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My dear Professor Goldfisher

About six weeks ago Mrs Gotthail com-  
menced a letter to you, which she has since then  
been unable to finish. She has - I am sorry to  
say - been very ill all winter, and has just gone  
through two very painful Surgical operations. I  
am glad to say that she is doing very well under  
the circumstances - but she has suffered greatly,  
in mind as well as in body. She is very much  
run down and I look forward to the summer  
with much concern. She is just now able to  
hold up her head in bed; and the first letter  
the doctor allowed her to receive was yours

which came to-day, you can well imagine how much it delighted and refreshed her.

Our plans for the summer are somewhat deranged. We had intended stopping on this side of the water. But the doctor demands a complete change and a complete rest. We have taken passage for June 13<sup>th</sup> for Havre; if only Mrs. Estlin is then in a condition to travel. It is our intention to go straight to Switzerland with the least possible delay, I have selected a place called Heiden not far from Rorschach and the lake of Constance for the first part of our stay, and probably Engelberg for the second (near Lucern). It would seem that Heiden is not so far removed from Munich; and our hope is that you may again be at Nitzing,

and that there may be some way devised of getting a sight of you.

I am very much obliged to you for your latest volume, which I only received a day or two ago, and which I have already worked almost through. It has been most instructive, and I can only wish I had not had it sooner, when I was preparing an article on Arabic Literature for the new "Encyclopedia of the World's Best Literature". You are perfectly right in what you say regarding the title. I wish you had left out the paper on the Turkish, and had inserted in its place some of your many articles on Arabic Poetry. The whole would then have been more "einheitlich", and you could have given it the title "Studies in Arabic Literature".

But we are so glad to have anything from you,  
no matter what its title!

I have just added some 30 more Hebrew  
Mss. to our collection, which must now number  
about 300. We have also a few Arabic, Turkish  
and Persian Mss.

Mr Gottheil, I know, wishes to be most Con-  
dially remembered to you. When you write again,  
will you not address

of ~~M<sup>rs</sup>~~ Lazard Freres

17, Boulevard Poissonnier  
Paris.

With kindest regards, Believe me to be,

Very cordially yours

Richard Gottheil