

[ To James G. Raby, Lake down Salisbury, England.]

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ELGIN AND WALTHAM WATCHES  
A SPECIALTY

Farboro, N. C., Oct 15, 1918

Dr Jas G Raby

England

Dr Doctor,

Your letter of sept 19<sup>th</sup> recd & was  
very glad to hear from you. & in regard to the  
diamond gift for your wife. I am writing now  
to several concerns about the New York, & as soon  
as I hear will write you. & as you gave  
her a Bar Pin last year. thought best to get  
the Round or some Burst shape. will make prices  
as low as I can for you. although you know  
diamonds are very high. & when they come will  
get Mr Copleand to help select it. I expect if I  
call her in she will suspect something. so thought  
best to get Mrs Copleand to get her husband to select  
one. it is very seldom I see Mrs Raby here.

am glad to know you are getting along all  
right. & hope to see you home again very soon

From the News papers it looks good to me, we  
need you here now, as Dr Harrell & Thigpen are  
busy men now, as we are having an epidemic  
of Spanish Influenza here, in fact all over the country.  
Mr Arthur Fountain lost his oldest boy with  
that disease, & there has been a great  
many deaths all over the country, guess you havent  
seen many ~~of your~~ people, you know since  
you have been over there, Tarboro seems to be  
deserted since so many of the Boys have  
left, we are getting ready now for the Big  
Fair in Tarboro, But are not sure yet if  
they will have it, on account of this epidemic all  
over the state, they have ~~can~~ cut out most all  
of them in the state.

Well I will close this time, & will let you hear  
from me as soon as we come to a decision,  
with best wishes to you.

Your Friend  
M. Hillbrow