

Charlotte Waters
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Dear Professor, I was sorry to
hear that you had such an unpleasant
trip to Oodnadatta, and sympathized
with you over the monotony of the
train ride. Old Jimmy must
have been in a "mild state of excitement"
when "dem kancees" were trying to
get into the trap, and I can picture
the look of Stoic resignation on your
face during the proceedings.

Palmer's defection is unapologetic.
When in ordinary form he can keep
going for a week, and with the
recently discovered North Coast
to

to draw upon he should have reached
Adelaide having like a rather Profane
brood. No doubt "that snapper" is
largely responsible, as when free from
it's malign influences I believe he nearly
paralysed some old and respectable
citizens with his "Luff" yarns.

Minced birds have been excavating
the tunnels of the whole Railway & they
leapt for some time, and everybody
is glad that they are landed over at
last. I have said nothing to Ellen
about yours - it isn't safe!

When Horn hears from you I hardly
think he will peraisal in his intention
of Publishing everything at home.
It would be childish to express a
hope that is likely to attract more
attention than any published for
the last few years to a petty

feeling of Regret - Not to spend
of the intricacies to those who have worked
hard to make it a success.

I am glad to be able to lend you a
note with two young by this mail,
and as Harry and a couple of fine
are out hunting exclusively for *Moly*
and the female of *Antechinus* I
expect to have a good bag for next
road. I am also sending *Antechinus*
and what I take to be *Leumthopar*
Crassicaudata (ahem!)

Four or five old ladies are going
to *Adunelchura* next month, and
as I have been assiduous in my
attentions to them and prodigal
with tobacco, I hope for a reward
in the shape of some *Bandicoots*
and Antechinus. From what Harry
tells me, I think *P. leucura* will
probably

Probably be found in that neighbourhood.
I hope the photos - especially the
Ludus of the mud - turned out
well - If they have, no doubt they will
show one of the greatest attractions
in Minnie's little museum!

In your next letter kindly describe
the feet of Antechinus - I think
I have discovered some feet that
don't exist!

Parties are still going West but in nearly
every instance they are poorly equipped and
badly led so I don't think they will be
very successful. Gold there undoubtedly is
in the Western Country, but it will be difficult to
find and the party searching should have a
man like Watt at its head, and consist of four
or five old timers with a dozen camels and rations
for six or nine months. As things are going
I think the Western Australians will
discover

discover food in South Australia
while our wretched little parties are
wandering aimlessly about the Country

Michael Woolan has just brought
in a nicely marked Snake which
I will bottle, and send along with
the other beasts. This is the fifth
since yesterday morning, but the
others were rather big, and in deference
to the wishes of the other inhabitants
I did not attempt to preserve them.

It's astonishing what a prejudice
people about here have against
preserved Snake skins your visit!

It's very hot and dry, with the
charful Mosquito rather more in
evidence than usual. Shouldn't be
surprised if we had a big rain
before long, especially as Sir C.
is not very anxious about the
weather

Reports, and seems to think the
well known over.

No news worth recording from
here. Kind regards from all
Yours sincerely
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