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Dear Father:-

I find the Shakespeare
Insomnia, for which I sincerely thank
you, a very readable book, at least
the first few pages. I have not
yet had time to compass the whole
volume. Heade seems anxious (indirectly
mind you) to establish as a fact,
and I agree with him, that only the
greatest student of nature could
have written the plays in question, &
as a natural consequence he argues
that position for Shakespeare, & is to all
appearances satisfied with the effect-
iveness of his own logic. But, in
truth, who was nature's high priest?
I can not but answer Lord Bacon.

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what was the philosophy of Socrates &
Plato. The application of the rational
faculty to objects of moral speculation,
which withstood the assaults of ages.
what the mental analysis of Aristotle,
the finding out & classing of all the
phenomena which produce & control
the brain, & which for ages answered
all the requirements of the mind, &
led mankind in peace to the goal of
life. — what were these I say, as com-
pared with the philosophy of Bacon
which embraced both metaphysics and
the material arts? He knew man as
man was never before known, & was
thorough master of the art of the anal-
ysis of thought, an element which
entered largely into the make up of
the author of the plays in question.
And in conclusion I shall say, with-
out fear of contradiction, that every

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victory which man has won over nature can be traced directly, ~~and~~ to the writings & investigations of Lord Bacon. & The sometimes just, & not after admiring world of today pronounces him, without qualification, the highest priest of nature. I quote from Head page 15. "Caesar whom Shakespeare characterizes as the foremost of mankind." Now turn to page 64 in Bacon's Advancement of Learning & you will find practically the same words. Is it not a little singular that men of such learning & varied experience should concur in their opinions on a point of such minor importance? Try the learned men of today, and note the diversity

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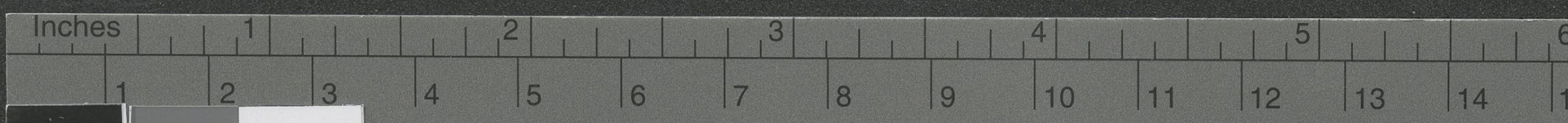
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of opinion. I doubt if you shall
find two agreeing on that score. But
enough, if I enjoy the remainder
of the book, as much as I have
thus far, I shall be fully repaid
for the attention I have bestowed
upon it. I would write you of 1413 K,
but there is nothing new there, every
thing is moving in the even tenor of
its way, except perhaps Mr Rowell
whose idiosyncrasies you have probably
noticed, & who recently has become ac-
quainted with a New York family,
a female member of which I believe
he is enamored of. I am confirmed
in my opinion by the number of
presents he receives, and the puerile
garrulity with which he discovers to
us the extensive category of her
charms. I do not believe the young
lady is in earnest, but rather regards



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him as a pet, and on this score I should not disturb her consistency, nor reflect upon her taste, for you are acquainted with man's penchant for rare pets, which can be explained plausibly because of our love for out of the way things, esoterically, because he probably represents a species in danger of extinction. But pray excuse me from longer writing as I have already used a portion of an hour promised to a matter of business. Love to all.

Lastley & Asley

W. K. Carr

I have just now digested the remaining pages of the *Insomnia*, & am

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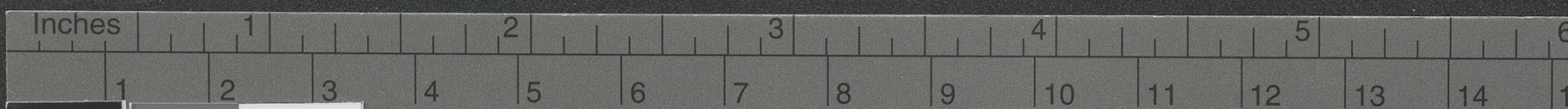
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possibly reminded of ~~Epistolary~~
lines which I shall somewhat alter
so that they may be more suitable
media for the conveyance of my
thoughts.

And still I gazed & still my wonder grew
That one small Head could carry all he knew

But hey, if these letters are not apocryphal
the contention stands out right here, & no
man indulged who would advance the
theory of Bacon's authorship.

It is not always pleasant to learn the
truth, especially when it robs you of some
sentiment dear to ^{the} heart. I have hitherto
regarded Jessica as a lovely child of
fancy, a beautiful creation of a hav-
occurrent brain, but she shall hence-
forth be to me what in reality she was
a flesh & blood daughter of a
money lending Jew.



