Dear Professor Fisher,

A conversation in the Smoking Room with you some time ago has come back to me very vividly in reading the following passage in Bigel's "Scientific Chemistry". I'm probably he's right, but I cannot resist the temptation of reminding you of it, as I have been reading it a few moments ago. The following of Aristotle is cheating, and he is dealing with the role of experiment; he says: "It is much more high and philosophical to discuss things a priori than a posteriori. And therefore the Beipalesticks have not been very solicitous to quote experiments to prove their doctrines, contenting themselves with a few only, to satisfy those that are not capable of a nobler conviction. And indeed they employ experiments rather to illustrate than to demonstrate their doctrines."

Yours sincerely,

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