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Dear Bro Belden

Your second letter is just received in some way the first went astray and only came to hand a day or two ago I went immediately to see Fisk about the Views and he has delayed me to see Wilson about the Colored Views He says Wilson a few years ago got up his "Lantern journey" and what he called "Continental Views" the kind Mr. Alister has which Fisk says are

Vastly inferior to his regular  
series. He will sell me  
that kind for 25cts each  
or will get them (for he does not  
keep them in stock). Next  
comes the Standard Views  
(same subjects) lit. fine  
uncolored for 45cts each  
these he keeps in stock  
and are the same as the  
132 except they are not  
colored nor mounted in  
wood. Now as to the com-  
parative merits of these  
Views I think considering  
the difference in price I  
would take the uncolored ones  
of course the others are  
very much more attractive  
but they are almost three

times as costly. I am to  
give a Stereopticon Show  
for Bro. Magie for the home  
& school and am trying to  
get Fisk to hire me the  
set. if I succeed I might  
arrange to come out and  
show them some where  
with you. Fisk does not  
keep the colored ones in  
stock but gets them  
direct from Wilson so he  
could not send them to  
be selected from his no  
doubt would send the  
uncolored, and let you  
select what you wished.  
You could not depend  
on a helper without a  
number of trials even with  
a good experienced helper it

toke several times to get  
used to each other's ways  
as to the repeal of changing  
slides and many little  
details until you are  
ready to give quite a  
number of lectures in  
succession you will get  
along better to manage  
the instrument and lectures  
at the same time which is  
not always easy I will go  
down tomorrow and assault  
Fisk again he is a good  
fellow but oh how slow  
and I will go in a sec  
if I can get your Wilson  
lecture on Eggs and any  
thing on the Colubrids  
Hastings  
Spencer & Hellier

Hillier-

Ann de Witt (Frank) collectors  
Eg 4

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