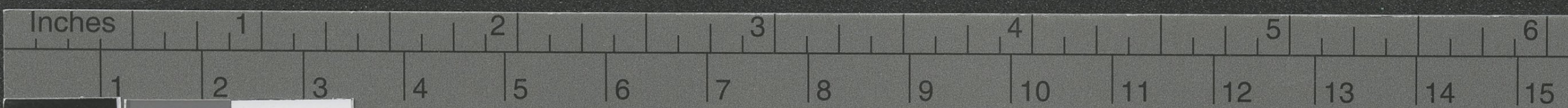
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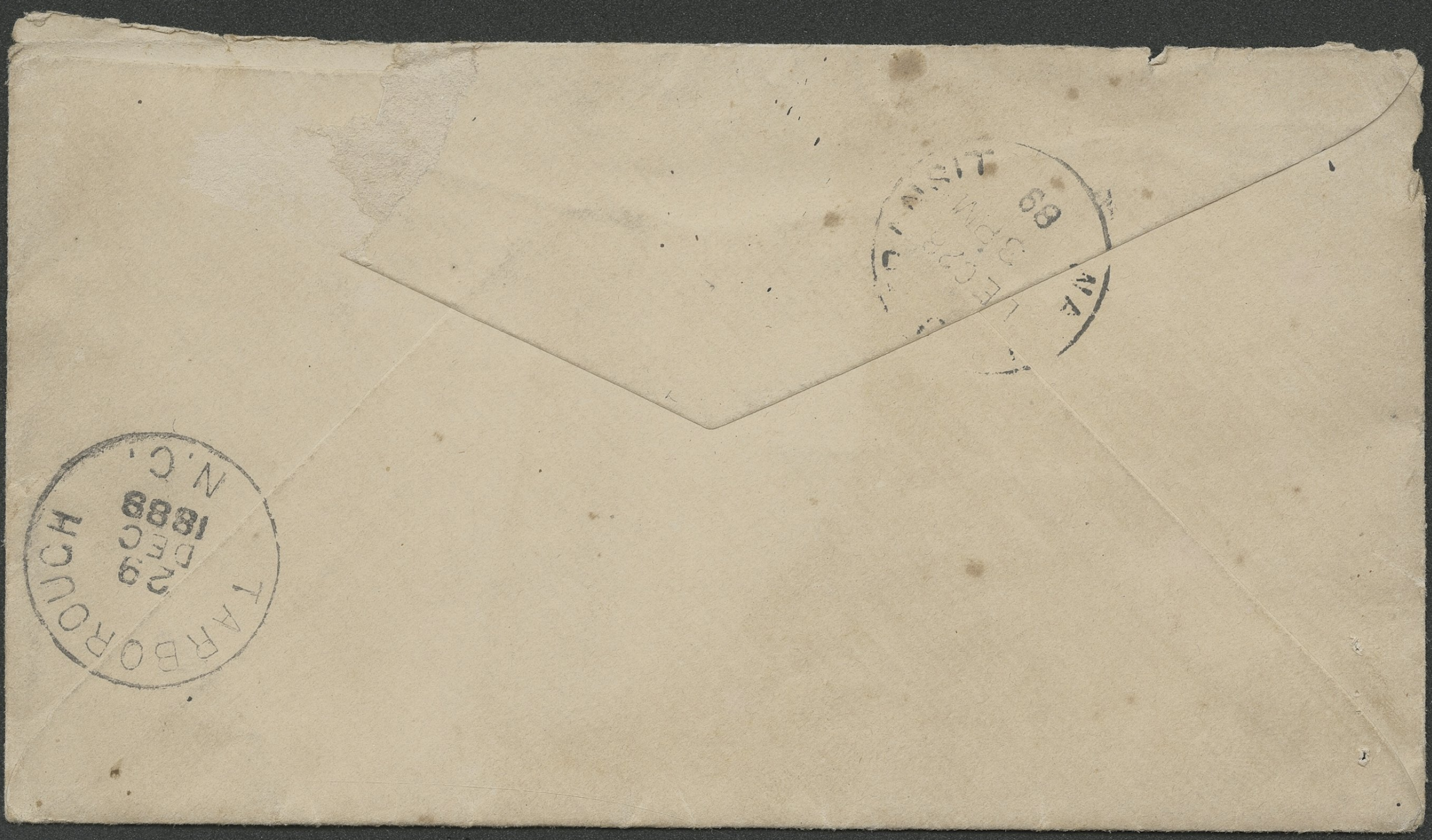
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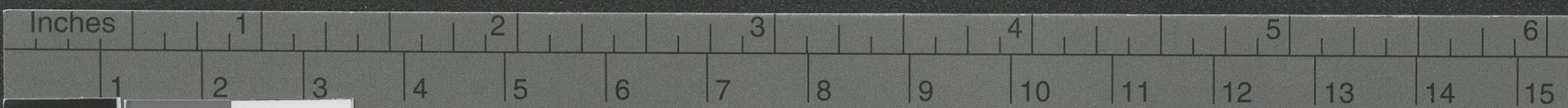


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