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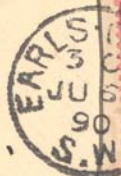
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Edward Henry Corbould

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June 6th
A.D. 1890.



is placed in the Drawing Room, where dwells the
Cream of my Possessions. Works of art executed by
Her Majesty Victoria Queen of England & Empress of
India. Her Imperial Majesty Victoria Princess Royal
of England & Empress of Germany and Prussia.
And other Members of the Royal House of England.
So that that same rug is in good Company.
The smaller one is in my Studio - but too good to
be placed on the floor - it therefore ornaments a
throne upon which no human foot presses.
your brother William Henry reads at No 123
Queens Gate - Hyde Park - it is his object in
that of Study & not Pleasure - he confuses himself
mainly to study. I introduced him to a Mr Edwards,
who has great interest in a Mine in Wales, where he
engages the labour of a quantity of men, & nothing
else has been thought worthy of notice but the hoax.
Edwards showed him samples of Gold taken from
that mine - it opened your brother's eyes a few. as he
said the quantity & quality was infinitely above that of
what in Australia was considered of such worth, & I fancy
it may lead to the increased benefit of all concerned.
They propose journeying into Wales together - as soon as
peace in the neighbourhood, will render it safe to go there.
Remember my kindest to all at Pall Mall. Yours very truly
Edward Henry Colburn

7. Tebevine Road. Earl's Court. S.W. London.
Dear Mr Colburn

6th June 1890.

It was on 5th May that I had your
letter & photos - but I failed by some accident to see
the announcement in the paper - of the arrival of the
vessel in the Thames - that brought them - and your
wife's Mother to England. but had I been fortunate
in seeing it - I should not have known how to set
to work to find a lady at Tisbury, of whose features
I was profoundly ignorant. I even wrote name I did
not correctly know - (for I should have inquired
for somebody of the name of Beall - probably French.)
for my only guide, was, what you had written. and I
never considered for a moment when reading it, that
people in Pall Mall - walk about with their heads
downwards & their heels upmost.  and naturally turn letters upside down.
such as the letter M, or N - and U - so that BEAN, which is
English - becomes BEAU, it is French. That is as plain as a
Pike-staff - some words there are - with more than one
M in it. I would surely the Devil himself to make out, if
they were in every instance turned upside down - for they
would represent numbers U's, and U's without dots.
However, - enough of that! The present of the rug is to you
dear me - were carried to death - on 31st May, came
to Earl's Court quite safe & sound - the 1st I acknowledged to
Mrs W.M. BEAN of Lydden Terrace - Dept. at once.
but I addressed her as Mrs J. H. Bean, it's mistake. she

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kindly informed me. I had a very nice letter from her, in which she explained that Mr. J. H. Bean is the brother to her late husband. I stated in my reply that my daughter Potine was overwhelmed with the beauty of the skin - and suggested that in order to do full justice to the Carriage rug, we ought to start a Carriage, - horses, - harness, Coachman - Footman to match, - that we might drive about in Hyde Park - to the end that the British public might see & appreciate the nature & the finish of your present. There are things - which as presents - put the recipient to endless expensiveness; for instance, One man gives another a hat of the first water. & this necessitates his having to be measured for an entire outfit of the very best material. & then that obliges him to give away all things worth up to that date - did well enough for comfort & respectability &c &c. and purchase new ones. and binds us to pay his landlord three years rent in advance - to let him off. - & enable him to make of a fresh start, in a mansion ten times

as costly - requiring at least 15 servants in the kitchen to wait upon himself & his wife - make the beds, & feed themselves daily! Ah indeed! that hot may be his ruin - & bring his dog hairs in sorrow & the grave. A Bull Dog - again: that dog would let a man in for purchasing a Bull, - or the dog would be of no use whatever! or should the present take the form of a Trade - it would suggest the immediate purchase of a vast Estate, to dig about in. As matters at present stand - I shall have to wait till the death of some rich Uncle (who never existed - & who was transported in the reign of George III for manslaughter & robbing the Bank of England. - acquired vast property by fraud, set up a Bank in New York, & died the day after tomorrow - leaving me all his ill gotten goods &c. After which would follow the purchase of a Carriage that wd. make the Crowned heads of Europe to water nineteen to the dozen, and buy me up. From all which I trust you will gather - that I am desperately just to it to see my way, how best to conduct myself. The large one, the Carriage rug -