

"Saga" is used for historic tales as well as legends.
I can't draw the line between it & Märchen. Saga, I
suppose is Norse (sogur). Märchen, I suppose is German.
But you are right about it as applied to Aust. legends.

Wednesday ²⁰

My dear Spencer,

Your letter is, like
yourself, most kind & considerate.
You act wisely in leaving out the
reference to us, & the dedication
is overwhelmingly more than
enough. Your facts speak
for themselves, & Hartland's
remarks show that our views
are making their way. I have
always possessed my soul in
patience, feeling sure that we
were right, & that our facts would
sooner or later prevail against
the adversary. At first they
were provoked - it was even
brisked that I had evaded them
out of my own inner consciousness.

Obey about the amended willair whose original ^{Handwritten} ~~Handwritten~~
 quoted. Then I have a chance - if ever I have one - with
 her that she be Mrs. Spencer & yourself. At least with
 her it be you as he told it to me. I had a great liking
 for him. He was an unorthodox ascendant, but a most
 amusing one. He was nominally a Roman Catholic; but
 when he was dying he would not let the good old Priest
 attend upon him. ~~He told me~~ He told him to "go to
 Hell" & ordered his lay help to be "above him
 out, which the young fellow was perfectly ready to do,
 only the Frenchman prudently desisted. Charles - the
 "old hand" - sent for me some days after that. "By then
 any man can put me through, the Mr. Brown" he said.
 He soon told me this when I arrived. It was a good
 long day's boat journey to his place, & I was the only
 the chief person known before I could get to him.
 Was you give the enclosed note to Mrs. Spencer?
 Mrs. Spencer's former

By the way Lynch-murder is
 not Morgan's theory - it is mine.
 I corresponded with him for several
 years before he published his Ancient
Society, & sent him three papers
 of which my chapters on Lynch
 Murder & Retardation ^{in R.H.K.} are
 simply an elaboration. He had
 these published in some American
 magazine - I forget its name - & I am
 thankful to say that its Editor
 paid me six guineas for them.
 Morgan did not perceive that
 the Classification Terms are
 the outcome of extraordinary inter-
 -marrying divisions, & when I pointed
 it out to him he was wild with
 delight. I have his letters some-
 -where stowed away - a great pile
 of them - & in that which was
 written when he had read mine

about the exoraneous divisions
he grew perfectly rampant, &
called me names. He actually
called me "a genius". "I was
immersed in the facts", he said,
"I did not perceive what lay
behind them."

I don't remember enough of
the Persens to recall the application
of the group-theory to any of its
passages. I only remember the
shower of gold which was instrument
in his birth - as it has been in others -
his sea-voyage in the chest, his stealing
the one eye & one tooth of the
wretched Graecae, & his cutting off
the Gorgon's head, together with two
or three of his subsequent capers.

By the way, in the smoke room of
the Athenaeum yesterday after a lunch
(showered by an admirer) I made half a dozen
hard-headed business men roar with a