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Mr. John T. Winterich  
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25 West 45th Street  
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Dear Mr. Winterich:

I hope you will recall my husband William F. Friedman from the war days when you were a member of the group of Obfuscated Book Collectors in Washington. Although he is flat on his back in the hospital recuperating from a heart attack, he was extremely interested in your anagrammatic puzzle in the Saturday Review of April 9.

It would be interesting to us to know if you heard from any one about the difficulty of your problem; for the cryptographic principle behind your examples is exactly like that of certain "proofs" of non-Shakespearean authorship, which have been put forth in almost astronomical numbers.

My husband says he wishes you had not printed the answers. What would have happened in that case intrigues him; and replies from correspondents would have made a most interesting exhibit.

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH SMITH FRIEDMAN

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