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My dearest Arthur,

Here is something according to promise, which you can tear off - & tear it up too, if so minded - for, now I have done it, it seems a very rubbishy affair, & if you like to smother it, the Society will have little loss, & I, assuredly, no mortification. I thought beforehand it would have looked better than I find it does. However, if you happen to be very "hard up" on Friday for a paper, & absolutely want to stop a corner, this may do.

I had a mind to have backed a "rider" to it - worth a good deal more than "the bill" itself, about the eccentric character of Coggia, so interestingly remarked upon by yourself. For I see plain indications of similar structure in my drawings of 1861 which RAS did see the honour to engrave. - But on second thoughts I postponed the idea, for I have not yet seen the Newall-with drawings, & it was best not to attempt the comparison previously, lest I sh^d. get into the wrong box unawares. -

He has had a fine return here by day of which see my account in next "Nature". I have found 2 corresponding obs. at Hay & Hereford - neither of any use - except that a move 20 miles E produced no such parallax as would be roughly noticeable. -

Will you please ascertain for me at your leisure whether Martin has taken to the Argonaut or not - ~~whether~~ for I would on no account stand in his way - & if he has declined it will you please tell me whether I had best write to D. Gladstone (whose address I don't know)