

Hosterwitz b Dresden, Febr. 6. 1910.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am late in expressing to Mrs. Deane and you our sincere thanks for your kind Christmas-greetings and for your good letters of Jan. 2. and 24. We have been very glad to learn from them that you feel well and we hope that Mrs. Deane's health will now be perfectly restored. It gave us sincere pleasure to learn that Dr. Coolidge is again well and strong, this is wonderful in his high age. Please give to him and Mrs. Coolidge our best wishes. As to ourselves we are happy now since the success of the operation in my mother's eye has proved perfectly wonderful. By means of the glasses she is again able to read, and also to discern clearly distant objects. This gives great delight to us both. By this triumph of the Ophthalmic-surgical

art my mother is fortunately saved from losing her eye-sight as at all events the sight is saved on her operated eye. She also has got stronger now so it is fortunately all right again and the past anxious time seems to be like a dream. We are very glad that you liked the pictures. I had not been photographing since my father's death, but I wanted specially to have pictures of my mother, so I used some sundays of the autumn for photographical studies. Yes, we have got old and gray, specially I too early, but I got old on my working table in and by my work. On end of April I may say about the same that your Ben. Franklin said of his press: "Since 40 years I am working on this table." And how rapidly the years and decennials flee during the work! As to your direct question on the ending or continuation of the model-agreement I guess you know that better in America.

I don't know whether they have already blotted out my name on the lists. They have yet to receive a shipment of models of which a number is yet to finish and details to be made, so the matter could not end for me before the late summer. I had more undertakings and commenced than usual and in a very difficult new matter illustrating relations of plants and insects which absolutely could not yet be finished, and the last year ~~was~~ disturbed at several times. Much patience belongs to this subsequent work in its kind and character. Have you seen the new comet? I am curious which changes of weather and temperature the embracing by the Halley comet on May 18th will bring to us. At least it could be presumed that the kiss of such a cosmical tramp, so harmless he otherwise may be, could work on our weather, except that mother globe is entirely indifferent as it is modern nowadays. Our winter is about the same as Mrs. Deane and

your report of yours, mild, but incalculable.
We wish you will have a pleasant time
this winter in your club - pleasure and the
soon awaking nature. My mother sends
warmest greetings to Mrs. Deane thanking
her again for her kind letter and to you,
in which I join her with best wishes.

Very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka



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