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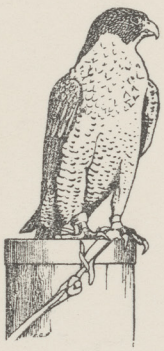

HOOD, LEASH & LURE.

Dr. Casey Wood,
American Express Co.,
Rome. Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood,

How very kind of you to send me such a nice little book and I am delighted to keep it as a souvenir. Ever so many thanks.

I am still bewildered as to the falcon's shoe. I was asking my brother, Capt. C.W.R.Knight, and he has never heard of one, and for the life of me, I cannot see what good it can be, but you may rest assured that I will drop you a line, should I get any information that will solve the mystery. I have been through Phillot, but nothing.

I agree with you that European and English mediæval falconry were almost identical. I am sorry to say I do not read any German, but I will take an opportunity of going to the Kensington Museum and seeing the illustration of the shoe.

As you are interested in numismatics, I enclose you some more photographs of coins relating to exclusively to falconry.

Thank you so much for sending me the larin (hook money) which I will put with my varvels, of which alas I have only two. I wonder if you are right in your derivation?

Looking forward to hearing from you when you have leisure, and with with regards.

Sincerely yours, Hugh Knight

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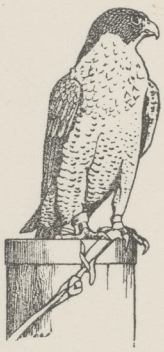

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Dr. Casey Wood,
American Express Co.,
Rome. Italy.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th September.

My collection of falconry books consists of English books only. I have looked through the earliest Latham 1617 and can find no mention of a falcon "shoe". I am most interested in your query as I have never heard of such a thing and I wonder what it was used for. If you can give me another clue, perhaps I might be able to help you. I don't think there is an mention of a shoe in Schlegel's book, but as I do not possess a copy, I am not certain.

I am sending you to-day under separate registered cover, articles as per my letter of the 31st ult.

I am enclosing a photograph of Frederick 2nd's coin which is No. 6 on the sheet, and I have put a cross against it. I must confess it leaves a great deal to the imagination. You are quite right, collecting coins relating to falconry is most expensive and I hope I have now got all there are.

The Imping needles which I have enclosed you will note are very rusty, this is all the better as that holds the two ends of the feathers much better. In fact we dip them in salt and vinegar in order to achieve this object.

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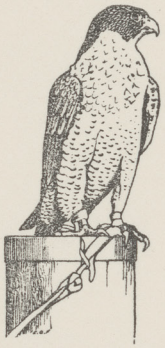

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Dr. Casey Wood.

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each article to help you to identify same. I do hope they will reach you safely.

It is extremely kind of you to say that you will give me a copy of your book, which I shall value immensely, all the same I think I ought to pay for it.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh S. Knight.

The other photo's are some of the coins I have had cast before I had completed my collection - at the time I had plaster casts made to send to a firm in Holland

H.K.

Pls. return to me
C.A.

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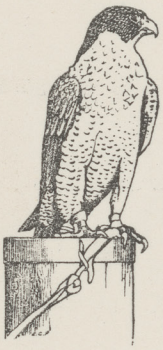

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Dr. Casey Wood,
American Empress Co.,
Rome. Italy.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your most interesting letter, and when you have finished your English translation, which I hope will be soon, I will certainly get a copy.

With regard to hawking furniture, I can send you:-

(1) Hoods for falcon and merlin as used by English falconers.

(2) Anglo-Indian hood for merlin, this has no braces to tighten.

(3) Indian (Rufta) hood, you will see that this has no braces to tighten.

(4) Bells for goshawk or falcon.

(5) Imping needles.

(6) Leash, jesses and bewit.

Of course this is such a small matter that we need not think about any cost.

The only thing I want to know is will they get through the Italian Customs without trouble? You might let me know the procedure.

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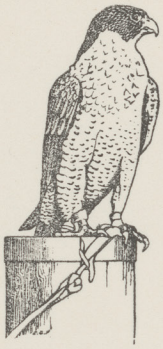

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As well as books on falconry, I collect coins relating to falconry and I have a bracteate or uniface penny of Emperor Frederick The Second 1215-1253. It has a bust of the Emperor facing holding a falcon on each hand. I must confess it leaves a good deal to the imagination, but there it is.

Yours sincerely

Hugh B Knight

Sept 4/36. accept kind offer: send collapsible articles in envelope: shoes in small box: both by reg? letter post to Hotel de Russie: Have entered yr. name for a copy complimentary. Copy of the English De arte Venandi.

Sept 5/36 Wrote again - where can I get pictures of "shoes" - we may put some of the Swann-Weimar illus in our book

Sept 12/36. The gift of hawks furniture arrived safely: many thanks

Sept 14/36. Sent him also a Latin + wife on falcon for U.S.A. send him a copy of the monograph.