

August 29, 1902

My dear Major Moedebeck.

I have your letter of the 14 inst. and will be glad to see a proof of the last part of my paper, provided this can be done without delaying your publication, to make sure that the formulae have been correctly transcribed.

I thought that your addition to Lilienthal's Chapter was to comprise only an account of his fatal accident, and an appreciation of his work. I see by your letter that you have also included some historical references, but these seem to me scarcely the best which could be selected. No. Leonardo da Vinci, No. 3 Besnier, No. 4 Borelli, No. 5 Meerwin & No. 6 Degen all proposed flapping wings; I do not know about No. 1 Sagen, No. 7 Berblinger, No. 8 Von Driberg & No. 9 Von Helmholtz, but I should have preferred to mention Simon the Magician, Oliver of Malnesburg, the Saracen, Dante Le Bris, &c., who experimented with gliding machines. You will find them in my book, of which you have a copy (if not I will send you one,) but I mail you separately folios which I happen to have, and which you may find more convenient to cup up.

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Folio No. 1 contains flapping wings, Folios No. 5, 6, Aeroplanes.

I wrote to M^r Wright to know whether he had sent you his plans. I have no answer yet and may hold this letter of mine a day.

I sent you an advance copy of the rules for the Aeronautic contest in St. Louis, and had you out on the regular list. There will be in the Exposition a retrospective exhibit in which you can show your "Illustrierte Mittheilungen" and anything else which you may deem of interest. I will send you some blank applications for space, as soon as I can.

I shall be glad to know how soon your Taschenbuch is to go press. M^r Wright and myself expect to experiment in October, and may have something to report.

Yours very truly

O. Chanute

August 31st No answer from Wright yet. He may be away or sick__ OC