
asked her wether she got your
105 picture, and she said yes, they
got it and that her husband
intended to write to you soon.
they also got Kock's wedding
picture, but Mrs. Klienhietz
110 said that you had the nicest
looking wife. and she said that
she always though that I
would be married to Koch
because you and he wereso
115 much together and he had
been down to our place,
and she says another thing
was, that you and Kock always
got letters, and when she took {s}
120 them upstairs, she always
looked at the addresses and
the writting seemed to be
so much alike, that she
though, I always wrote a
125 letter to you and also to
Kock, Mrs. Klienhietz has two
University roomers, has them
since the school began. she says
that is all she wants this winter
130 and she told me to tell you
to come and see them this
winter and stay by them, she had
lots of room for you. she also

135 told me that when I go home
that I should stop by her and
stay all night with them, well
we left there at about half past
four, and then we went to
Scince Hall again, and I knocked
140 at the Janitor door again, but
nobody opened, so we went out
again, and from there ^{we} went and
took a look at the stores around
the capitol, and then it began
145 to get dark, and so we went
down to the depot, and got
on the ^{train} 6.45 and we got to
Prairie du Chien at 9.55.
and we got of and looked around
150 but saw nobody that we knew,
and we just started to walk into
the depot. then Fred Hoffman
met us, and we started to his
home he was there with a double
155 buggy and two horse's. they live
three and a half miles from the
depot. for about two miles we
went on level ground and then
we started to go up hill for
160 about a miles, it is the longest
hill that I ever went up.
they leave the horse's rest a few
times when they go up, and
when they go down they tie
165 one wheel so that it wont
go round, well we got to Roth's
at eleven o'clock, and they got
a nice supper for us, and then
went to bed, and the ^{next} day
170 in the afternoon, Ida, Emma
Roth and I walked about
two miles to a bluff called
Brisbor's point¹ it is a very
high bluff. it is about two hund-
175 red feet higher then the city
when we ^{were} up there we could
look all over the city and surrounding

¹ Brisbois Point, Prairie du Chien, WI.

country. that bluff is one of the
most noted bluffs around there
180 because, three people are burried
there. and there is a high mounument,
put up there in memory
of them, we walked down
that bluff a little ways and
185 we sat down to rest, and then
Ida took mine and Emma
Roths picture. we took the
plate to the Photagrapher
Saterdag, we will get it the
190 latter part of this week I
will send my pictures home
and you can all take a look
at it,
The next day we three girls
195 started away in the morning
and went across the bluffs
to Frank Rotes place aunt
Tilly old home, we got there at
about ten oclock, and at eleven
200 oclock, Fred Hoffman came with
the team and showed us the
city. it is one of the oddest
city's that I have ever seen.
most of ^{the} building's are old and
205 odd looking, the schools are
very nice buildings and the
St. Marys Convent is a nice
building. I also saw the ruins
of Fort Crawford, and also the
210 artission wells, the main street
in Prairie du Chien, is a different
street then I have ever seen
because there are springs on each
side of the street and a stream
215 of flowing water running
each side of the street.
Well I gave a descripsion of the
city as well as I could, the third
day, Fred and us three girl went
220 on the buggy, and Albert and
Frank Roth went on there wheels
and we all went down to the
river fishing. we drove about

225 ten miles before we got to
the place were we intended
to fish, we took some lunch
along and unhitched the horses
and had a regular picnic
there, but we did not get any
230 fish, they would not bite.
Roths got a nice farm and
also nice buildings except
the house that is a poor
looking building. I think
235 you would be surprised
if you would see Fred
because he is a different
boy alltogether then he was
was when he was by us. he is
240 full of fun and keeps talking
right along, they all seem to be
nice boys we had lots of fun
with them every evening when
the boys were all in the house
245 there are six of them, three
of the boys are nice singers
they sang songs every evening
and there sister played the
organ. we were up till
250 twelve every evening, well we
went away Saterdag morning
at 7.5. Fred took us to the
depot, and we had to wait
an hour at McGreger and
255 an hour and a half at Calmar.
and we got to Cresco at
2 P.M. Aunt Tina and
uncle Amil were at the
depot, and Amil took us to
260 a hotel and we had a fine dinner.
John and Fred Bigalk were
also in Cresco and also
Mrs. Hilke and Ella and
Nellie they invited us to come
265 and see us maybe we will
go some time this week. uncle
William was also in Cresco.
and he invited us to come and
see them Sunday. and so aunt

270 Tina, her hired man, Ida
and I all went to church
Sunday forenoon, there we met
the whole relation. aunt Lydia
aunt Hannah, Amanda; Ida
275 Arthur, Alex, Eddie, Willie,
Lorenia, aunt Amelia and
Ida. and uncle William, and
also Henry Fisher, and we
all went to aunt Bertha
280 for dinner, and had a good
time that afternoon, we went
back to aunt Tina again
and we went to aunt Hannah
yesterday afternoon we are here
285 at the present time writting
this letter. it is almost noon
now and I have been writting
for the last two hours. we are
going to aunt Lydia this afternoon
290 and see her intend to stay
there the next night. I have
also seen uncle Gottlieb and
that in a very funny way.
when we came from Cresco
295 last Saterdag, we saw a man
sitting on a wagon in a rocking
chair and Amil said that
is the way the people go riding
here and we all started to
300 laugh. and just then the
man looked around. and Tina
said it was Gottlieb. she did
not know that it was him
else we surely would not have
305 laughed the way we did. I
asked aunt Lydia wether he
was mad but she said he was
not so it is allright. Well
dinner is almost ready and
310 so I will close Goerge Volkman
is going to take this letter to
Florenceville this afternoon
this is the longest letter that
I have ever written. I must
315 tell you yet that the

people are very good to us
and I have enjoyed my trip
very much so far.

320 Aunt Hannah sends her
best regards to you and Tina
and she says you and Tina
should come to see them.
Well Good by and I
325 hope to hear from you
soon, and write me all the
new. Your sister Sarah Krueger

(vertical along left side, SML)

uncle Otto just came for dinner and he sends the best regards to you.

(vertical along right side, SML)

leave papa read this letter. Did papa get the postal cards and letter?
330 Alex please keep this
letter. it will always
remind me of the trip.
I want to read it again when
I come home.