

I hope you will think the
brooch worth putting in the
Museum. I should be so
pleased if it were of any use
to you.

Yours very sincerely

W Gordon

Ans'd.
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Dear General Pitt Rivers

I am sending you
for the collection of peasant
jewelry in your Museum
a silver gilt brooch from
the Vierländer, a little
district near Hamburg. This
is the kind of brooch which
the women there always used

to fasten their dresses - until
the costume went out - now
that the Viélaude dress is
no longer or at least very
seldom worn, the women are
selling their ornaments - This
brooch is the one worn on
feast days - the every day
brooch is of the same shape

but made of silver, roughly
engraved with certain simple
patterns. I do not think
the brooch I am sending is very
old - as I seen only one date
& set of initials on the back &
the really old ones are often
covered all over the back with
the initials of the various
owners -