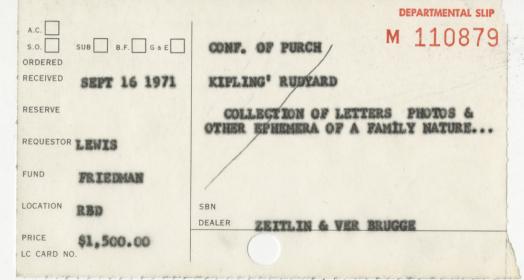
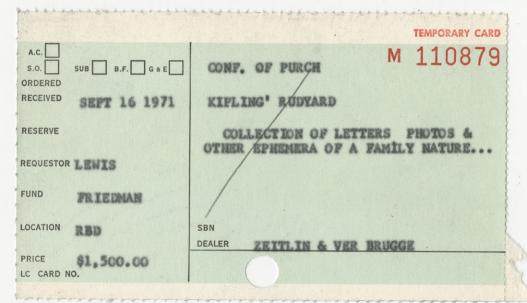
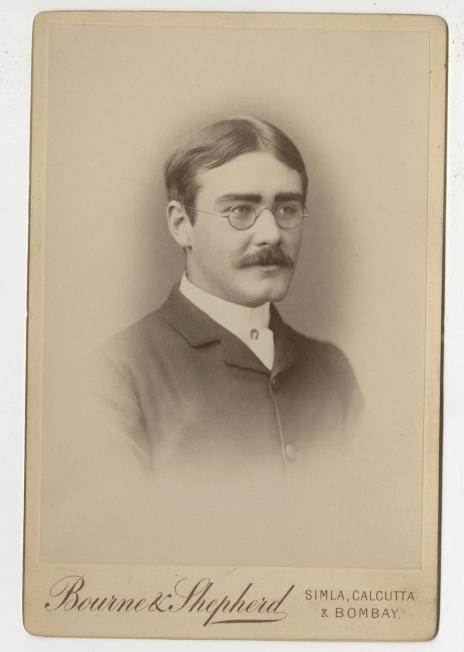


