

I much be affixed the parish & worth  
by wife's kind love remain

Your very aff<sup>to</sup> obliged  
W<sup>m</sup> Friends

Porcum upon Gum Trees. —

Do you happen to know the most accepted  
number of terrestrial Chemical Elements?

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My dearest Arthur —

There's an old proverb (you know I am  
a proverbial man) that says "much would have  
more" — and I am going to exemplify it. First of  
all let me thank you most cordially for all the  
very valuable help you have given me in so many  
ways — legal as well as optical. — The former  
has been the means of making a poor man — as  
well as myself — very comfortable — as to the latter,  
you have pointed out several things <sup>where</sup> ~~that were~~ the  
books only left me in the mud — but I am still  
not quite clear — & you will think me very stupid —  
& so I am! But you are accustomed, I dare say,  
to deal with stupid clients. — Here then is the  
next nuisance. — <sup>through your kind explanation</sup> I now perfectly comprehend  
that I had ~~mistaken~~ <sup>confounded</sup> what might be called the  
plane of direction of the undulations of polarised  
light, — which of course is normal to the direction  
in which light enters the eye, and invariably  
~~so~~ — with the plane of polarisation, which, if I  
am right at last, is normal to that ~~directed~~ trans-  
verse direction of the undulations, & contains with-  
in it, as a plane contains a line, the direction in  
which the polarised (or any other) light enters the  
eye. — So far, may I hope? so good. But here  
comes the rub. If I am right in stating that