

Schoeneberger Strasse 12[#]

Berlin, Dec. 13, 1893.

My dear Friend,

Your very kind letter in regard to our proposed expedition to Mt. Etna was received with great pleasure, and I feel under great obligations to you for the trouble you have taken in my behalf. I have received a letter from M. Ricci, in which he very cordially repeats your invitation. Unless we find Monte Rosa preferable - and I do not think we shall - it seems to me best to adopt the plan you proposed last summer, and go to Catania May 1. Do you think there will be any danger from cholera there at that time?

He expected to stay here
until March, and then go to
Italy, visiting a number of the
principal cities before we reach
Rome and hope to leave the pleasure
of meeting M. Schiaparelli and
renewed the Italian spectroscopic
work that was begun by me
and Mr. Pongard of London from
last time by our last meeting at
Lidjhee, would like to accompany
Mr. Pongard and myself to the
if there is room for a winter
at the building at the apartment.
He would enjoy some apparatus
with him, and undertake some
experiments in stellar photography
with a special lens of very
large field. I should be glad to
hear whether you would object

to his presence. He speaks French
very well, and is very good
company indeed.

Thanking you once more
for your letter, and with
warm regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours
George S. Hale

Should we require thin clothing
at Catania in May?