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Dear Sir

With reference to the details & photographs you were kind enough to send me of your leather vessels, have you come to any definite conclusion as to the leather cup said to have been used by poachers to strap on their arms?

I should be very much obliged if you could let me know about this. I am coming to the conclusion that it must be the mug

used for bottling, as since
I wrote you, I have seen
a specimen of the
latter at a brewery at
Hereford, which was
extremely like yours.
If you would like I
could ^{my friend the brewer} ask ~~him~~ to send
you a photograph
of it, as he is a clever
amateur photographer.

I am now of opinion
that some leather
cups I have seen in
the possession of dealers
have been made from
this brewing vessel
or rather bottling
which is called the
"boot".

This implement is
now disused as bot-
tling ~~was~~ is now
done with machines.

With many thanks
faithfully yours
Oliver Baker