

The Handcraft Shop

November 7th

Dear Prof Binns-

I received your letter today and of course am greatly disappointed that you cannot supply us with glazes and clay. I can readily see however that it will be impossible for you to do so. In fact when I sent the order I had some doubts as to whether you would think best to fill it or not. I shall do my best with "home made" glazes but of course it will be more difficult and probably I shall not get as good results as with the glazes you sent. I am glad you think you can let me have a few jars to help out. If you could send soon 2 jars each of medium gr. And slate and one each of willow green, cool green, dark blue, dark green, leopard and black it would help me greatly. Perhaps you could spare three or four jars at a time occasionally through the winter so that if I cannot get first class results in grinding glazes by hand, I can have something to fall back on for my best pieces. If I am to make my own glazes I shall of course need the formulae and batch weights. Please send batch weights of 420 and the various colors I have had and any other good ones. I would also like the batch weights of one or two good bright raw glazes for 04 or 1. Another thing I would like is the batch wt. of the white crackeled glaze you use on plates.

Now in regard to grinding – Is there anything I can get in the way of a small mill to turn by hand something not too expensive. Grinding in a mortar seems rather a waste of time if I can do it in any quicker way. If you can grind a quantity of calcined kaolin for me I shall be very glad. The other materials, as I understand it, do not need very much grinding – only a thorough mixing. Will it be best to get all my chemicals from the Roessler Hasslacher Co. or can I get them of some Boston chemist just as well?

Are there any special brands of spar, flint, kaolin etc which you recommend?

I hope I shall be able to get some good glazes for if I can continue to have as good success as I have had with the last glazes you sent I think I can get out a product which will please the doctors. I think we have good prospects of getting one of the best Boston stores to handle our ware so I am anxious for some good things.

If you can send me the batch wts. of the glazes and as many jars of glaze as you can spare right away, I shall be very grateful –

Yours sincerely

Arthur E Baggs