

Charcott's Waters
 11th May '97

Dear Professor,
 Your account of Fater's interview with David is amusing, and quite bears out what people generally say about him. It seems a pity that a man of his ability should be so unreliable and what makes it worse is that, in South Australia, at all events, he has many disciples.

I don't know what to think of Brown's new map. If he is right there must have been subsidence and elevation east of the Finkle which did not affect the country to the westward. Mr. Watt and Mr. Musgrave are about

The same elevation, not very far apart,
and yet a wide gap in their ages. Then
the basal parts of Brown Point are Devon
as ^{undoubtedly} Jurassic while those of Mt. Grant
are ^{undoubtedly} Cretaceous or Tertiary, and
yet the sandstones underlying the Chicopee
capting at both places are lithologically
alike - However, I suppose it will
be settled some day, but it seems
absurd that this should be so
many conflicting descriptions of
a country which is not quite as
complicated in its geology as the
Scottish Highlands.

There is no sign of rain, and I would
be in the throes of chipping to the
finish in a fortnight, unless our
Poor Strider waters in the meantime.
It is now down out hundred feet, through
Koolinits, and blue clay with sylvanite,
crystals, but the progress is slow

and it will take them four or five
months to go the down or eight hundred
feet. I think they will need to cut
before striking water.

Lawler passed here yesterday with a
four in hand team of blacks en route
for Pt. Augusta. He is lean, but
healthy, and looks forward to a long
old time. He had a wasp here.

So-clawing is from Gillen's "Tales
concerning Achilpa," Column 4.

Trachipema is Mt. Souders where which
Passing the Achilpa saw Sclerota
(big pig feet & rat) men making
logs, and in Ratchetis (writchea),
and named spot Trachipema,
which means the place of the
Ratchetis. Whenever Bultha
was performed species Trachipema
was made all routes. Koolinits
always exceeded, but only used
for