

Aug. 26, 1909.

Fr. Vester & Co.,

(Originally F. VESTER).

THE AMERICAN COLONY STORE.

Dealers in Oriental Articles & Curios,

Olive Wood, Mother-of-Pearl & Jewelry.

ANTIQUITIES & MUSEUM SPECIALITIES.

Sole Distributors of

THE AMERICAN COLONY

Photographs,

Magic Lantern Slides

and

Flower Cards.



Dear Prof Lyon:

Jerusalem, Palestine, July 30th 1909.

As we have the larger portion of the Wood Collection prepared and about ready for sending off, we are writing to ask you if you do not think we had better finish up and ship to you the specimens now ready. There are about one hundred in all, and they will fill one or two large cases. Of the rest of the collection only a few are yet to be secured, nearly all having been got together and are now in process of curing.

In view of making a shipment to you we would like to advise with you as to how the specimens should be finished. As to the hard woods which are susceptible of a polish we propose to leave one half of one surface on one side plain and to have the other half polished. All cross sections we thought to leave plain, only cleaned up and sand-papered. We propose that they should each one bear two marks, one to indicate the cutting and the other to correspond, as to the order in which they come, with the botanical order of the specimens. We would also send a label for each one, a sample of which label we are enclosing.

We would like to hear from you on these points, ie the style of finish, the label, as to whether it is just as you wish it, and as to our sending off soon a shipment containing the specimens that are prepared.

Since you were here we have been successful in collecting fine specimens of pottery, especially Canaanitish and Israelitish. We have duplicates of quite a number of the best specimens, and so, if you wished them we could supply you with some very desirable ones at a reasonable figure. If you feel at all interested in this please let us know and we will write you more fully as to what we could supply.

Some of our brothers have just visited the Samaria excavations, and found great and interesting progress being made. Dr. Reisner was just beginning a trench across a section of the colonnade just below where the main excavations on the summit are being made, and this exploration is to continue up the hill side to where they are now working.

We are all well and all send most cordial greetings.

Awaiting your kind reply,

We are, Yours very cordially,

F. Vester & Co.

F. Vester & Co.
Nov. 7, 1910
am. " 7 "

*Ordered the polish of rude sam-
ples as will take it, of the
collection to Boston.*

Fr. Vester & Co., Shipment of the

(Originally F. VESTER).

THE AMERICAN COLONY STORE.

Dealers in Oriental Articles & Curios,

Olive Wood, Mother-of-Pearl & Jewelry.

ANTIQUITIES & MUSEUM SPECIALITIES.

Old Rugs and Khilims.

Sole Distributors of

THE AMERICAN COLONY

Photographs,

Magic Lantern Slides

and

Flower Cards.



Dear Sir:

Through our Mr. Vester and Mr. Whiting we learned of your marriage, and with them extend to you and Mrs. Lyon our hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Some months ago we wrote you that a large portion of the wood-collection which you ordered from us was ready to ship, and asking for instructions, to which we have received no reply, you probably having overlooked the matter.

Since then we have added many more specimens, and the collection now is ready to send.

We have dressed both the cross sections and the boards to a uniform thickness, and the surfaces are smoothed and sand papered, but we would like to know if you wish such as will take a polish to be so finished on one half of the surface, as you suggested when here.

We should like to get this collection off our hands as soon as possible, as with the rapid growth of our business, our store rooms are getting very much crowded.

We have developed quite a lively trade in furnishing collectors and museums with Biblical articles and think that you might be interested in such. The enclosed is a bill of some of the things and the prices as furnished to one of our customers, which will give you a little

Jerusalem, Palestine, Oct. 20th 1910.

Prof. David G. Lyon,

Harvard University,

Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Fr. Vester & Co.,

(Originally F. VESTER).

THE AMERICAN COLONY STORE.

Dealers in Oriental Articles & Curios,

Olive Wood, Mother-of-Pearl & Jewelry.

ANTIQUITIES & MUSEUM SPECIALITIES.

Old Rugs and Khilims.

Sole Distributors of

THE AMERICAN COLONY

Photographs,

Magic Lantern Slides

and

Flower Cards.



Jerusalem, Palestine,

- 2 -

idea of the different things.

Our Mr. Dinsmore is getting orders from all over the world for his botanical specimens, and it would please us to furnish your museum with a complete collection if you so wish. Some rare plants have been collected around the shores of the Dead Sea, and at Mount Sinai.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting have a boy ten weeks old. He is a fine healthy baby.

Trusting this finds you well, and with the hope that we may see you here again some day,

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Vester & Co.