

Illamurta
11th Apr 1895.

Dear Professor.

It was not forgetfulness which made me miss last mail but an utter absence of material to work on and I fear it is but little better this time. Owing to the floods I took our mail nearly to Mt Burrell & when I got back to Illamurta I heard from Jillen that

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you were to be at C.V.
on 6th Feb'y. I was very
much annoyed at not
knowing earlier as I could
just as easily ^{have} taken the
mail to C.V. I had a talk
with you & got thoroughly
grounded in "Sminthopsis"
& "Pammaphilae" or rather
"Phascologale". I am posting
you a skin & a salted rat
which I got near Haast's
Bluff - my little bottle of
spirits would not take
them & I tried dry salting
as an experiment - probably
you got these at the Char-
-lotte but the extreme length

of tail & their teats being placed like those of a cow fetched me. - they are both adult females & had young ones attached which the boys took. one has a few grey hairs in end of the tail & the other is black I think if you ~~do~~ wet the dry patches one she will pull into shape & you will see the udder & teats complete. You did not tell me if I sent you the right kind of props. from here, I have seen no others about yet & presume that the tadpoles & frogs in Creeks

& rockholes around would be pretty nearly all similar it is difficult for an un-versed youth to distinguish - with differences but if worth while I will bottle some at each camp & notice them at.

I seem to meet with better luck for Heartlands than any one else & I really believe that I have got them some good eggs. My French wrote asking me for some Polytelles Eggs but I fear they have disappeared from his again - they never were

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plentiful about here but if I fail in that line I will get him some others equally as rare when the season comes again. judging by the number that have gone to Town the eggs & offspring of these wonderful birds should be as common as sparrows.

You tell me you travelled down with "Dick" well isn't he a beauty. he patronizes lectures & advises me whenever we meet in a charming manner & really

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he's quite serious in jaw-
-cying himself a very
shrewd business man
yet in reality "Dick" has
been thoroughly victim-
-ized by everyone he has
had really close business
transactions with. he came
out here to try + induce me
to go in with him but I rec-
-koned Dick had lost the
energy which characterized
him some years ago. + have
an objection to getting at
or being got at by my friends.
he wrote me from Alice
Well this mail + tells me
he was ill most of the time

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in Town with fruit
 cholera, no doubt he
 was so speedy that he
 didn't wait to spit
 out the stones & spits
 filled I have not
 heard from lately but
 he is thriving & busy over
 accounts & busy over
 his nigger stoned as
 you say it is nice to
 be Protector of Aborigines
 when one is interested
 in the Animals - no
 stones - no flour etc &
 a hell of a lot of moral
 influence - we get three
 bags a year which

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distribute amongst
 about 30 old haps when
 I go out Tempe way
 but it is only a drop
 in the ocean! I was
 round Joesse's Range,
 across the saddle and
 close by Waaste's Bluff
 then along Mareena
 into Tempe - saw plenty
 of niggers & camera
 spots quite 100 in one
 spot all told - Pat. B.
 tells me you were study-
 ing the hude at C.W. I
 & has sent me "Reef &
 Palm" I regret that
 perunence is one of

he doesn't look particularly
-ly healthy. All quiet at
Tempe if things keep
so, I will either take
a run in to Alice or
see the Pontiff or down
to see Pat as I feel the
want of a change & have
not pouched enough
yet to go slow on I can't
see where this tickles
you people as I fancy
I can do it yet & will

Pater has left the Bank
& wanted me to go for a
trip to Tasmania & make
the acquaintance of
numerous bucolic

the failings of an otherwise
 noble character. I can
 quite picture your
 troubles with the "under-
 -grads" & reckon you are
 capable of handling them
 though I would be sorry
 to be one of the ones
 you felt inclined to
 squelch. Minnecke's sym-
 -dicate don't seem in
 a very hurry to make
 up their minds about
 starting him out
 again & I am sorry to
 hear about his liver -
 were you serious about
 this & is he really bad?

cousins but I think it will be taken ad-
this would be a trip - van tag of yeh.
too steady - when I
want a quiet time
then I will go on one
of those excursions to
the South Seas or Japan.
England might be more
beneficial, but your
tariff stiffened me -
Well good night & good
luck - if I can get over
some day to Melbourne
you might let me take
your place for a day with
your Students. Thanks
very much for kind
wishes & invitation

Yours very sincerely
C. Bennett, Bowls