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from Queen Elizabeth of Rumania  
(Carmen Sylva)  
Dear Sir

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Your kind endeavours to be helpful in our interest is felt by me with the greatest possible thankfulness. But I am afraid, in the direction you propose we are unable to do what you suggest, at least for the present moment all our time and strength is taken up by our own exhibition, and I don't think that exhibitions help much towards the development of such foreign industries as ours. We hope to be soon on the great market for silk next year we reckon upon a revenue of a million at least and hope to rise steadily from this small beginning. Whenever we sent things to exhibit they were sold badly or given away to members and so on. I think we do better, in going our own way, as we can scarcely claim to belong to the Balkans, being entirely situated in the Carpathians and separated from the Balkan states by the Danube and by the enormous difference of race and language. The heavy cloud we were under for a few years has lifted now, and a magnificent harvest has left us at the top of the ladder again. There were fourteenthousand Waggon's wanting every day to take the corn to Constantza. And even now there are wanted four or five thousand every day. In agricultural countries it is either four hundred millions of revenue or nothing at all. And several years nothing at all.



mian famine . We have ordered thousands of Waggon and a hundred Engines,  
so that we may hope to meet the exigencies next year, of the harvest is  
good again . I believe we must concentrate all our strengt in our own coun-  
try, and not lose strength by taking part in shows and outward things.  
my present burning interst is the printing machine for the blind, which has  
been invented in my house, and throughm which I hope to found a city for  
the blind . as a blindscool would eb utterly seseless in our cuntry, in which  
there are near upon ztwentythousand blind through the conjonctivitie granu-  
leuse, and smallbookx mostly soldiers, oso that with them I may found  
numerous working families, all living together . If nou will get me orders  
for that machine, hich wint cost more han zwohundred francs at the utmost  
and will enable every blind person to print fivethousand sheets a day, you wil  
helt me greatly. Next week the inventoy starts with the first models for  
Vinenna berlin Paris and london, and if I may I shall recommend him to you.  
He is my valet, and has worked for more than a yar to make per ct the first  
idea that came to a blend printer . T<sub>err</sub>ra foe hi wont give the machine his  
own name bu t that of the blind printer . and the moment the ordrs begin it will  
be a great rise I for the prenest the undertaking machiist, osr what do yu  
cal a man who makes false legs and such things can produce a machine a day.  
The last printingmachine i got pfrom America cost twothousand franks and this  
will cot twohundred and be manmageable for every child and for every lady



who with the utmost trouble copied book for the blind. Now they can print whole editions and the life of the blind & the whole universe will be transformed. We have got the patents from the principal countries, so that it will be the revenue on which we build the blindness, with endless working baskets brushes, cords, pottery, and principally the machine itself. It will be all in steel, so that it will bear a great deal. I am in wild excitement about it. Tell Hilda that it is forthcoming and that I will send Munske to her, Munske and Bünger they will travel together. The poor first inventor is far too ill to travel, and besides they will have to be quick. If there are many orders they must work hard. If you help us in that direction it will be of greater use than all the exhibitions of the world. kindest thanks dear Sir, for your desire to help me when so many things are resting on my shoulders or wading them down rather, with too much heaviness, I shall send them to you. And perhaps you may take an interest in our machine as it will be so enormous help all over England and the colonies as one has the same braille everywhere all over the world. Already I have orders from Java from South Africa from America, from Australia!

I only want many, many! and every order means help and blessing to the country where the order comes from! Yours most gratefully  
Elisabeth

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I only want money! but my wife is  
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of the paper is very high. I must  
write to you soon. I am very  
truly yours,  
C. M. W.