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Don't send them under any
circumstances.

June 27, 1930

Dr. Casey Wood,
Authors' Club,
London, S.W.1.
England.

Dear Doctor,

I guess my letter was not very explicit. I know so little about business. The late Dr. Carl A. Helmuth is the author artist of the collection of Birds of North America that I wrote you about. If you were interested I was going to send them to you. You could'nt tell anything about them, unless you saw them. I think they are wonderful, I love every little Bird. But then you may not think anything of them. The work is beautiful, but I may be telling you this because I want you to buy them. You have got to see them, and judge for yourself, and you would know more about their value then I should. I only know that my father refused ten thousand dollars, for them. I have it here in Dr. Helmuth's hand writing, he started the work in 1878, and completed it in 1894. He died in 1896, and left the collection to me, his youngest ^{child,} ~~daughter~~, in his will. I would like to have you see them even if you don't buy them.

I am going to California as soon as I can get away, it wont be before the middle of July though. I make my living on the Stage, things have been very bad here, in the dramatic end, for the past two years, so I am going to try my

luck in California. If I don't hear from you before I go
I will write you from California. I hope you will like
my little Birds.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Helmuth.

12 June 1930.

Miss Mary Helmuth,
18 West 64th. Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam :-

Dr. Lomer, Librarian of McGill University, has sent
me yours of May 28th. I cannot decide whether the Library
wants the book you mention unless you can give further details.
What is the name of the author, ^{a.k.a.} date, and your price for the
Birds of North America you mention ?

Very truly yours,

Casq a. Wood

New York City,
May 26, 1930

Dear Sir,

I thought you might be interested in a work I have. I have a complete collection of the Birds of North America illustrated by 1017 Coloured Figures on 80 Plates. To each plate is added a leaf, which gives the characteristics of the orders, families, etc., as well as the scientific and common names of the Birds represented on such plates.

Nothing has ever been done with them. My father was in hopes of having them published, but he died before his hopes were realized, and left the drawings to me.

My father was the late Dr. Carl A Helmuth of Chicago. He was one of the noted physicians of his day. He was Head Surgeon of the Marine Hospital for twenty years.

Hoping you will be interested,

I remain sincerely,

(Signed) Mary Helmuth

18 West 64th Street,
New York City.