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FERNSPRECHER: HANSA (NO. 3662.
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HAMBURG 1. Nov. 7th, 1919.
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Mr. John Dierking,
c/o International Harvester Company,
E. St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dierking:-

Your letter of April 11th, written from Litchfield, Ill. was received during the few days I was in the Chicago office, preparatory to leaving again for Europe. Your letter with a considerable number of others together with mail of various description was hurriedly thrown into a steamer trunk and remained there peacefully until Monday of this week. The explanation is as follows:-

The steamer trunk in question was not used by me on the voyage, neither did I have occasion to look into it during the three weeks of my stay in Copenhagen. I left Denmark on June 20th, leaving this trunk and the sadly neglected correspondence behind me. I expected at that time to be back in Copenhagen at the end of July. Instead other arrangements were made, and I later on came to Hamburg. My wife and daughter, who remained in Denmark from about May 20th until the 20th of August when they left for Brussels, having more luggage than they cared to bother with in route, left this trunk among others in storage at our branch in Copenhagen. Towards the end of September Mr. Schmitz, who is again at his post in the Hamburg office, was leaving for Copenhagen for the purpose of arranging to move his family to this point. At the time I was spending a few days in Brussels, in fact my stay lengthened out for a period of nearly four weeks. Before Mr. Schmitz left Hamburg, I asked him to arrange to bring this trunk through with him on his return to Hamburg. This matter was satisfactorily arranged, and after a period of several months, the steamer trunk in question together with your letter and a number of others came into my possession.

This is the story of the letter; however, I have been reminded at various times by my memory and conscience that I owed you a letter, but for some reason or other did not get down to write until to-day.

I am certainly pleased to learn that your health has been restored, and that you are again able to take up work with the Company. Your letter states that you were at the time working under Mr. Bray. It so happens that I have been advised of the change which has taken place and that Mr. Bray is now in Springfield, Ill. I have not the pleasure of knowing the General Agent who is now in charge of St. Louis.

I am quite interested in your remarks about Mr. Haley. This man was at the time I was transferred from Springfield, Ill. to Minneapolis Minnes. engaged as a special cream separator expert and sales man. As far as I was able to ascertain during the few weeks that he remained on the Minneapolis force. After my ~~arrival~~ ^{departure}, he seemed to be occupied solely with making an occasional trip to repair a cream separator and spend the remainder of his time hanging around the Minneapolis office. I am not



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aware that Mr. Haley has any special personal reason for disliking me. I did not figure personally in the incident which resulted in Mr. Haley severing his connection with the Minneapolis organization. After the matter was explained to me, I approved of it, and all that Mr. Haley can truthfully charge me with is, that I did not yield to his request to reinstate him after Mr. Sullivan had dismissed him. I simply referred him to Mr. Sullivan. Some time after this I learned that Mr. Haley was again in the employ of the Company at E. St. Louis, and I understand has been rendering satisfactory service ever since.

My recollections of the conditions during the months immediately preceding your departure from Vienna, which -as I now recollect- was towards the end of June or early in July 1913, was such as would naturally cause your wife and friends to be concerned about you. As far as I can recollect there were no peculiar and certainly not any disagreeable experiences, at least as far as the writer is concerned, during the time mentioned. I with your other friends throughout the sales organizations in the Central District had hoped for your speedy recovery, but such information as I received from time to time, indicated that you were slowly improving. It is, therefore, a matter of real pleasure and satisfaction to know that your recovery has been complete, and that you are again engaged in the services of the Company.

I used to know quite a number of the E. St. Louis sales organization. Some of these men have been transferred to other places and other duties during the years that have intervened since I left E. St. Louis, and later on during the years I was in Springfield I came in contact with many of the employes during the State Fair, but since 1908 my facilities for keeping in touch and acquiring information regarding the E. St. Louis and other organizations in Illinois have been extremely limited, and since 1910 this condition has been aggravated. However, my mind often times reverts to the associations formed and acquaintances made during the many years of my services with the I.H.C. and of its constituent Companies in Illinois. During several years Mr. Warguara and Mr. Frank Meyer were members of the same organization. Later on I met Mr. Reid in the Minneapolis organization and still some three years later Georges Fiene, during the time that I was connected with the Neuss (Germany) sales organization. Mr. Frank Meyer I have not seen since the autumn of 1903, but I have heard indirectly from him on both occasions that I was in the States, namely the autumn of 1915 and more recently from December 25th, 1918, until May 1st, 1919.

In conclusion I wish to thank Mrs. Dierking and yourself for the expression of good wishes for my family and myself. At present, as stated in the forepart of this letter, they are living in Brussels and probably will remain there until the spring of next year. Under ordinary conditions I manage to see them about once a month. This is decidedly bet



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than a separation of two or more years, such as we experienced from the autumn of 1916 until the 26th of December 1918.

Please convey to Mrs. Dierking the best wishes of my family. We all hope that your health has been permanently restored, and that Mrs. Dierking and yourself will not be subjected again to that anxiety which must have been a source of mental torture to you both for such a considerable period.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours truly

J. Hooney

Please remember me to all the gentlemen whose names are mentioned in this letter and to my dear old friend A. R. Anderson when you see him. Write me a long letter when you have time
J. H.