

Charlottesville, Va
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Dear Professor,

Your letter with two
and copies of Keweenaw notes
to hand. You need not have gone
to the trouble of sending me the letter,
as I don't want any for distribution
amongst the long suffering population
of the N.W.

I am glad so much of the Horn
Work is off your hands, and expect
you will have nearly all of it in print
when this reaches you. As the Octagon
Syndicate appears to be flourishing, Horn
should be in an amiable mood, and
no doubt he will eventually give way to
you altogether. He seems to have the

Quality of Russia's resources well developed
the

It was Peers appears to have subscribed
or else the newspaper has invented Powers
have failed, but it has made England out
of her strength and I think Devill Ray
more attention to her army in future. The
manner in which, of late years, she has
deferred to Germany has made the Germans
look upon England as a sort of little
Germany, and it is just as well that
they should be disabused of the idea -

Since the trampled triple alliance has been
the best of its days, as Austria is only
held together by the French Emperor, Italy
is hopelessly involved, and it is more than
doubtful whether Prussia and the other
German States resist the high handed
rule of the late Kaiser William - England
in alliance either with the United States
or Russia could laugh at the machine
of the Army, which of theatory speaks

truly, was just as machine like as
God, and yet came to grief -
Jamison committed the greatest of
all sins - He failed! Had he been
successful I think Rhodes would
have bought the Transvaal
votens.

I can hardly believe that Cleveland intended
a quarrel with England. He has always
seemed a fair and upright man, but
no doubt there are some bad eggs
amongst his Party, and they must
have planned the plan for purposes
of their own. Still neither Nation
seems to have taken the matter seriously
and I think Uncle Sam would fall
into line with his kin if the
Combination of God and the
German sword got prearranging
around the Union Jack. Lewis
amused at the way the Continental
Powers backed up England during

the row - wouldn't they have liked
to see her embroidered with America!

I agree with most of what you
say about N.A., but think there
are many good mines there, and
that there will be a field from which
rain falls. This South African
embroglio will also benefit N.A.
eventually, as the English investor
will prefer ventures in a Colony
under the control of England to
those which are at the mercy of
the Boers. And after all the
Western Country is not such a
desert as represented. An old
friend of mine writes that a
great part of it is infinitely superior
to the interior of South Australia, and
that the Hampton Plains, near
Coolgardie, are splendidly fenced
and tilled. The water difficulty
is the great drawback.

The Stick I sent you is an *By-wulla*,
or *bulbroawer*, used in the Initiation
Ceremonies, and carried by the
Initiate while isolated during
his recovery from the rite.
Each class makes its own *By-wulla*
in a manner peculiar to the Class,
and uses it in the initiation of
its Members, but the *By-wullas*
of all classes can be looked at
by any man after he has been
initiated. Boys and *lubras*
are not allowed to see the *By-wulla*
and severe penalties are supposed
to be inflicted should they offend
against this rule. As a matter
of fact nearly all the *lubras* &
boys see them *deu proa*, and
the same *lubras* and boys, if of
similar classes, tho' afraid to
look at each other if anyone is
about not infrequently *sin by*

Two and two - under the Acadians
As one would naturally expect,
infidelity is the Crime most heavily
Punished, but death is rarely inflicted
in any of the Tribes for this offence
The 4th tribes are sometimes
sadly mutilated.

I have only seen Portion
of the Game Ungwobarak and
have never paid enough attention
to the matter but I will try and
get some information from the
Old Men.

Scott of Pennants OK Passed
here a few days ago with a half breed
boy who is thoroughly versed in the
Lign language of the T. N. Tribe
Luther had him in his sanction nearly
every day while at this Springs. So
you should have a great budget
by this mail. The fact that in
the T. N. Tribe a cubra is only

allowed to use Lign language while
communicating with the other blacks
for some months after the death
of her husband, and that the boys
are similarly interdicted while receiving
from the Lintation, seems to explain
why the Lign language is so largely
used in this tribe.

I have had a pair of Troas (the
sticks for beating hand) made, but
they are rather rough and I will
wait until the boy who made
French's comes in before sending
any.

Again I have only lizard
to send you, as the country is
too dry for the blacks to go out,
and I am afraid the bag will
contain small until winter or
rain comes. Among the lizards
is C. danicus which had some
difficulty in getting as only two

old women knew the beast and they had a job to find a name for him - He is called Jilyarva, and is said to be exclusively nocturnal in his habits - I think during the hot weather he must be so, as the Minnetki and other lizard were captured during the day, I could only get damans by supplying the fins with lanterns and sending them out at night. He is a very pretty beast before going into the spots, being a delicate shade of reddish brown down the sides of the back and head, and the white markings show out very distinctly. The figured specimen hardly does him justice.

Directly rain falls I must start the fins out after Wepeka and other beasts as I believe the Crown people have communicated

with the British Museum Authorities who desire to purchase an all round Collection from Central Aust. - I do not think they will get much outside Mobs, but they might drop across Wipfels and Curra -

When you come up we will be better able to decide which is the best direction to go in search of new beasts - Gellen should have no difficulty in getting down unless his magistrational duties interfere, or the break up of the Paid Fabulist Party causes him to commit suicide -

We had a fearful spell of hot weather during January. For nearly three weeks it averaged 110 sometimes going up to 116 + 17, and I began to fear that the advent of General Booth had banished Old Nick to Central Australia. During the last few days it has been cooler

and as the boat is now launched
on the water she yelps although
-ira I go for a row between those
majestic Coolahats on the banks
and admire the scenery fearfully -
Still I think I would prefer a
Stream that "Stole by lawns and
frassy Plois, and led by hazel
Covers" to the foat pondy waters
you wot of, and even you arned
I think, felt tired of seeing Mt.
Grant R. malevolently flanking
at you thro' the haze.

With kindest regards
Yours ever sincerely

P. M. Lyons

P.S. Encloses a Memo from
Gullen.

P.P.S. Had to detain a parcel for Louie
by last mail as the Contractor objects
to carry P. P. Parcels. These being

no Parcel lost route up the
Forks - Will try and send
it on -