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My Dear Dr Gilman.

I cannot throw any light upon this gentleman's Claims, in fact I fear he is to be placed in the same category with quite a number of "Shopticians" who had exhibits at Atlanta i.e. as quacks. Their so-called lens polishing machines ^{men hands} and their new fashioned lenses were not polished by them. Not was so guaranteed. I examined two exhibits that were in separate buildings - one in Machinery Hall. Not found the sole purpose of the exhibits was to palm off cheap glass lenses - for high prices and invaluable crystal lenses of their own manufacture to the unsuspecting way farer, at a high price. And I told one of these fellows if I had my way he would not be allowed in the building. Whereupon

2/ he showed his true colors and wanted to fight-. It was the one
discreet thing we found in the exhibit. I wish I had seen
this "Dr's Exhibit". I don't like the character of his advertisement -
as it claims of the same numbering & fraud with the rest of
them. But - I am ready - [if he will write me the basis of
any claims he may have that - are of value, ~~and~~ he shall
have the benefit of my careful consideration which I will
also have Prof Brewster & Townsendhall. (My Colleagues in any
part of this class.) look over. - if it is not too late.]

I will only add that no papers referring to
his exhibit were handed to us, in fact - not one of these
"Skeptics" presented papers or made any claims to any of
our committees while I was in Atlanta.

I am Yours very Cordially J. B. B. B.