"Saga" is used for historic tales as well as legends.
I can't draw the line between it & Märchen. Saga, I
suppose is Nürse (sagen). Münchener I suppose is Geneve.
But often are right about it
as applied to Aust. legends.

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Wednesday

My dear Spencer,

Your letter is, like
yourself, most kind & considerate. You act wisely in leaving out the
reference to me, & 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 pressed my soul in
patience, feeling sure that we
were right, & that our facts would
prevail or later prevail against
the adversary. At first they
were proved false - it was ever
thought that I had evoked them
out of my own inner consciousness.
By the way, 'men-marriage' is
not Morgan's theory—it is mine.
I corresponded with him for several
years before he published his Ancient
Society, and sent him three papers
of which my chapters in 'Men,
Marriage and Relationship'
are simply an elaboration. He had
there published in some American
magazine—I forget its name—and
am thankful to say that its editor
paid me six guineas for them.
Morgan did not perceive that
the Classificatory Terms are
the outcome of estrayous inter-
marrying divisions, & when I pointed
it out to him he was wild with
delight. I have his letters some-
where shoved away—a great pile
of them—and in that which was
written when he had read mine.

Why should this man, known to me
in childhood as a boy who was
always playing his big half-brother
away and who was unusually
adored by his father, go nonsense
about law and society and courtship?

I think it is because he needs
this sort of nonsense to fill
up the blanks in his theory of
'Sex Differences.' He holds
that men are fit to have
women, and that women
are fit to have men, and
must have them, or...

May you give the whole must
by close suction?
about the syzygious divisions he greeted perfectly rampantly & 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 Persians 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 sleuthing the one eye & one breast of the wretched Lycaean, this cutting off the Gorgon's head, together with two or three of his subsequent capers.

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