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for four days & nights) & once when I expected to find some dry garments I found myself smothered with that wretched ant known to us as Piss-ant—This little beast evidently wiser in his generation than ourselves foretold a damp time & shifted with his lares & penates eggs etc into every fold of my clean clothes. I have not secured any marsupials this mail but I think have got the Alpha & Omega of those sugar ants complete & am sending same to you
bottles marked Var are a small plant one which
the Pygro rode kinds or a larges salted one which
is in each kind. I have not noticed that the
female in the lilliputian hillprove as seeing them
are all of the same kind. I am also a very one which
came out of the respective kinds. I am also penny for
the ants in others among the
rill which if he doesn't keep me know
the worms. I am also send us even if the rain has
once two small birds of various. There gave time among the
old two kinds. I tell sure
one I well secure some for you - by the way did you get any specimens of a very small frop. (I have mistaken my vocation) he is a little bigger than above & generally appears in hundreds out of the big sandy creeks just before the rain. I did not notice them this year but may have mentioned them to you when we were together. I was surprised when I got your wire a couple of days ago & could not see what it referred to at first - you said very little about
A streak that he had taken all the credit of. What's done, one may not regret, and for anything as far beyond which I cannot give the Rakese when they came in from work by the time those who were there is absolutely work, until I reach the bottom of it. If when
speak of anything further, it may be your of the capacity for anything. Yes, it will be absolutely no difficulty about a duty

well.
kept the boys constantly going keeping the horses & Camels together. Dar being away with the others I was awfully sorry you were not here as there were other ants especially the Bullfrog which I would very much have liked to dip up & see into but he came out in too strong a force for a single man to attack & I had a retreat. I noticed a fish or two in the Creek the other day but couldn't catch him. I will secure one in a day or two or if they look different to the Red Bank
Turned up with half a Billy full + after drafting out some eggs I put the rest under the table still in a mass in the Billy. This morning got 5 young + now there are three of four more cheep, cheepin so I will have to destroy the lot to be humane.

Very many thanks for the tobaccos from both of us + also for the Photos I also received two pipes from Heartland + as I write I puff at the joint product with much contentment I have not yet had time to
have a good look at them. The mail turned up per Blackboy from Doctor Stones yesterday, and we don't know when it's going back so Daer thinks I had better start at daylight tomorrow and go to Waltham Reach to meet Alice 88° down mail in case the regular mailman goes back via Owen 88° from Mission. This means pretty well 50 miles tomorrow so I am a bit pushed. I quite expected that when it did come we would have nearly a week as usual. I know you are not interested in the Racing News but I must tell you that Daer won four of the principal races with our horses — no money, that hairy eared Irish shirk fellow had got most of the way and refused to part. Hope you will have a decent time in Sydney, 98° and find that rising Flophook in a clean celluloid. I promised him a couple of the little “Moloch horridus” have had several but have feared them going bad before arrival as he wanted them alive — would they live a week to the bottom of a box? I know they are hardy.
head or skin or both & I will see to this when I get back - our boys generally get one or two a week here.

I am sending Heartland a lot of eggs. This mail which I hope will reach him in safety before he starts out on his next expedition at one time the Blacks used to plague me with the little chestnut eared pinc egg but now its quail I have blown over 50 or throw away tins full but they will stick to it they are all over the place & all sizes - yesterday my egg man
You frequently wrote kind of tirades on the marriage state with which I agree. Marriage in itself is alright but the inevitable consequences as Kipling puts it are the very Devil. I am not likely to try it at all events for years, I have formed good resolutions & when I next visit the Cities am going slow. I am awfully glad you got to know Pat Byrne thoroughly going down don't you think he bears out my statement that he was the only man on the line who really was informed on
most subjects & a good fellow besides. Barcoo which I told you about is very prevalent at present & we all have had a touch of it lately. Good night & good luck.

Yours very sincerely

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