

carpenter to bore me one hole in a bit of wood - too large for my own tool! -

I have lately met with a beautiful double star, but too severe I imagine for your instrument. Have you ever examined α Herculis? It is a capital coarse test. I suppose ϵ Bootis baffles you.

The silico-on-glass specula are getting on admirably. Mr. North of Herford has finished 3 of Pincher's, any of which he believes will bear 800 on small stars - (large ones being usually troublesome in reflectors.) He is now anxious to sell - I have persuaded him not to sell too cheaply - as in his generosity he might have been tempted to do. Did you ever notice, that some are so generous in proportion to their means, as those whose means are small? -