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You are kindly requested for lower prices in order to have profits, because as you know we are going to resell them.

The Greek Market is very interesting.

Looking forward to your answer and the relative price list, we hope our future cooperation will be profitable.

Faithfully yours

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Hands up the readers of *The Mail on Sunday*. The accompanying magazine carried a conspicuous advertisement by Emerald Collectables for a series of life-size replica birds eggs "developed in liason with Colin Harrison - for 26 years curator of the British Museum's famous collection". The eggs do seem to be accurate replicas, Colin Harrison calls them the most accurate he has ever seen, and the vendors "expect the collection will discourage those wishing to steal birds eggs - after all why steal one when you can now legally own such a perfect replica?" Setting this dubious argument aside, the collection will have introduced to the open market a set of accurate fakes for potential substitution into museum collections. If even the tight security of the Jourdain Collection at Gloucester can be breached and clutches stolen (3 Gyr Falcon clutches have been noted as missing) it is galling to have to beware of yet another potential weapon in the armoury of the egg thieves.

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**Back Issues** - The editor now has the stock of back issues. A full list will appear in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, any enquiries to the editor.

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