

LETTER 15

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Dear Sir,

Your note of today to hand in which you make a mistake in mixing two items. When I met you in George St. and you suggested making the nipples you offered then to supply the material and I gave you a price for work only, at 1/6 doz, no mention being made as to charging for material, the first mention of this being when you asked for price for making the pumps, and you were to supply brass for the connections, for which you afterwards found you had not the right size, so the only material supplied was about half dozen brass balls.

The proof of this is in the fact that you never sent me a note of the weight or mention of the charge till now, four months after the goods have been paid for, and also that the cost of material is more than half the amount you paid for making twenty-one dozen nipples and nuts, the total amount of which only just paid for Apprentice time on them, without leaving anything for the shop, and I am not quite such a flat to pay wages for other peoples benefit which I would have been doing had I expected to pay for the material.

The supplying of metal could not have been an afterthought as you say, because you knew as well as I, that I could not get the metal suitable elsewhere, and you offering to supply that, was the inducement to me to make them for you.

The price per lb was given to me only afterwards when I asked you if I could have some for stock.

Re, the pumps to my mind the fault is in the pattern which your Mr Green admitted to me and my employee was not good and gave trouble even in the imported ones, and we could not be expected to make them better and you admitted yourself you had now received a better pattern. With us when clean they worked perfectly, and also in my and my employees presence Mr Green tried them and said they worked as well if not better than the imported ones.

Hoping you will now be able to recall these facts and see your mistake in the matter, as I only wish to do what is right, and I don't see why you should refer to the pumps when discussing the nipples, except you think one will balance the other.

I am yours etc,

*Alf Geo Jackson*