

Monla

18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1902

My dear Penen

What a contrast between the climate at Boroboola there at this time last year we were fairly strong in our own juice limp languid weary & eased - or at least I was - with spiced heat. I remember you just had no power & I think you felt rather envious of my crop: here it is not cold & not of the sort of day that would shivel old Ted's nose up.

We are getting the monsoonal rain with a vengeance, the drought in the far northern areas has fairly broken up, there

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The long suffering half starved Corlies  
is <sup>broken</sup> prostrated in <sup>broken</sup> shales here  
he is going about <sup>broken</sup> economy the  
Name of <sup>broken</sup> economy with <sup>broken</sup> shales  
at the <sup>broken</sup> prospect of <sup>broken</sup> his  
wife <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>.

A long letter - quite a kindly  
General one - from <sup>broken</sup> Corlie, for  
six months he has been <sup>broken</sup>  
in <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> in the <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
of <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
that <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
named my <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
Needs that <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
of <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
Needs about <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
Supper is <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
local people <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
a good <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
friend <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>

Boelard is again <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
the <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
You must have had a splendid  
time in <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
inquiries from <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
splattered when you <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
that. The <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
needed. My <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
hang: <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
himself I can <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
never <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
how he <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
O.C. <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
that you had such a good time  
I wish that <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
I wish you <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
tearful and you <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
time I go to <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
to <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>  
turns up <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup> <sup>broken</sup>

just received from Post 25 yds of fabric  
he is used at Burwood's & I fancy  
again a benedict. I am introducing  
the material to my Nevada friends  
My wife has had a fancy to  
the Staff & is busily engaged  
cutting out a dress with which  
she intends to start her friends.

Some time ago you mentioned  
that you were printing me some  
Ms. The one has not come to hand  
the last page I have is No. 333 &  
I fancy you have written a good  
deal since then.

Stirling has probed the whole  
of Neander's collection & it appears  
that there was a written agreement  
between Neander & Maurice that  
the former should have the deposit  
of the collection to Maurice.

has handed everything over to  
 Sterling who also takes all the  
 stuff collected on Maurice's recent  
 expeditions. I am enclosing newspaper  
 cutting giving particulars. It would  
 be interesting to know how Maurice  
 came by those very fine ceremonial  
 ornaments. I suppose he stumbled upon  
 an *Evaluatinga* & lifted the lot.

You & I have been too scrupulous.

I don't think I should care to go  
 back to camp on the McArthur  
 but I certainly would like to have  
 a few months on the Roper, Daly  
 & Allegatos particularly on the two  
 latter rivers where the birds are  
 numerous & friendly to the country including

The Jarulcha trip apart from the  
 work will be in general uninteresting  
 for we shall be on the Roper

I sincerely hope you will

Tablelands the whole time. There  
there are. Do you know the  
about the tablelands. There must be  
mainly lowlands from any level  
boards the Mangrove & if only  
we could strike up now after  
the rain it would turn into  
a camp with a beautiful  
50 miles up the tablelands  
reaching the top of the  
Mangrove follows an inland survey  
line. I shall be entitled to  
nearly the same time at the  
beginning of April & if the Govt  
would furnish me with a sailing  
pass I shall feel inclined to run  
up & spy out the land. I would  
amongst them would give me the

idea of about the  
system of things etc. & it  
would be a sort of information  
to future work. I am  
with the in relation to  
What do you think? I am

I am greatly enjoying Vol IX of  
Huxley's collected essays - the only  
Vol of Huxley in our loan library -  
His family pulmonary history George for  
shown I have always had more than  
a meeting regard. Especially  
enjoyed his articles on Science & Novel  
in which he talks about  
his friend Jolly. I wonder Booth  
summed his criticism of the Army  
& its methods his own chest must  
have suffered immensely & so, I am  
Huxley believe the great evolutionary  
scheme. Another of my tableland  
I seriously have one left -

How about our birds & animals

are there anything new? Have

the ~~new~~ collecting boxes left at

Bel. I'd like to come along? I hear

Banda Banda is in a very

bad way for want of water

at Scott Field are growing about

the expense notwithstanding all

my efforts they have not had

a deed of partnership with

Mequet prepared -

Must close now to do some

work best by balancing &

money counting a loathsome task

from which you are happily free

Best kind regards to Mrs

Spencer love to the girls

Pray let me hear a nice when

Chappis has another inspiration

Ever  
Yrs

F.H. [unclear]