

301 West 91st Street
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Dear Miss Gilpin

Miss Putnam brought me your wonderful gift yesterday and I am speechless! Perhaps she will tell you better than I can how thrilled and moved I was in looking over these marvellous examples of your art, without question the finest collection of portrait photography I have ever seen. Only the work of a great artist has the power to move me like this; and, beyond my admiration for your extraordinary skill, I can almost find it in my heart to envy the gifts of concentration, unerring decision, and artistic intuition which make it possible for you to achieve such results.

For your interest in me and for this priceless gift I am deeply grateful, and for the rest I can only say that you are a great artist and I hope that you will meet with all the recognition and success which you so richly deserve.

And now to business! It is

impossible for me to say at present that one or the other of these pictures is better - I must have time for careful comparison and consult a few people; furthermore, I find no marks whereby I can distinguish them if it is advisable (as it probably will be) to make a limited selection - Could you send me some definite means of identifying each picture? Then, will you kindly suggest which pictures in your opinion can be best reproduced, either by photographic or fine screen processes and will you please give me figures (approximate prices will do) for quantities of 100 and upwards, also the prices, singly and per dozen of replicas of the originals?

I shall in any event wish to have some of them for very special presents!

Please remember me very kindly to your parents and in particular to Mr Johnson.

Very sincerely yours

Karel Bauer