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ROSENBERG, M.A. PARIS

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22, RUE LAVOISIER (VIII^E)

TÉL. 328-55

1 Dec 11

Sir, May I ask if the five
13th century's miniatures - arabian
book of medicine - are well arrived?

I hope they are suitable for
you and awaiting your kind news,
I remain, Sir, very truly yours
Homebush

ROSENBERG, M.A., PARIS

22, RUE LAVOISIER (VIII)

TEL. 158-88

30th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your kindness in sending me the miniatures taken from the book of medicine, which have duly arrived.

I am sorry to say on opening them I found the glass of one had been cracked, but otherwise they took no damage in transit.

The miniatures are very interesting, I grant, but I regret I cannot see my way to make you an offer of anything like the sum you require for them; otherwise, I should have been very pleased to become a purchaser.

I am therefore returning them to you by South-Eastern Ry. and have insured them. I trust you will receive them in safety, and shall be glad if you will kindly let me know when they arrive.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

22, RUE LAVOISIER (VIII^E)

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23 Nov. 11

Sir, I have much pleasure in
sending you by parcel post the
five miniatures I have of the ara-
bian book of medicine found at
Bagdad 15 years ago. This will
be the best way for you to see
them. I have insured by railway

£ 200. - and by insurance com-
pany extra separate £ 300. -

These miniatures were exhibited
in Munich at the Mohamedan
exhibition of fine art 1910 and
are the only specimens (with the
other leaves I had before from
the same hand and coming from
the same book) known until
now. At the Paris Bibliotheque

Nationale there is also an
illustrated book in the Bagdad
style but ruling over the
history of a Ring. —

The five pieces I am sending
to-day are written and pain-
ted by Abdullah-ben-El-Fatteh
in 1223. Please see the September
number 1910 of the Burlington

Magazine, page 328, were Mr.
Roger Fry, writes on them:
"Of the former a good instance is
" that of a manuscript of Dioscorides,
" written and painted by Abdullah-ben-el
" Fathl in the year 1223 A.D. (plate
" I, 1) It is of Mesopotamian origin
" and shows in the decorative treatment
" of the figures a close affinity with
" the painting on contemporary pottery from
" Raqqa. It is surprising how much
" character and even humour the artist
" gives to figures which are conceived in

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" a purely calligraphic and abstract
" manner, and what richness and
" nobility of the style there is in sin-
" gularly economical and rapid indica-
" tions of brocaded patterns in the robes.
" Here we see how, in the hands of the
" miniaturist, the half-palmette orna-
" ment becomes even more cursive and
" flexible, more readily adapted to any re-
" quired space than in the hands of the
" wood-carver and plasterer."

These miniatures have not only an historical interest on account of the ^(artist) author and the date of creation known - which is an unique fact - Nearly all what remains from the antique Bagdad - but also an extremely artistic value. Here are the prices I want for them :

A/. a "sorcier" preparing a medicine
£90.- (90)

B/. a "piche" fighting a venomous

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serpent £ 85. -

C./ a consultation £ 120. -
2 people

D./ a consultation } £ 110. -
3 people

F/. Scene at the dentist £ 90. -

The prices are according to state
of preservation, and are a little
less than those I got for the
others, but as you are friend

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22, RUE LAVOISIER (VIII)
TEL. 238-22

of Maria Arthur Lambert
I ask you less. —

Trusting you will like the
miniature, I remain, Sir,

Yours very truly

Edouard Rosenberg

Translation.

22 RUE LAVOISIER (VIIIe).,

16th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I hasten to inform you that I have ordered the photographs of the miniatures in which you are interested, and it will give me great pleasure to forward them to you as soon as they are ready.

It is probable that I may come to London to-morrow or the day after, in which case I will bring them with me; I will let you know beforehand.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) MOYCE A. ROSENBERG.

22, RUE LAVOISIER (VIII^E)

TÉL. 328-55

16 novembre 11

Cher, En réponse à votre estimée
lettre du 14 cte. je m'empresse
de vous informer que j'ai commandé
des photographies des miniatures qui
vous intéressent et que je ne serai
un grand plaisir de vous les envoyer
aussitôt faits.

Il se peut que je parte demain
ou après - demain à Londres,
dans ce cas je les apporterai avec
moi là-bas, en vous en prévenant
d'avance.

Veuillez agréer je vous prie, mes
salutations les plus distinguées

Yvonne A. Rosenberg

Rosenberg

Easley Mews.

14th November 1911.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Arthur Sambon has mentioned to me that you have some Persian miniatures of surgical operations, which you would be willing to dispose of.

I should be glad if you would kindly send me photographs of the same, stating size and the price required.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

M. Rosenberg,
etc.

Easley Mews.

le 14 novembre 1911.

Monsieur,

M. Arthur Sambon m'a enseigné que vous avez quelques miniatures persannes de opérations de chirurgie, que peut-être vous voudriez vendre.

Je vous serai très obligé si vous vouliez m'envoyer des photographies des mêmes, m'en donnant les dimensions et le prix.

En vous remerciant d'avance, veuillez, agréer, Monsieur, mes salutations distinguées.

C.J.S.T.

M. Rosenberg,

Rue Lavoisier, 21,

P a r i s.