


A neat puff
 in Bulletin of 9th of
 Jan. complimented
 J. L. on it. +
 asked him to send
 some his photos
 as I wished to
 write a few
 articles for
 Leader while I was down
 South - suppose he'll
 write in reply

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Two days before
 mail is due at our place + here
 I am - I was looking forward to
 a letter from you but must clear
 tomorrow - two blacks speared
 Beattie at New Glen Helen on night
 of 6th - not dangerous luckily + I
 am of course called on to arrest the
 articles + you can fancy my
 chance of success when I know
 their dark is Mt Ziel or Belt Range -
 a wise lot of superiors think a man
 has only to walk out + get these fellows
 in the Creek - I have a warrant + if I
 get near enough they will go down
 to Pt Augusta I have no doubt of

getting them in time for the old
 proverb is true that everything
 comes to he who waits - thank
 god no lubras in this affair -
 Beattie told these blacks to clear
 as they stole his flour + sugar +
 threatened to shoot them - same
 night he was struck with two spears
 simultaneously, one just struck the
 bone 4 inches below his neck + the
 other went right through his left
 hand + pinned it to his breast just
 below the other wound - I suppose his
 hand + bricket bone saved his life.

I have quite a jar full of *Himulia*
Lesueri, *Fasciolata*? *Amphib^o Mac^o*,
Egernia, 3 *Ruficaudata* one of which
 is lined-ocellat^e + some others like
 little few lizard only tails banded
 + marks on back bone  placed
 thus: _____

one was very gaudy - spot
 like crushed strawberry + ground colour greenish,

I have also a decaying Aoota ears
small tail rather bare + distal
end whitish, fur coarse - one
decaying Conditor + two of
another species smaller + with
very long slender tails. Last 3
inches white, breast also white,
came from Eldunda + boys tell
me they are the other kinds of
beet builders but unless I see some
myself this time I will swear to
nothing, the Kean called them
like I told him + then shut them
in an air tight tin after they had
a bit of rain - consequence ripeness
+ I had not got them aired when I
left. Wooden nose bones gone -
Tempe Rain $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches at Station
very patchy elsewhere - Allamurta
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch drizzle 18th Feb 14 in on 23rd
+ not quite 12 inch drizzle on 26th

Ellery's Grex ran slightly to
below Running Waters - Fente
queescent - I am writing this
while waiting for the horses + would
like you to tell Mr French why
I am not writing him - Haveland
heard from Pontiff since I saw
you - I had to go after that camel
call myself + got him at Boggy
Hole - actually glad to see one
another - Have got 50 Wommeres
+ yours - Down improve walle
at present Pelicans carry very
little anyhow at present add
pouch or fernambag is infected
with a species of tick. Corbeck
me when you see me + with
best wishes Believe me
Your affectⁿ friend
Ernest Cowle

Mission people very kind + 2 heal their sore so
regards natives prevailed at present. I spent a
mburaois guard d'heure with the major I brought from
you before arriving last night