

all the favours  
which I rendered  
to you

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Alice Springs

South Aust

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1894

My dear Spencer

Yours of 15<sup>th</sup> &  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept to hand though the  
one of latter date had a  
narrow escape of being sent  
round to Pt Darwin, the  
addition of Northern Territory  
often leads Adelaide & Melbourne  
Po Clerks to send our letters  
there. The parcel which you  
state was sent containing  
old Jolls glass & Field's pipe  
has not turned up I presume  
therefore it has gone to P<sup>t</sup> D<sup>arwin</sup>  
Now let me clean up your  
fog about the mails This

Should reach you on Saturday  
morning, if you post on  
the following Wednesday in  
time for the express. I shall  
return your reply by next  
mail which leaves Adelaide  
on Friday Nov. 2nd & way  
5th Friday. Moreover, I have  
just received your nice ~~to~~ Paris  
wanted badly & will try to  
get some in time for  
next mail. The Niggers captured  
two rats both males, since  
I was more but unfortunately  
both got away. The post is  
jolly very nearly halted  
on a snake at my station  
two a few days ago, which  
you'll quickly bring me  
on the same two quarters.

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is now snugly staying in  
your collecting box - a fine  
specimen of a rare species  
which I have never seen  
out of these ranges. I have  
also added a few legends  
to the collection. Several  
Niggers are out now, furnished  
with collecting boxes. It is  
with us a season of "after  
it rains" & I feel that for the  
credit of the country, I must  
send you something & I am also  
trying to raise a rare weed or  
two for the old Savage. Long  
the Sempron Gap heringens has  
not now - we are getting a very  
nice collection of plants  
together but I am afraid  
nothing new - they

not good enough for climbing  
the high ranges. I have no  
taste for such violent exercise  
even if my mind were right,  
I am however anxious to get  
a good collection from the Mt  
Gullen range with that purpose  
in view I sent one of my  
Boys out the other day & instructed  
him to fill a bag with all  
sorts of different flowering plants  
& pretty grasses he did so  
& upon returning emptied the contents  
of the bag into the horse yard  
where one of my thoroughbreds  
happened to be kept for the  
night. An hour or two afterwards  
he grinningly informed me  
"The bin given me grass longa  
Nanto" The atmosphere was blue

with profanity for half an hour  
 afterwards - I have not yet had  
 time to try the lens which I  
 am glad to say arrived in  
 splendid order for which I  
 thank you. I shall take the  
 greatest care of it & return it  
 to you whenever you require  
 it, may be able to send  
 you some instantaneous results  
 next mail but in the  
 meantime I am sending  
 you an assortment of good  
 bad & d - d bad prints  
 let me know please just  
 what you think of them,  
 all the Corcoran pictures were  
 taken after sundown in  
 a wretched light for focusing  
 I find that some of the

best looking negatives I have  
out the wood pictures. Should  
much like to have you here  
for an hour or two looking  
I find the Combined facing  
facing solution does not  
keep well after being used  
this will account for the  
yellow appearance of some of  
my prints. By the Ghost of  
Mahabads Uncle you mentioned  
has been wild when you found  
all these beautiful plates & stones  
I am fully sympathetic with  
if I can help your wish for  
plates or prints I shall be  
only too glad to do so.  
I have not yet started off  
any Sep pictures but shall  
be sending you a set next

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resemblance the picture of Bischoff  
the notice is a letter & is printed  
but I could not find time to  
do another this time. I hope  
Spencer may be interested in  
the little book reads. She will  
doubtless notice that he never  
got up for the occasion  
Winkler writes this in his  
for a copy or both of the Standard  
group, I have told him that you  
will send him copies later on  
he appears to be under the  
impression that the plates you  
took down were broken. By the  
way he asked for a list of  
the articles comprised in my  
collection & states he thinks  
he has a buy or at very low  
price. The day when people should

asked me what I would take  
for the lot & I said 250 or 300  
pounds. A very nice little lot  
of stuff to handle in one  
lump but I should not like  
parting with the collection,  
however I must do so if the  
money is forthcoming. £300 would  
go a considerable way invested  
in duets - Stirling sent me  
Taylor's Origin of the Organs  
a tongue but very interesting  
book which he strongly recommends  
me to read. He says has  
done nothing much with his  
notes so far & finds that  
the more he looks at the  
subject the more it grows. I  
am very curious to know how  
he is going to treat the

My question some strange stories  
 are current about the information  
 he gathered out west. I do not  
 understand definitely about the rat,  
 you are writing the boss rat man  
~~of British~~ & think the British Museum  
 authorities have made a mistake about  
 the beast - does this mean that the  
 news of the beast is questioned?  
 This is the only mention you made  
 of the rat in your letters. Those  
 people who doubt the noise making  
 capacity of our Spider should  
 come here for a week or two. I  
 have had several since you left  
 & even little Bri could detect  
 the wheezing noise. Field & Hanley  
 will swear by all the gods in  
 & out of the calendar that the  
 beast booms but I have no doubt

belly. - South has a fine specimen  
of the *Schizura*. I am aware  
that these birds lay eggs but when  
do they hatch them? It seems  
very strange that the Negroes  
who are such good naturalists  
laugh at the idea of the  
birds laying eggs. I shall be  
glad of a little information on  
the subject. The *Alexandria* is  
numerous and about here in  
considerable numbers. (I can't find  
it responsible for a report  
current here to the effect that  
the birds are worth \$50 a pair  
also I have heard that the  
eggs are also valuable. I have  
four of the birds I hope to send  
you a pair later on. I have  
also collected some of the eggs

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these birds come to go mysteriously  
in their short visitation since  
the establishment of the Overland  
Telegraph line. When does the  
great Horn return to the Colonies  
or does he intend to stay here  
to see the expedition <sup>through</sup> to  
the <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Holy</sup> ~~Holy~~ <sup>Prin</sup> ~~Prin~~ <sup>Baru</sup> ~~Baru~~ <sup>to</sup>  
his den is like a <sup>Temple</sup>  
both <sup>to</sup> this afternoon, the preparation  
is dropping in a steady  
stream from my <sup>shower</sup> ~~shower~~ <sup>spit</sup>  
cheeks, by the way the warts  
matted upon my shaving after  
you left & the <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>ridges</sup> ~~ridges~~ hardly  
knew me for a week afterwards  
Have you heard anything of  
Matt? if you are writing  
him please convey my kindest  
regards. The wife & I were



Laughing last <sup>night</sup> over your argument  
about the respective merits of  
Sydney & Melbourne newspapers.

Must stop now, and Bless  
eyed son of sea cook has  
just stepped in to lay  
an information against a  
lop-eared horse thief who has  
seemingly been making reflections  
upon the moral character of the  
Bless eyed ones Mother —  
Wife joins me in kindest regards  
& little Brian sends love to  
the America Fesca

Yours always Sincerely

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