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Dear Sir:

Your article was received on Christmas Evening. I was told that it missed a steamer at Hamburg and then, after waiting, happened to go on the steamer Moravia which was twenty days at sea. So it took six weeks for it to come from you to me. On December 26th I telegraphed to you Prachtvoll Artikel erhalten.

The article is everything that I expected and I am sure that it will encourage many to participate in the new sport.

The Annual is almost ready. I think it will be ready for distribution on Febr. 5th. On that day I hope to send copies to you by mail.

You will be interested to see the bill which I have drafted and which has, at my request, been introduced in the Senate of the United States of America. I am not very sure that the bill can be passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. But I have a strong hope that it can, and in a few weeks I shall go to Washington and have personal interviews with the leaders in Congress and I shall work for the success of the bill to the best of my ability.

In regard to your advertisement I would say that your own article is the best possible advertisement of your patent rights, and, as you did not write any other advertisement I did the best that I could to write one for you. It seemed to me that the best form of advertisement is the one which I have used, namely, the drawings and specifications of your patent in full, together with a simple statement that your American Patent rights are for sale.

When you see the Annual you will notice that this takes two or three pages. I hope that the advertisement accomplish all that you wish.

I think that the Annual for 1897 will go to press about Oct. 1st 1896. Can I arrange with you for a full report of your 1896 experiments to be published in that number? I thank you very much for the interest which you take in the Annual.

Yours very truly

James Means