

I worked a long time in Obs^y last night from 28° to 26° - cold fingers with handling metal. - My S Orionis keeps very minute.

My wife sends her love - she is pretty well - we are very sorry indeed to hear that your good mother is so rheumatic -

Terby is a jolly fellow; & a right good correspondent.

Your very affectionate
J. W. Webb.

Since writing this, a P. Card comes from Mr. Woodhouse to say "The Colonel has just arrived from London by train. He has not yet taken off his overcoat, but seems safe & sound. I hope to introduce him to my wife presently." How this would bamboozle any P. O. official who spends his time in reading it! -

Hardwick Vic. 11 Dec. 1873

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My dear Mr. Arthur,

I am very sorry indeed that I should have been the means of causing you - busy as I am, since you are - such a quantity of trouble about that curious Mr. Paritan. But I see no escape from the supposition that either you are in love, or have mislaid my directions - for I well remember the latter, which were very explicit. You were to have found 5 copies at 5 x 5 = 25^o Park St. because I am allowed 25^o, & one had been sent for from the Office already, & 19 were sent as a parcel to me. Those 5 I accounted for thus.

- 1. A. C. R.
- 2. Rev. T. Woodhouse (not Waterhouse as you have written it in your last.) Kopley, Hants - to be directed to sent by Rail at his own desire.
- 3. C. Waker, Esq: 11 Sackville St.
- 4. Dr. Barry, King's Coll.
- 5. Dr. Webb, 22, Woburn Place.

One of these 5 I ~~saw~~^{thought} could be left at Nichols's to save for trouble - either No. 2, if they could readily send it to a receiving house for the rail, or No. 3. -