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Dear Walt:

Our mutual friend Heim de Balsac was excellent company on a flight from Paris to New Delhi two weeks ago. He was bitter over the arrogant pride of the French big dogs in medicine, who regard a desire to do investigation as a challenge to their omnipotence, and was generally decrying the passage of the age of Elegance.

He apparently has little support or facilities for animal work and was very anxious to talk with you about his valve and to get a dog or two fixed up with it soon. The prototype in metal looked interesting, in principle. I promised him I would get the information to you promptly and hope you will want to pursue the matter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Grand Ball.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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