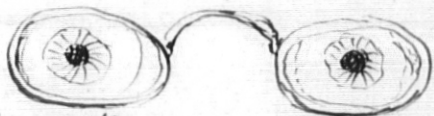


I am getting a new & more convenient
roof to the poor old Telescope House. Have
you forgotten it? you have been long enough
away from us to account for it.

My wife's kind love

Your affec^ted friend



Envelope reopened to say - O dear, dear!
more bother. - A lady in London, one of the White
Rectory Dews, now Hospital Nurse in London, & very
warily anxious to improve herself after putting on a pair of
very long ears in a matrimonial affair, writes thus -
"Could you recommend a weekly or monthly publication
on Astronomy & Botany - not very deep but suitable to
enquiring & ignorant minds? Do you recommend Sci-
ence Gossip?" [which T. W. W. never sees!] also can you
tell me whether there are any Lectures held any where in
London on Natural Science that ladies could attend of
an afternoon? - poor T. W. W. had broken down in
fact - A. C. R. to the rescue, please, please - a
lady's in the case. - (what sort of case? Glass, or
metal, or what? I never had that defused.)

Hardwick Vicarage, Hay, R. S. O.

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My dearest Arthur,

As usual, come to torment you: -
but you are even a "friend in need".

I forget whether I told you that I am pre-
paring a very elementary little thing on Optics
for the Christian Knowledge Society. ~~How~~
~~concerned~~ I do not want to go into minutiae,
but there are some points that have cropped
up, about which I want to still my intellect-
ual grumbings - I have got Lommel, & Brew-
ster, & have read Spottiswoode's lecture, & Her-
schel's Lectures, & Ganot, & Lardner, & Peppen (!)
And all have left a nebuletic about a point
or two - which I dare say you can sweep away.
It is marvellous, to me, how very nebulous emi-
nent men can be, who look at matters only through
their own spectacles. -

E. g. - I want to know what becomes of the
beam of polarised light when incident on the ana-
lyser the wrong way. A friend has told me he
thinks it is reflected. As far as I can make
out it is spoken of as ~~also~~ extinguished, i. e. ab-
sorbed. But what becomes of it then? Ought