

Many thanks for your kind replies
about these matters - and pray thank
your dear Father especially for the trouble
he took about Rowley's parcel. -

As to the debated questions of the
arc de. (not the "arc-en-ciel"; by the
way. I saw a fine one this afternoon -
but before I could get your little ana-
lyser it - was gone!) - I think
we are on opposite tracks. You, unless
I am greatly mistaken, mean the Spark
of the Liden Jar - I, the continuous
discharge, which entirely alters the
case - & as to Frankland's pressure,
it is I suppose only another name for af-
finity. But this is not to be confounded
with mechanical pressure, of which we
were talking - In great haste but with
best love your very affectionate Old friend
T. W. Webb.

24 January 1872.

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My dearest Arthur,

I had to start to Cardisley to deliver
a Serp's Lecture (a room full, & the colour-
ed fires encoined - not much wonder, my
wife's pictures looked so charming) -
just after the receipt of yours, which
otherwise I should have answered by
return.

I am very sorry that I have so mis-
expressed myself (there's a new word! I
rather like it) as to give your dear
Mother and yourself a very different
impression from anything that I in-
tended with regard to the Convalescent.