

271 Madison Ave  
New York City

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Prof Jacchini  
My Dear Sir

Please to be good  
enough to apply the little sum of  
money to some astronomical use as  
I do not wish to receive it back.

I am very much obliged to you for  
your kind gift of the Memorie &  
shall value them highly.

I have delayed  
answering your letter on account of  
being very busy about the transit  
of Mercury. I send you some New  
York papers which have reporter's

accounts of May 6<sup>th</sup> at my Observatory.  
I was quite fortunate both as  
to observations and photographs.

Although the computations are not yet  
completed there seems to be no doubt  
that Mercury was upon the disc of  
the Sun several seconds earlier than  
the predicted time.

As to the eclipse of July 29<sup>th</sup>  
I expect to go to Denver, about 2000  
miles from here, to observe it and am  
now contriving apparatus for the purpose.  
I should be very glad to have any  
suggestions from you and wish very  
much I could have the pleasure of  
your company on the occasion.

Yours truly  
Henry Laper