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Dear Mr. Collins.

In making up my cards I used a numbering machine at the office, which I certainly could not have felt like buying for myself. It is an automatic machine, and numbers continuously, successively, or duplicating; thus. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. = 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. = 1. 1. 2. 2. 3. 3. 4. 4. etc. It costs 8.00 or 9.00. You can get a numberer, not self-inking, like a small dater. For 50¢ or so; you have to change by hand each time.

It seems to me your best plan would be to have the cards numbered by some printer or bookbinder: it could not cost much.

I do not think the ink used on pads is quite permanent: that is, the colored ink. The black I think is carbon, & likely to hold.

Very truly

Frank S. Collins.

Any firm that does a business in stencils & rubber stamps can show you various kinds of numbering machines.

As I am returning your knife by mail: I meant to give it to you last Friday.



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