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2015 Kalorama Avenue,

Washington, D.C. February, 14th, 1906.

Messrs Funch Edye & Company,

Maritime Building,

New York City.

Sirs:

Having been absent from here for some time, I have not made the fuller report of the condition in which my goods were received, as indicated in my communication to you of December last--the 18th, I believe.

Your say in your reply of December 19th that the B/L issued by the R. R. Company was a clean one. If that is so, the R. R. Company can but be responsible for my losses. There was one large expensive, gilt framed mirror, securely boxed by itself, broken in a thousand or more pieces. I saw this box taken from the van when it was delivered here and no one could have handled it without being aware of its condition. Another box containing valuable old faience plates had been stoved in at one side and 16 of them broken beyond reclaim by something weighty having fallen on it. This also could not have been handled without the broken pieces rattling, and giving clear evidence of the ruination of its contents. The box of fine table linen had also been stoved in and the greater part of its contents, worth hundreds of dollars, more or less damaged by mildew caused by exposure to dampness.

These boxes were most carefully packed and should have reached me in first class order, if the ordinary care enjoined on carriers, had been exercised.

I make this report to you in order to ascertain how to proceed for restitution in the matter.

Very respectfully,

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