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John Van Hoken

N.K.
I wish you
would come
here in this
if you don't
send the gold
some time
don't lose it
I will send
it to you
but I will
specify time
& measurement
under it can
be done in a
few days after
my return
or you may
call for it
or send it
clean or
acting
for me

July 17, 1935.

Mr. Ernest Schenck,
Wilton, Conn.

Dear Ernest:

I am on my way West after having taken Antoinette and the children to see my old stamping grounds in the Black Hills and her birth place. She is now at Cody, and I am in Denver prepared to go to San Francisco to the Bohemian Club, and then to join her on the ranch, getting back to New York about August 12th.

I have a commission of great delicacy to place in your friendly hands. You may remember the charming lady to whom you showed your Cedar lot sometime ago. I have the honor to advise you that she has consented to linking her fortunes with mine, and we are planning to be married either the latter part of August or early in September.

I am very anxious to have the symbol of the union prepared from Black Hills gold, and expect that a friend of mine may send you within the next ten days half an ounce of practically pure gold. If this arrives I shall appreciate it if you will call Mrs. Nell Koons, Wickersham 2-2189, and consult with her about the size and weight, etc. I assume that you would use your judgment as to the fineness, and that to make it of fine gold would be inadvisable.

It is quite possible that we shall see South Africa before we come back from the trip across, and I have the feeling that we may locate for a more intelligent part of our time near Westport, and I shall hope for a more intimate contact with you than has been my fortune during the last few years.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

JVND/P