

will not fail to bring you Löllner's book, which I made such an especially stupid mistake about. And won't we have a nice cosy evening? We shall be perfectly at liberty to receive you any time from 6 of the clock, and the sooner the better. Things go on pretty much more antiques here - my wife much the better. I am thankful to say, for her Paris excursion. - my little "telescope-house" in nice order - 3<sup>rd</sup> Edit. Cel: Obj: advancing, &c. &c. &c. I shall bring up the old Puritan officer with me. - My wife sends her kind love to your good Mother, with best thanks for her letter - she feels highly complimented by her asking for drawings to copy from, but she is very sorry to say that she has no oil painting - & her water-colour drawings are all mounted in large books. -

With best love to you from both, dearest William, I find and with my new motto, that of the Bardic Chain at Raglan Castle,  
Deffro! Mae Dyddol.

I had written the above before post-time, when a letter came in, inducing me to ask if you can possibly manage to do me a great favour. In consequence of somebody well known to the readers of the English Mechanic as "F. R. A. S." having given a guarantee of Solomon's £5 telescopes, an optician named Robert Thomas, 7a, Duke St. Grosvenor Sq. wrote back me if I would test his object-glasses: offering to send them down with proper tubes &c. for the purpose. To this I agreed - I suppose about 2 months ago - & my name was consequently gazetted in his adv<sup>to</sup> in Engl. Mechanic (& elsewhere for aught I know) that no object-glasses appeared: & it was obvious that either he was preparing a stock to send <sup>in one lot</sup> ~~at once~~, or selling under false colours. So I wrote to him last week, & got his answer today, telling me his last batch consisted of so many of different sizes, (39 in all) & that he had ordered tubes for them to send me "but my customers were so impatient that they would not give me the time, they have said, never mind I will test it myself." - He then adds he has only two left, such is the demand, & has 6 doz. in hand which will not be ready for some time. Now all this looks suspicious, tho' it may possibly be right - and I must not, as you well know, attack a man's business proceedings so long as he could