

SF Bk 1 English letter 356 (transcribed by Brian Falk)

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My dear Mr Rettich (*or Reddich*)

Your kind note to hand. Please accept once more my sincere thanks for all your kindness & attention. I had a very fine journey home & can assume that the few pleasant hours I spent in your company will ever be gratefully remembered by me. You must please give me an early chance to reciprocate myself in London, although I am afraid I shall not be able to treat you with such an exhibition of talent as you treated me.

As to Mr Raphael he offers the identical Chimney but he cannot claim a patent for it, nor am I afraid could you. Order samples of him, perhaps they may sell.

Re Chimneys I am told the rose Chimney will arrive in Dublin in about 8-10 days.

Those 6 doz received with red ??? ? (3 words illegible) Friedman wishes you to try.

As to Spirit Lamps, I am afraid they will be a failure & we are chary to take one up at all. I would advise you to run the one the English Company has taken up (?? Printik's make)

In a few days I am promised a Petroleum Lamp.

I have not yet received your official order for globes etc. Did you give it to Mr Boileau? (*He was or was to be F,S & Co's main Irish representative*)

Please give my kind regards to Mr Buchanan when you see him, & I hope he will soon be in good health. With best regards to yourself & Mr Hayran, I remain

Yours sincerely

S Falk

Could you tell me the cost of strengthening the burned off mantles by dipping them in collodion. I believe I have a better method, which does not clash with the Rawson's Patent.