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271 MADISON AVENUE,

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Prof Tacchini

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1875

Dear Sir

I received your picture safely and am much pleased to look at the likeness of a man of whom I have heard so much.

I enclose a paragraph from the "Tribune" which I hope will gratify my friends as much as it has pleased me. The medal has arrived and is accompanied by a set of resolutions illuminated in mediocral style

There is also a very complimentary  
letter from the Secretary of the  
Transit of Venus Commission.

If you think proper to  
let my scientific brethren in  
Italy know of the honor that  
has fallen on me, through the  
medium of the "Memorie" it will  
greatly please

Yours truly  
Henry Draper

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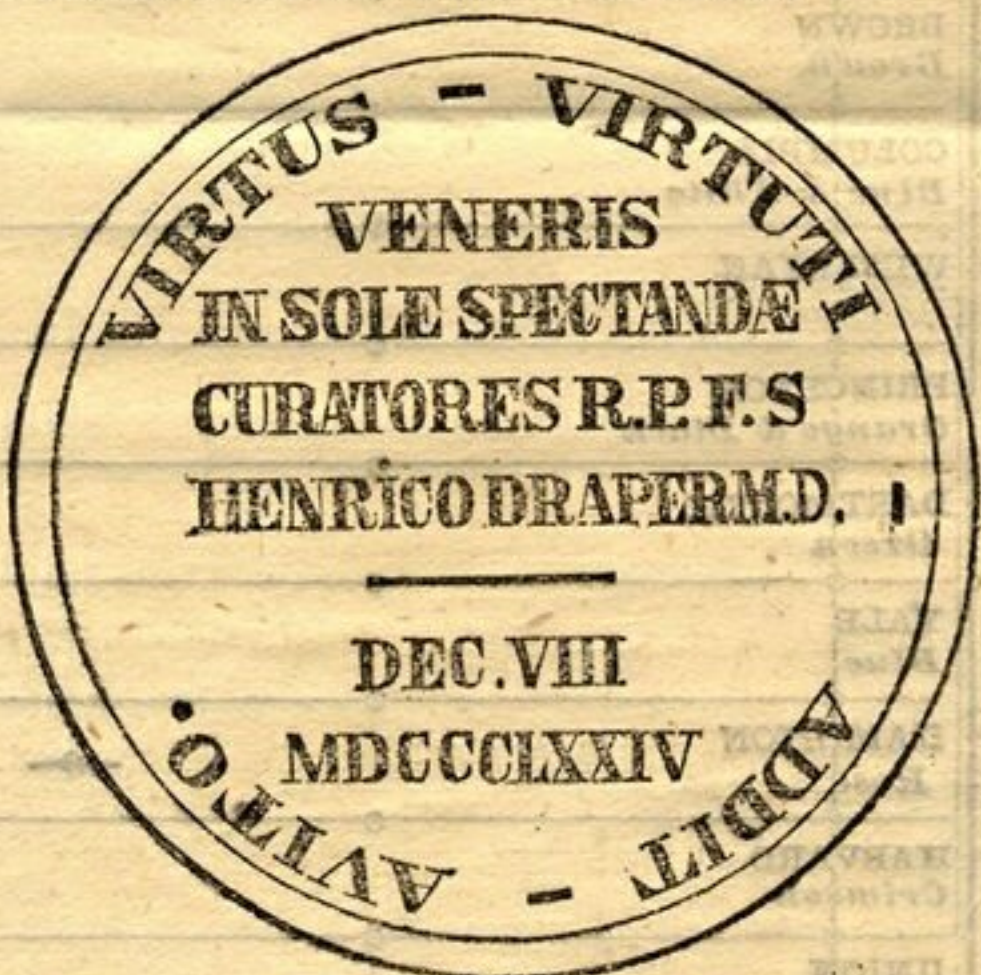
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MEDAL TO BE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO  
PROF. HENRY DRAPER OF THIS CITY.

While the work of preparing the United States Commission for the Observation of the Transit of Venus was in progress, very valuable assistance was rendered to the Commission by Dr. Henry Draper of New-York, who volunteered his time and services for over four months. This service on his part it is now intended to recognize by the presentation to him of a gold medal, which is now being made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The accompanying illustration is an exact representation of the medal, as it is to be:



The motto on the obverse, "*Famam extendere factis hoc virtutis opus est*" (To extend fame by deeds is a work of virtue), is a sentiment from the *Æneid* of Virgil, implying that it is the work of virtue to extend the horizon of knowledge by one's labors. The instrument in the center is the Heliostat, which was used by Dr. Draper in his labors with the photographers in practice preparatory to the taking of the observations of the transit.



The reverse of the medal contains the inscription: "*Veneris in sole spectandæ curatores, R. P. F. S., Henrico Draper, M. D., Dec. VIII., MDCCLXXIV.*" (The Transit of Venus Commission of the United States, to Henry Draper, M. D., Dec. 8, 1874.) The date is that of the transit of Venus. The phrase around the edge of the medal, "*Virtus virtuti addit avito*" (he adds luster to ancestral glory), conveys a tribute of praise, referring to the literary and scientific attainments of Dr. Draper, sr. The medal will be accompanied by a handsomely illuminated letter from the Commission in the form of a book, with raised bindings, one of which forms the case of the medal.

This is the first time that such a public recognition has ever been accorded to a scientific man in this country by the Government. Mr. Cyrus W. Field was presented with a medal for his labors in connection with the laying of the first Atlantic cable, but not as a scientist. The head of the Commission on the Transit of Venus was Rear-Admiral C. H. Davis, Superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington. It is expected that the presentation will take place as soon as the medal is ready, which will be in the course of a week or so.

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of the race, so long as their old antagonists were surpassed by their friends from Cambridge. When the news came that Yale was sixth in the race, in fact "nowhere," as the Harvard men called it, the latter were greatly elated and soon repaired to the betting rooms to get their money, telling some Yale men, who happened to be near the Turf Exchange, "to be careful how to bet next time." During the evening, while pools on the Long Branch races were being sold at the various pool-rooms, a long line of gentlemen, young and old, were on hand to cash their French mutual tickets, which paid as follows:

<i>At Johnson's.</i>		<i>At the Turf Exchange.</i>	
Total Tickets sold at \$5.		Total Tickets sold at \$5.	
Yale.....	560	Yale.....	141
Harvard.....	371	Harvard.....	84
Wesleyan.....	227	Wesleyan.....	54
Cornell.....	446	Cornell.....	102
Columbia.....	189	Columbia.....	30
Amherst.....	78	Amherst.....	16
Dartmouth.....	88	Dartmouth.....	18
Field.....	338	Princeton.....	25
The winning ticket paid \$24 46		Bowdoin.....	20
		The winning ticket paid \$24 26	

*At Thomas's.*  
 Total tickets sold at \$3.....405  
 Total number field tickets, including Cornell....158  
 The winning ticket paid \$7 35.

The jubilant Cornell men who had backed their university to a considerable extent and had their winnings in their pockets tarried around the pool-rooms for several hours, some of them investing their money on some favorite horse in the races. Others went to their clubs, where the Cornell victory relieved the monotony of a Summer evening.