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Charlotte, Vermont.

22, August, 1883

Dear Mr. Sargent,

I am delighted to hear that you are to have a vacation. I really think a visit to Vermont will afford you more advantage than one to Mr. Ketchum. You will see "in their home" and gather far more of your favorite. A trip hither would be far less exhausting - therefore safer for you. Thus it has so long been your wish to come this way, a visit to Vermont comes first in order.

Trust me to plan work for you meanwhile. You will take the morning train Monday, I trust,

for Charlotte via Rutland,  
reach our station about 5  
P.M., and (if you don't see me),  
come to East Charlotte with  
our mail-wagon.

Now may I beg you to do me  
a favor. On my travels I see so  
many strange scenes and curious  
objects, so many interesting plants  
and trees whose pictures I want,  
that I have been thinking of  
buying a portable camera, and I  
can't give up the idea. Last  
winter I enquired into the Blair  
Touryograph, was assured from the office  
(47, Tremont St.) that it was just  
the thing. In "Science" for June 1,  
Moses King, Publisher, assures of the  
trustworthiness of the firm. So I have  
decided to send you \$25- and  
beg you to visit the Blair Touryograph

Co. before coming; and, if you  
are satisfied that they have  
a portable dry plate camera  
which I can manage successfully  
to buy one and bring with you.

I would not think of "developing"  
the plates, but to put them into the  
hands of a photographer.

I would like to take photographs  
the size of ordinary stereoscopic views  
and suppose one carrying 5x8 inch  
plates preferable.

Perhaps you will be pleased to  
receive and the Blair people be  
pleased to give some instructions, to  
enable you to work the machine,  
when you and I get among our mount-  
ains.

If you don't approve, don't feel  
bound to purchase anything. Of course  
I don't care for "elaborate nickel mounting"  
and "best mabogany," but I want  
a best camera, and if here is not

money enough, will stand more  
expense. They may have made  
some improvement since last  
winter; or their "Blair Combination  
Camera" may be better than the  
Stereograph.

Rusty took with, I think, a  
camera made by Scrivell, N. Y.

Pardon me for the liberty  
I take in making this request,  
but I hope you can bring something  
which will add to the pleasure  
I am anticipating for us.

~~But disappointed~~

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Dring.

<sup>So as</sup>  
Come to give me all your vacation,  
if I can succeed in entertaining you.



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