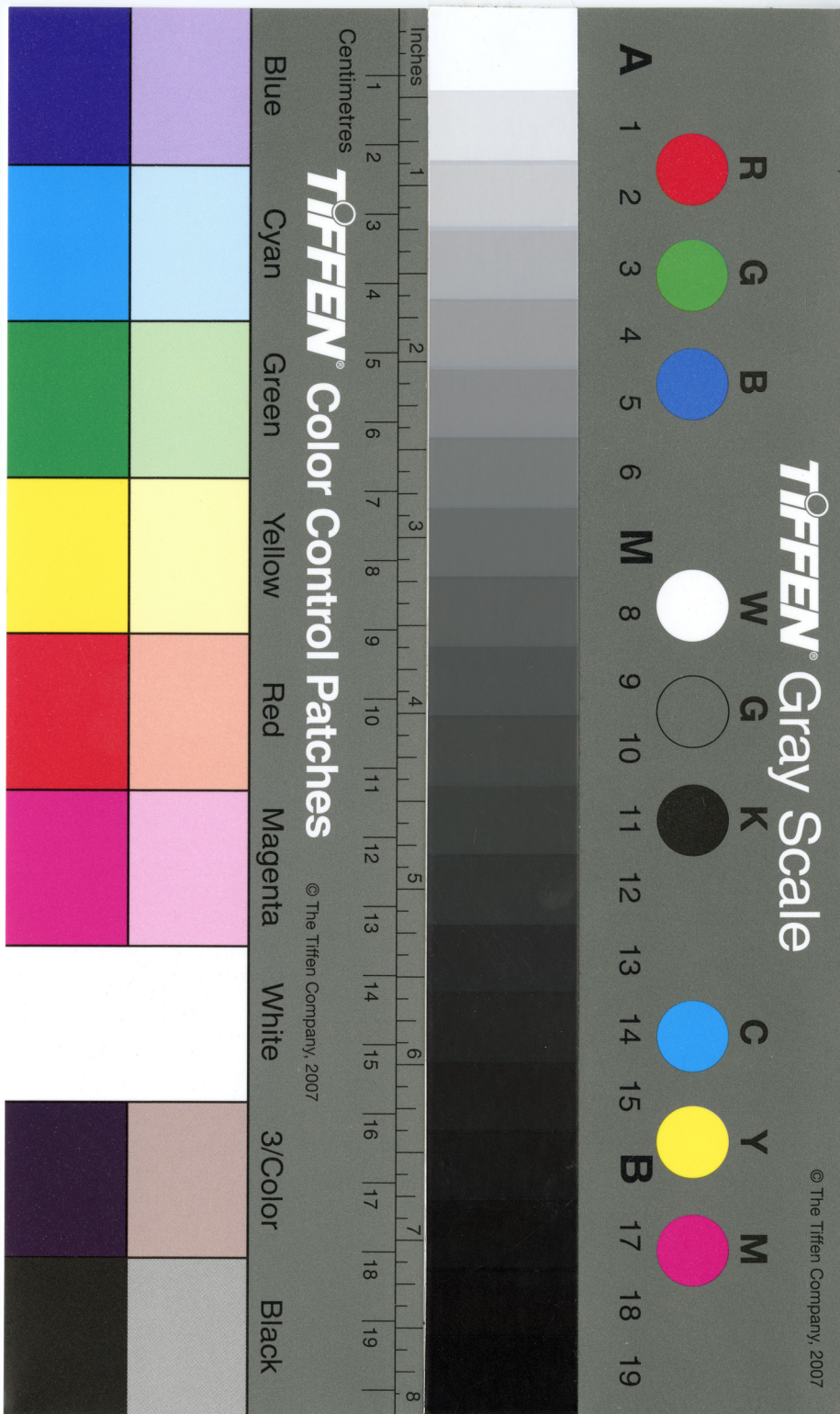


Gentlemen,

Last August some of the Gentlemen
of Carolina with whom I was acquainted being
solicitous to see our City Library, & expressing a desire
that while in Town they might have the privilege
of using ^{the Books} according to the Laws of the Company
I went with them, & knowing their Finances not
to be as well arranged as formerly I lent two Gen-
tlemen my name to save their Deposits & in some
measure made myself accountable for them, as I was
determined to see that they returned the Books regula-
ly myself. Being taken sick very soon after & confined
by a very severe Disease ever since, now almost five
months, Had it not in my power to look after the
return of the Books & was too low even to enquire
about them; & now find M^r Alex^r Monttrie Brother
to the General had entirely neglected to return the book



