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Col. Elias Carr-

My dear Sir,

Perversely
determined, perhaps, to feel myself
under obligations to you, I appreciate
your copy of "Shakespeare's Sonnets",
handed me by Rev. Mr. Gold, more highly
now than if it had reached me earlier,
as showing that you kindly kept
in mind so long our last conversa-
tion at the "Sawboro' House".

I have very greatly enjoyed the little "Study".
The quotations were not unfamiliar
to me, but the unfolding of certain of
Shakespeare's moral inspirations was
rare and suggestive. Woe to wild Will's
tormentors, if damning to such game
as Dunciado's game, could admit them!
Merdecai Shylock, his "usances" and

half-cringing, half-menacing servility,
are immortalized in "The Merchant of Venice"
Nicholas Bottom, for his railing through
the agency of Clerk Lely, fills the measure
of Dagberry's temporary ambition - only
that it overleaps itself - and he is "written
down, an ass", for all time.

"O, sweet Anne Page!"

Who would have thought that Sweet
Will himself, and not Mr. Slender,
knew the bitter-sweets of this fair one?
Yet, so much does he seem to be pained
by a threatened suit for breach of promise
of marriage ~~on her part~~ that ^{the} pillories
in assuaging the pain of her counsel,
Mess. Coke & Dagberry. Will did he know
what the lex talionis was in his hands,
when he had Hamlet to say of the
players: "Let them be well used, for they are
the abstract and brief chronicles of the
times; after your death you were better
have a bad epitaph than their
ill report while you live."

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From the sample you have sent me,
I am would I taste more of the
"Nectared Sweets" of "Braconbridge"
library, but for a while I will be con-
tent. If you will allow me to retain
this little book until I can make
a contemplated literary use of it.
Unless I receive a timely intide it,
I may also acknowledge through the
press my indebtedness to its scholarly
owner for this recherche production.

Very Sincerely and
Respectfully Yours,
Hugh F. Murray.

return to
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