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Dear Dawson

I find myself again obliged to apologise for not answering your last letter sooner, but my time has been so fully occupied lately that I have not even written home for more than a month.

Very many thanks for the little paper you sent me; I should say that it more than does you credit. I only see one fault in it, & that is, that you do not say anything about the great "Endosmode" family in it, i.e. taking the family distinctly by itself.

I am doing a little bit of the school-master here. On Thursday evening I take a class of poor lads, & teach them Arithmetic, of course gratis: and on Sunday afternoon I take a Sunday-school class !!! { I hear you say - I wish that I had time to do it }

I was rather sold the other night. I went into a chymist's shop about 9 PM with an umbrella under my arm { it being a damp night } & laid it - the umbrella - very carefully against the counter & proceeded to make my purchase; while this was transacting a woman came in & bought some trifle from the chymist's assistant & coolly walked off with my umbrella - a good strong "ten and sixpenny" - so that when

I came to look for it, it had of course vanished, the woman in the mean-time making her-self scarce, in a densely crowded street. NB She has never brought it back again.

I have been busy making, or rather trying to make, thermometers for some time past. I can blow the bulb on the end of the tube, & can get the vacuum & seal it up, but can not make the mercury pure enough, so that when it falls after rising, it leave a thin film of dross inside the tube.

I am as busy as ever with coins. I am at present in a state of excitement about an ordinary bronze penny. In 1860 about £000 worth of pennies

were issued having a beaded, instead
of a milled inner border: thus -



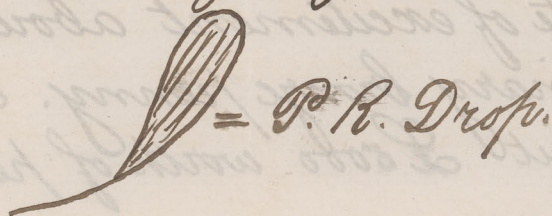
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Please note profile
usual on all ordinary pennies.

Not all the 1860 pennies have this
difference, in fact only a very few.
I have succeeded in picking up
one of them but it is only a very
second-rate one, so I am anxious to
secure a good one.

I still take the English Mechanic
& am likely to do for a long time.
I very rarely write to it.

Can you tell me how they
make "Prince-Rupert-Drops"
i.e. glass globules which crumble
to dust when slightly chipped



= P. R. Drop.

I am about to begin Tret-work
but am rather at a loss to know
where I can get patterns. They
are so dear about here, say from
1/- to 2/6 apiece, which I cant
swallow. I know that there
is a German shop in London
somewhere!!! where they are
sold at about two-pence or
threepence each, I suppose
that you do not happen to
know of such a place. { I
might as well ask you if you
know where the needle is,
which I dropped into a
straw-stack a month ago }

I see that the census is to
be on April 3rd: it will be
rather interesting to note the
population of some towns.

I suppose Liverpool will

be about 600,000.

What fools they are making
of themselves in Paris. They want
another right down good thrashing
to bring them to their senses.

Did you see anything of
Lord Lorne's wedding? I suppose
you had great excitement in
London. Hoping to hear from
you shortly

I remain

Your very sincere friend

Thos. Rimmer