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March 22, 1922.

My dear Dr. Schlechter:

I was delighted to receive your Vienna letter, although the sad news about your suffering from the cold in the unheated rooms made me feel that I was in part to blame for your discomfort and for your frozen feet. Now I have your letter of the 24th February and I am hastening to tell you, now that I know you are at home again, that I am sure to be pleased with what you have done for me and that I am unable to express my thanks to you in a way that will make clear my true feelings. You say you have two hundred tracings of Reichenbachian types for me. I did not dream of such a possibility! How can I ever repay you for such a substantial piece of help? Now I shall be worried until the tracings arrive safely and become a part of my working collection.

I do not intend to trouble you with the many questions I have to ask. Time enough for them, but I want to let you know that I have decided to sail for England on June 28th, and that I am planning to be in Berlin either in July or August. I feel that we must discuss through some better medium than letters the details of our proposed undertaking, therefore I am coming to you, reluctantly on the one hand, eagerly, on the other. To leave home now means many sacrifices. But I cannot see how we can arrive at a working agreement without sitting face to face for a while. And, furthermore, the pleasure and profit of a meeting with you will repay me a thousandfold for the penalties of travel and the loss of results to be obtained by a summer of work at home. Mrs. Ames and two of the children will accompany me.

Let me hear from you again soon! And send as early as possible the tracings of your types and the Reichenbachian ones. If you are short of funds let me know what you need.

Faithfully,

Complete set of Reichenbachian types sent to Vienna!

Oskar Ames



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