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Tuesday {somewhere about the middle of October 1897 best guess}

My Dear Universal Provider,

Here are some book titles any or all of which would be welcome to me.

Owing to the extraordinary prevalence of the photographic rash in this neighbourhood I would ask you to forward these and any other good manuals of photography known to you in the hope that their arrival may lessen the mortality.

But the crisis must be regarded as serious.

1. Photography Indoor & Out by Alex Black (Gay and Bird)
2. Photography by A Protherd (Griffin)
3. Leaper's First Principles of Photography (Heffe)
4. Vogel's Practical Postal Guide to Photography (2 copies) (Sonnenschein)
5. Welford's Hand Camera Manual
6. Hodge's Practical Enlarging (Illiffe)

So much for play. Here are some more Italian titles.

1. Corinne, de Stael ([Bolue?] Libr.)
2. Paton's Highlands & Islands of the Adriatic (about 50 years old book I think)
3. Eastern Shores of Adriatic (Viscountess Stamford)
4. Prolyn's Italy from Fall of Napoleon (Cassell)
5. Wrightson's Modern Italy (1855)
6. Colletto's History of Naples (Eden 1858)
7. The Carafaso of Maddalone von Reument (Bolin)
8. Mrs Riddell's Mad [???] Bentley
9. Villar, Here & There in Italy (Allen)
10. Stables Six Months in the Apennines
11. O Braunny Guelphs & Ghebellines
12. Dennisain's Dukes of Urbano (Longman)
13. O'Clery's Making of Italy
14. Thayet's Dawn of Italian Independence (Gay & Bird)

[??] Nisco The last 36 Years of the Kingdom of Naples.

These, all or any, and don't you wish you had never seen the face of

Yours ever

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