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My dearest Arthur,

It is indeed truly kind of you to bear in mind your old friend's insolation, & to help him by such interesting news. You will not be surprised to find that I have failed with those wonderful little objects. I had 3 great obstacles - bad weather, ~~an~~ an old silver film, & an aged eye, ^{to say nothing of β of late.} But our friend Key has done well with his superb 18 in. With - seeing one sat. with concave lens without hiding Mars! You will probably hear from Sadler of ~~his~~ his success with Common's great reflector (who on earth is Common? No common man at least in one respect.) - Also Nimas! ~~that~~ This is Calvin. With has lately made Key's mirror give a clearer image of ϵ Bootis than Huggins's 15 in Obj.!

Many thanks for the intimation about Lord L. - I should like to tell you how matters stand with me. I have made no special study of double stars, - i.e. I have never measured a pair in my life! but I have from time to time come across pairs or groups which I have reason to suppose are not in Σ . - (since Lord L. kindly gave me