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My dear Mr Fitzgerald

I ought to have written before ~~to~~ but as you heard nothing you would no doubt infer we were doing as well as possible.

I fancy (but it may be only that I am getting accustomed to the defects) that I see slightly better & so I manifest a hope of further improvement -

I have been trusting over that experiment on the electrolysis of NaCl

with the alumina reaction
mixture in it it seems
to me the double salt
may have formed and
evaporated thus causing
the disappearance of the
matter in the crucible
which otherwise seems
rather difficult to account
for - You remember the
room was full of a
whitish smoke which
might have been alumina
from the decomposition of
the double salt -

I think if I can obtain
some of the double salt
I should like before
entirely relinquishing
my connexion with I.C.D.

to try if we cannot
get the result we
thought of - It seems
worth trying out and I
should not soon again
have an opportunity
perhaps -

Mother desires me to
give you her kind
regards - Believe me

Yours faithfully
J Brown

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