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MEADE, REV. CHARLES J.

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Rev^d Charles J. Meade.

~~The Vicarage.
Boughton, Monksheale.~~

S^t Ellen's,
103, Pembroke Crescent,
Hove.

St Ellen
103 Pembroke Crescent
Horn.

VICARAGE,
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA,
MAIDSTONE.

Dear Sir

I have delayed answering your letter with the hope of being able to get more information. I am sure it is impossible to get out your desire. I am sure that Mr. Mass the inventor of Cook's patent has parted with his invention long before my father's time. I should have heard something more about it. I knew a Mrs. Mass whose husband must have been ~~the~~ ^{60 years} the inventor. She lived at a house called "Boldskey" & had two daughters. But I have heard from them any reference to the invention. A very old lady who lived in Bedford for many years & who was a patient of my father's has shown me ~~an old Paper~~ a cutting from the Bedford Standard of Jan 16. 1899 giving an account of a Paper read by an old inhabitant of the Great Field at a Meeting of the Bedford Historical & Antiquarian Society on Ten old houses & their occupants in Barkerend Road Bedford 60 years ago. He says "Boldskey was in its heyday

with its tenant Mr John Mann.

Mr John Mann built Springfield House
then it is said the Marquis of Anglesey
skipped while Mr John Mann was fitting him
with a cork leg"

I believe the best history of Bedford is one
by James Gill writes to my eldest brother
who is a Surgeon at Bedford & succeeded to
my father's practice & ^{entire} ~~entire~~ to all
further information, I may add that I am
in my 84th year & I am sure that I should
have heard more about the invention, if anyone
connected with it ^{or was applying for} ~~was~~ when my father
house was pulled down, he had all the old
books destroyed except the one in which was the
entry of "Beloe for the Marquis of Anglesey"
sketch" which by the sketch me

I remain
yours faithfully
C. J. Meade

Dec 12. 1914

Dec. 15th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your kind and interesting letter of the 12th inst. and for the details you have given me about the Mann family. It is very kind of you to take so much trouble in the matter. I should be interested to know if your brother can find out if there are any relics to be had of the inventor of the cork leg.

Again thanking you for your kindness.

I am,
faithfully yours,

The Rev^d Charles J. Meade,

St. Ellen's

103, Pembroke Crescent,

Hove.

9 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

I was interested in a letter published from you in "The Observer" of Sunday last on the Marquis of Anglesey's cork leg. Do you know or could you ascertain if any of the Mann family are still in existence as I should like if possible to get some particulars from them of the original invention should they possess any such.

In this Museum we are endeavouring to conserve the earliest types of appliances used in surgery and to preserve with them the names of their inventors. We should be much interested in obtaining a specimen of the early cork artificial limb that you state was invented by Mr. Mann.

Apologising for troubling you on the matter, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

C.J. Meade Esq.,