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Dear M^r Merrill.

Very pressing engagements since my return from California have prevented an earlier answer of your letters.

I thank you for the type written copy of M^r Wenham's paper, and I enclose 67 cents. He desires it to be discussed by experts, and I shall be glad to hear from you what can be done in this respect.

I regret that I am quite unable to prepare a paper for the society just now. I had very good observations of the gulls at San Diego, but they exhibited nothing new. Later on I will endeavor to give you something.

I shall be very glad to hear the results of the preliminary trials of the Weiskopf machine, and I hope you will write me in full concerning them. You will find my own experiments described in the Aeronautical Annual.

The newspaper accounts of the flying machines are pure "fakes."

Yours Truly

O. Chanute