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My dear Bowdler Sharpe

It is ages since I saw you, and as is also too often the case when a man gets a letter from one from whom he has not heard for a long time I want you to do me a favour. My yacht is named the Egret, and I want to get a new racing flag for her, but unfortunately I cannot in any book I have examined find a picture of a white heron flying. I know that the heron carries its head back, and its legs extended behind it, but I have no idea how its wings should go. I have

had two or three flags made but all are alike hideous and unnatural. Can you help me, either by letting me know of some work in which a heron in flight is depicted, or better still would you give me an outline on a piece of paper some 3 inches square of a heron on the wing. I have to send in at once to the Yacht Register a delineation of my racing flag, and shall carry it in the race for the German Emperor cup, which I nearly won last year. I am sorry to trouble so busy a man as you are but I know of no one else from whom I could obtain the necessary information. I need not say that I shall feel very much obliged if you would get me out of the difficulty.

Yours sincerely

G A Thrupp