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AMERICAN OPTICAL COMPANY LTD.

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H.M.M. Official

7 May 1917.

Dear Sirs,

Please accept our very cordial thanks for the piece of Crookes glass which you have been kind enough to send me through the good offices of Mr. Petherick of the American Optical Co., Ltd. It is just what we required, and fits the title page of the book exactly, and I feel much indebted to you for so kindly presenting it to this Museum.

Again thanking you for your kindness and the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Messrs. Chance, Brothers, & Co.,
Birmingham.

Chance Bros.

H.M.M. Official

5 May 1917.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 4th inst. and also for the piece of Crookes glass that has duly come to hand, which, through your good offices with Messrs. Chance, Brothers & Co. I have been able to obtain.

You will be pleased to learn it is just what I required, and fits the title page of the book exactly. You will no doubt understand my anxiety to procure a piece if possible, as the signature I wish to protect is the only one that exists of a famous surgeon of the 16th century.

I am glad to have the fact confirmed by you that the glass is likely to act as a protective from the effects of light on the ink.

I am writing to Messrs. Chance, Brothers & Co., and thank you very heartily for the service you have rendered us.

Faithfully yours,

J.P. Petherick Esq.,

C.J.S.T.

Messrs. The American Optical Co., Ltd.,

American Optical Company Limited

SPECTACLES EYEGLASSES LENSES CASES ETC



CABLE ADDRESS "AMOPTICO"
TELEPHONE CENTRAL 5912
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMPANY

39 Hatton Garden London EC

EUROPEAN AGENCY
FOR
AMERICAN OPTICAL COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS U S A

C.H. Thompson Esq.
The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
54a Wigmore Street,
London W.1.

4th, May 1917.

My dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 30th ulto.

I have been further interested to note the use to which you wish to put the piece of Crookes glass that you mentioned in your earlier letter, and therefore I have been pleased to communicate with our mutual friends Messrs. Chance Bros & Co. Ltd. and they have managed to find a piece of glass from which they cut the piece the size you wanted, and therefore pleased to forward same to you by post, and I will ask you to accept it with the compliments of Messrs. Chance Bros, as it is due entirely to their courtesy I am able to forward same to you, and I have only acted as an intermediary in the matter.

The feature of this glass is that it absorbs the ultra violet rays and in that way it would be means of protecting the work such as you refer to.

Together with my compliments, believe me,

Yours truly,

JPP.NR.

H.M.M.

30 April 1917.

Dear Sirs,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 28th inst. respecting the piece of Crookes' glass. I much appreciate your kindness in offering the piece 3 inches square, but I am afraid that would hardly answer my purpose, which is to place it over the title-page of a very rare book with an autograph inscription written in ink, of the 16th century, which we have on exhibition. I am informed that the glass prevents the action of the light on the ink, and would keep it from fading, so I wanted a piece to cover over the title-page which is 7 inches by 5 inches. Should you be able to obtain a piece of that size for me, or know of anything better for the purpose, I should be greatly indebted to you.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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28th April, 1917.

Mr. C.J.S. Thompson,
The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum,
54a, Wigmore Street,
London. W.

Sir,

We are pleased to acknowledge your esteemed favour of yesterday's date.

We note that our mutual friends, Messrs. Chance Bros & Co., Ltd., have referred you to ourselves, and that you wish to obtain a piece of Sir William Crookes' glass, cut 7 x 5". We regret to say however that we have not any of this glass of such a large size as you wish. The largest piece we have is 3" sq. and if this would be of any interest to you, we would be pleased to present you with a piece with our compliments. If we are able to obtain a piece of the size 7 x 5" at any future time, we will be pleased to let you have it, but under the conditions of to-day there is very little of this glass manufactured, and the quantities that are available in stock, which are of course cut to regular sizes for ophthalmic requirements. However as we understand it, the sample you want is for exhibition purposes, and in that way we are only too pleased to help you where we can.

Awaiting therefore your further remarks,

Yours truly,

American Optical Company Limited,

Director

JPP-MW

H.M.M.

27 April 1917.

Dear Sirs,

Messrs. Chance Brothers & Co. Ltd. have furnished us with your name as being likely to be able to supply us with a piece of Sir William Crookes' Glass, cut to 7 ins. by 5 ins. I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know what the price of same would be, and I could send a messenger for it.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Messrs. The American Optical Co., Ltd.,
39. Hatton Garden, E.C.

TELEPHONE: 121 OLDBURY (2 LINES).
TELEGRAMS: CHANCE, SMETHWICK.

ADDRESS FOR LETTERS,

Glass Works near Birmingham.

RAILWAY STATIONS. { SPON LANE L.N.W.R.
WEST BROMWICH G.W.R.
PRIVATE SIDING, SPON LANE.

SCOTTISH WORKS,
FIRHILL,
GLASGOW.

In your reply please quote reference

G.

5th April 1917.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq,
54a Wigmore Street,
London, W.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour of the 4th inst.
asking cost of a piece of Sir William Crookes' Glass 7 x 5
but for this small piece you would probably be able to obtain
it on the spot from our good friends, Messrs James Hetley & Co,
35 Soho Square, London, or Messrs The American Optical Co Ltd,
39 Hatton Garden, London E.C., both of which firms have bought a
stock of this glass from us.

Yours truly,

For Chance Brothers and Co Limited.

W H Griffiths

American Optical Co.,

For Glasses, Spectacles and Co. limited.

Yours truly,

Book of the Year from us.

of Little in German, London 8.6., both of which have brought a

3. John's Church, London, or perhaps the American Optical Co. Ltd.

on the spot from our Good Friends, Messrs. James Watson & Co.

Before this small piece you would probably be able to obtain

being sent on a piece of Sir William Crookes, Glass V x 2

we are in receipt of your invoice of the 4th inst.

Dear Sir,

of 11, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.

C. J. S. Thompson Ltd.

Yours truly,

0.

21st April 1914.

Wigmore St.

4 April 1917.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please let me know what
a piece of Crook's glass would cost
measuring 7 inches by 5 inches?

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Messrs. Chance Bros.,
Manufacturers of Crook's Glass,
Birmingham.

Chance Bros