

Vienna, March 18, 1884.

My dearest friend,

Gladly would I have availed myself of the opportunity to come in person and present you my most heartfelt wishes for your welfare on occasion of your anniversary, but I am prevented from waiting upon you, partly by business, partly by my nose, which latter forced me to remain at home to-day, in order to apply some remedy.

Permit me then to repeat that, not only on account of the present festival, but that I for ever shall count among your numerous well-wishers,

and that, though Douglas Jerrold says
"Wishes are the easy pleasures of the
poor," I present them to you as
the sincere outpourings of a faithful
devoted friend. My better half also
begs to be kindly remembered to you,
and hoping to see you soon, I remain

Yours truly

F. B. Hoegel





