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Dear Prof. Fitzgerald

I had no time to thank you
for your telegram. I have written
to Goodbody with the hope that
he heard something about the matter.
I had some idea that I showed
you brother - Prof. Mammie Fitzgerald -
my plates about Xmas - 93 - so I
wrote to him but he had not seen
them. Fowler had conversed with
his brother in law Fowler about the matter,
but Fowler unfortunately is not clear
on how much he knew when returning
to Kansas City in - 93. Doyle may have
of them recently.

I do not know in the least what

Again thank you. Remain
ever your very sincere
J. W. G.

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is actually going on in the U.S. It
may be a plot all round - but I hardly
think so from articles which have been
obviously inspired by Harrison & Schuyler in
the New York Herald. I think McDermott has
simply filed a new application and is
resorting to the 'swearing back' plan -
all depends upon the real or assumed
gullibility of the Patent Office if this is
the case. I understand Mr. D. has to prove
that he accomplished the invention; i.e. had
written it in columns - before date of his
application and ^{has} also to explain why
he nursed them for 6 months (till my application
had been 3 months published) before saying
anything about them! His previous patents
could not lead me to believe he was of the sort
that awaits perfection before patenting! However
I do not know accurately what is going on.