

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

② not get as good results as with the glazes you sent. I am glad you think you can let me have a few jars ^{soon} to help out. If you could send 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 span 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 crackled glaze you use on plates.

Now in regard to grinding -

③ 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 Rosessler Hasselacher Co or can I get them of some Boston chemist just as well?

③ Are there any special brands
of spar, flint, Kaelin etc
which you recommend?

I hope I shall be able
to get some good glasses for
if I can continue to have
as good success as I
have had with the last
glasses you sent I think
I can get out a product
which will please the doctor.
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.

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If you can send me the
batch wts. of the glasses
and a many jars of glass
as you can spare right
away, I shall be very
grateful.

Yours sincerely

Arthur E. Bagge.