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Dear Dr. Fisher,

Your mention of the  
"Millionaire" induced me to take  
up that machine again; for some  
while past I had given it over in  
favour of the "Archimedes", because  
the latter was quieter, had more  
digits available, and was peculiarly  
suited to certain determinantal work  
I was engaged upon, involving  
frequent divisions of bilinear functions.  
I am prepared now to undertake

such tests as you may feel disposed to suggest on the "millionaire" as well as on the "Archimedes".

I'm casually mentioning in my letter of yesterday that in ordinary computations I entrusted a good deal to memory and mental calculation, I may have given you the impression that I did so in trying Jordan & Everett. Such was not the case; I drew up a scheme of computation and entered everything that was required.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Aitken.

P.S. Has there been any mention of Lagrange's formula in the discussions?

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