

Grand Union Hotel, New York City,

January 9th, 1896.

Sir:-

I have learned through sundry notices in the daily press that you are the discoverer of the light which it is alleged will penetrate many substances usually regarded as opaque. I write to you for this reason. I am interested in certain arts, in which such a light would be of use; and if the matter is in such a position as to be readily utilized, I should be glad of such particulars as you may feel disposed to communicate.

What I should like to know is, whether the light is portable, and what its cost is; what apparatus is necessary and what conditions are needful to its successful operation?

It is hardly necessary to say that I do not seek for the discovery of any secret or that I have any expectation of dealing with you in any other way than upon a proper basis commercial or otherwise. Kindly address me at Stamford, Connecticut, United States of America.

Respectfully yours,

John Baynes.

(Per K.L.L.)

To
Professor Routgen,
Wurzburg University, Germany.