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you want any
other negatives

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Acacia Springs

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My dear Spencer.

After putting my
usual budget I find I
forgot to mention the series
of photos marked Quaternary
Alpina - They have a
tradition here that in the
alcheringa a group of
men of the Plum tree

European's work
1850

Tolow who ~~resided~~ occupied
 a piece of Country about
 20 miles S^W from here
 did not practice the
 initiatory rites & were therefore
 called by their neighbours
 the Uanovungela & others "the
 Ulpinoda" this is the name
 by which men or youths
 who have not undergone the
 initiatory rites are known.
 Tradition says that these men
 were taken to the Northern
 Coast by Inuviera who came
 from there for the purpose
 - Note the natives on the
 Northern Territory Coast do
 not perform these rites.
 The man dressed in the picture
 is supposed to be wearing an

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his head, the cross piece, a
fluctunja (I have it in my
collection) this ceremony was
performed by the Uduwung^{utis}
as a compliment to the
Remenaders ~~after~~ on the day
after their ceremony took
place, they had never seen
it before - While in the position
photographed the man ~~of~~
executes a quivering movement
every now & again, while
slowly moving round in a
circle & pretending to pick
& eat from off the ground
imaginary plants & I confess
I cannot make any thing of
the ceremony - I also forgot
I think to mention that when
borrowing Churinga from

S. J. P. 1891

another Totem Circle
in the village. Send as
I never seen of the class
to which the Totem belongs.
+ Again I can see
Yours truly
S. J. P.

+ This was why the old King suggested
my sending Coonava - I got one
stone Churinga - the wooden one from
the rain forest - I did not get any of the
Emu Churinga as some of the men said it
would make the old Alurungia "too much by
fellow sorry" even if they hadn't given me this kind
I wouldn't have had the heart to ask the old fellow
for his country's richest treasure. His affection for them was
quite pathetic.
PS The others then around him
a circle showing the Eternal Waah
Waah. The whole performance only lasts
5 minutes though it takes nearly a day
to prepare