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Silversmith

79 CHESTNUT STREET

BOSTON 8, MASS.

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Mr. Israel Sack
5 East 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sack:

Among the pieces sold to you last summer for Mr. Moore's interest was a three-legged cream pitcher which had come to us within six months previously from a local collector who had only shortly taken it out from a dealer's safe. We have now had a communication requesting us to see if we can do him the favor of obtaining that cream pitcher back again as it turns out his records showed he only had it on memo from the owning party who now want it back again. This is a mistake we would hardly expect from this source, but apparently there was some freedom about letting the collector as an old friend look through the selection that was on hand and take what interested him. Apparently this piece was in their safe keeping but not released for sale. We would of course promptly return it if we still had it, but we hope we still may assist them in bringing about the recovery with the kind permission of the present holder. Perhaps Mr. Moore would not mind your borrowing the piece for a re-check on its marks. We now find there is a chance that the BB mark is not a BB but a B (LR), the last cipher a combination of two letters. Therefore Mr. Moore would probably prefer to eliminate it if it is not a Newport piece. The full net price at which we disposed of it to you was \$375.00

It may be that Mr. Moore would be interested to obtain instead some selected early R. I. spoons as listed herewith. If not we would ask his consideration of enabling us to favor this situation in this exceptional case, by the repurchase at the refund amount of \$375.00 and shipping expense.

All the other pieces had been in my father's Collection. The creamer which is also a nice piece, however, was a recent acquisition as stated. If we ever come upon another R. I. example, we would be glad to let Mr. Moore have the opportunity to pass on it.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,

J. Herbert Gebelin
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