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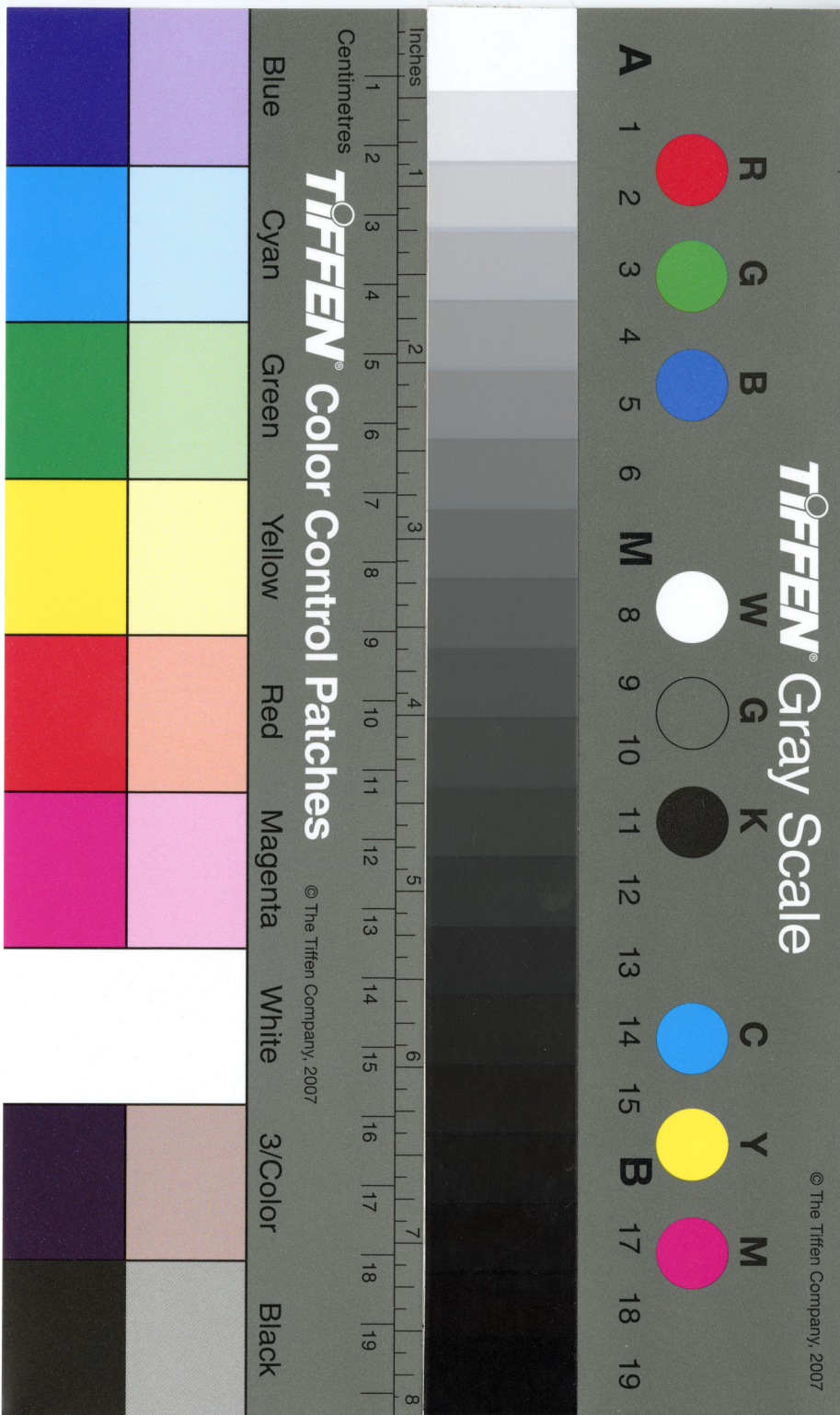
he has, & left it at his Lodgings when he set out
 for the Southward with directions that it should
 be sent to me. This being the first Intimation I
 had of the neglect, I sent it immediately to the Libra-
 rian, who informs me that I am fined ~~for~~ ^{19.80} Dollars
 for this Book & must pay by a day fixed or forfeit
 my Share in the Library.

Mr Moultrie purchased the Library with a real
 Scorpion, & a Centipede, both considerable Curionities;
 particularly the Scorpion which should plead some
 mitigation of his neglect & my long sickness put
 it out of my power to prevent it. Now if these
 reasons can weigh with the hon^{ble} Board of Direc-
 tors to remit the Fine they will greatly oblige
 one whose fault has been ^{caused by} the hand of divine
 Providence punishing him. I have the Honor

to be, Gentlemen,

N.B. I have been confined
 to my bed since Sep. 5th to
 this 15th Jan 1792. ^{the Hon^{ble} Board of Directors}
 Your most Obed^t & very
 Aff^l serv^t James Cannon

P.S.
 Mr. Thomas Elliott I suspect is liable to fines
 on a similar account; but as he is not yet gone
 I hope to have an opportunity of seeing him & getting
 his fine. However so far as I am engaged, & there are
 the only two for whom I am engaged, my plea for for-
 giveness is the same, & in all common cases sufficient.
 I am *ad supra* J. L.



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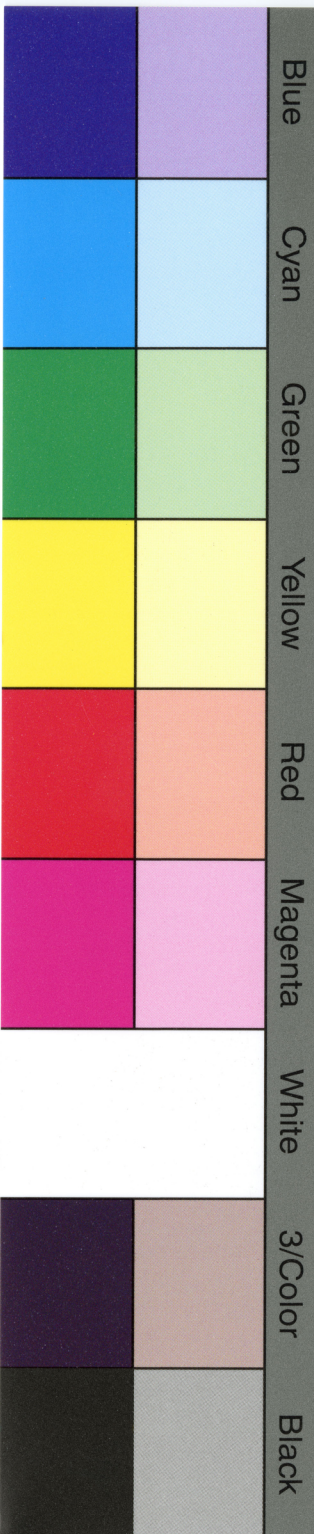
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The Hon^{ble} Board of Directors of the
Philadelphia Library Company
to the care of Mr. James H. Librarian

