

Tavis Stock House

1853  
7th May, 1853.

Dear Harry

A certain Beck professor  
from America, whom I greatly liked  
when I was there and whom I wish  
to please now he is here, - he being one of  
the jolliest and simplest of men, and  
not at all starchy, or stripey, - is going  
to dine with me at the Trafalgar,  
Greenwich next Thursday. Will you  
and Mrs Stanfield join our little  
party? As I can't do less than the

Hospital, I would prefer direct at the  
Household words, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 3 for 3.  
Say "yes, for self and partner" like a  
genuine A.B. as you are

Very affectionately

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Lewis A. Hird

Tavistock House

Fifth May, 1853.

My Dear Stanny

A certain Greek professor from America, whom I really liked when I was there and whom I wish to please now he is here, - he being one of the jolliest and simplest of men, and not at all starry, or stripey, - is going to dine with me at the Trafalgar, Greenwich next Thursday. Will you and Mrs Stanfield join our little party? As I want to shew him the Hospital, I would propose to meet at the Household Words, at 1/4 before 3 for 3. Say "Yes, for self and partner" like a genuine A.B. as you are.

Ever affectionately

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