

I might have said in my little Uranus paper that my silver film was not in first rate order, the fact being that a colony of spiders had established themselves round the edges of the mirror - which has been (at least its film) a good deal the worse for them. But there is the beauty of these spec^s - their figure can't be injured - & somehow or other, as a man in Lerebours' shop told me long ago, a great deal of damage to the film produces hardly any appreciable deterioration in the seeing.

I hope you'll be sure to call at the Bedford Mendy ev'g & Sunday evening (24 & 25). If there is a parcel for D. Terby I can take it as far as Donxelles, & he will probably come there to meet me.

My wife's kind love -

from my affct. old friend

T. W. Webb

Good Friday night, 1876

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My dearest Arthur,

After a day spent for the most part in meditating upon the awful & unsearchable mysteries of our redemption, I will send you a few lines on the marvels of Creation - the work of the same great Hand - which, though they are profoundly silent as to man's restoration, speak loudly of his Creator's Eternal Power and Godhead. - I have had no time as yet to reply to your very kind letter, taken up at Hay on a business journey to Hereford yesterday - nor have either of us as yet opened the little book - but we join in truly cordial thanks & look forward to much pleasure from its perusal in quieter days. I have seldom had a sharper pressure: & an exceptional death-rate - & people in about 10 weeks - the ordinary number for about 2 years - & yet no epidemic. I only hope the survivors may take warning. -