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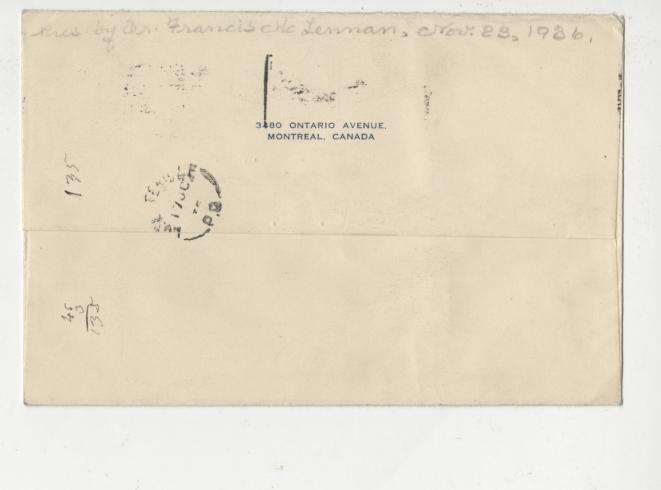
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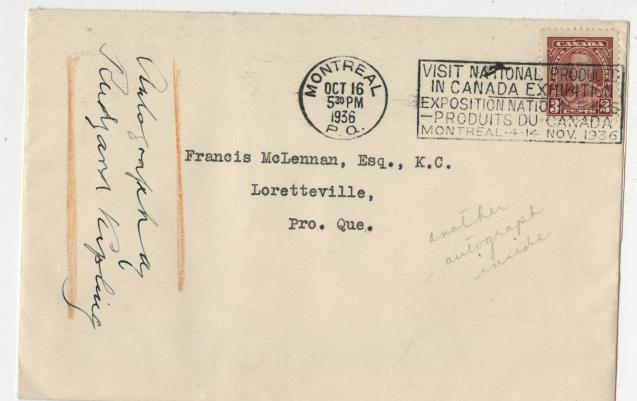
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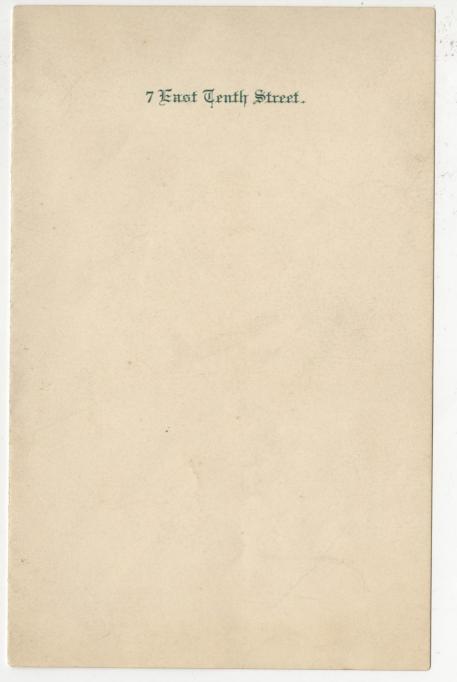
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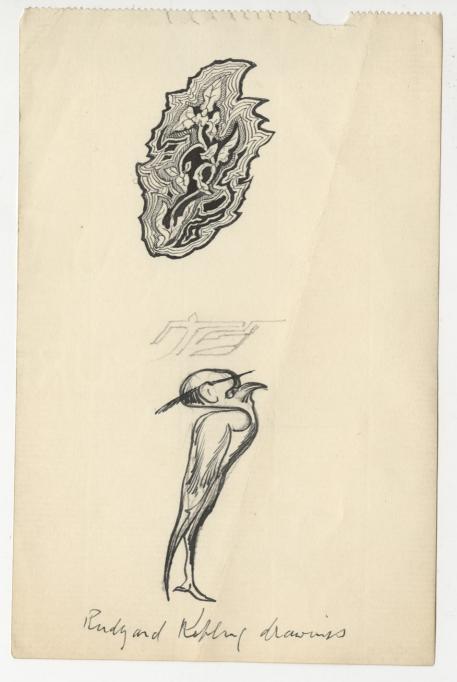
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THE Rudyard Kiplings and the Lockwood de Forests are very intimate friends. When Mr. Kipling arrived here the other day he packed his wife and children into a cab and sent them to the Grenoble. He betook himself to the De Forests' home, No. 7 East Tenth street, the house with the marvelously carved teak bow window, which Mr. De Forest copied from a window discovered in Delhi or one of the other ancient cities of India. In parenthesis let me add that Mr. De Forest's home is a perfect treasure-house of East Indian art. And presently Kipling and De Forest fell to discussing our new foreign policy. "This country reminds me," remarked Mr. Kipling, "of an old maid who had theories about raising children. She got married, had twins and the theories went all to pot."

THE last time Mr. Kipling was in New York he stayed with the De Forests. He was sufficiently Americanized to enjoy a cocktail : so the morning after he arrived he announced he was going round to the Brevoort House to get shaved. Just before luncheon he made a similar announcement. About five o'clock that afternoon he once more stated his intention of going to the barber shop. Mr. De Forest, who rarely touches a drop of liquor, expressed surprise. "Why, Rud," he said, "this will be the third time to-day you have gone to get shaved." And he said it in all innocence.

I HAVE often heard people express surprise that the Queen had not recognized Rudyard Kipling's talent by granting him a title. As a matter of fact, some three or four years ago he was offered knighthood and very sensibly refused the honor. I never could understand Tennyson accepting a peerage. Much less could I understand a man of such virility as Rudyard Kipling degrading himself to the rank of a city knight, descending into the society of successful butchers, bakers and candlestick-makers.





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