

Miss Springs
23rd Mar 1897

My dear Spencer
I have just put together
a bundle of photos including
copies of all the Anschutz
negatives some of which
turned out a great deal
better than we expected, the
best taken in cloudy weather
nil. I think make you
glad with envy (!) they are
all taken with three
exposure on Empress plates
at a cost of about three
plates per individual, the
beginner will not keep this
I have printed off a pendant!
set of my Engwara pictures

And am mounting them in a
gorgeous album which I am
keeping for the Egarawa series
alone, intend putting your
prints in the same book
yours are a splendid lot. Have
you a good set of mine if
not I will print you a set.
On Monday Jiro Otsuka who
is now employed by the
police turned upon ^{mail day} and enquired
if there was a parcel for
him from you, it appears
you promised to send him
something by mail probably
you have forgotten all about
it but I think you had
better send him a sheet of paper
or something by return mail
if you don't want your
reputation for vacacity blasted

Throughout the Aranda. Cheque
 secured I would much like to
 put it into Queensland Monies
 but the Misses want to hear of
 any more share speculations
 and I am bound in honour
 not to invest without their
 approval. The Coms of your
 vigorous denunciation of share
 dealing & if of Mrs Go to
 a friend I shall vent my
 spleen upon you. I am enclosing
 you also from which you will
 see that there is a balance in
 my favor of £9 — dont
 squirm. The collecting tin is gradually
 filling, since last week I have
 added 8 Phas: Oceanda & some
 Varanus feline & one Varanus
 Erromus. One beast which is new
 to me, the Niggers call it *Chachilya*
 I am posting as I am anxious

to fear if it is new. The
Niggers persist in their statements
about the ~~discovery~~ having a
double penis but I cannot procure
a male specimen newly killed
I have cut out the organ
of one which had been dead
some days now brought in
& am posting it to you in
glass tube you will notice that
I have cut the sheath - Dr
Eggenmann returned from the
west a fortnight ago & spent
a week with us, while here
he read the Anthropology volume
& I noticed that he made copious
notes he pointed out some
helping errors in Stirling's work
for instance I states that sometimes
the Natives split bones to pass
through the septum that is

in comes what Stirling thought
 to be split bone was the fibula
 of the kangaroo or Euro. I have
 also seen spears of the black ralong
 Parakelya which is unpalatable
 stuff only eaten by cattle & horses
 & rarely by latter. Eylesmann has
 been studying the diseases of the
 natives & he does not agree with
 Stirling who states that pilyriasis
 & Proccia is common. Stirling
 has made no reference to the
 latter disease. Evidence of

which he must have seen a great
 deal. I have always argued that
 the disease & typhus was identical
 but Eylesmann says it is not
 so. He thinks Erythema has had
 a nodulatory disease peculiar to
 these people. The disease generally
 affects children & Eylesmann points
 out that only the glands in the

locality of the sore is swollen while
in Syphilis the glans in different
parts of the body are affected
I discussed this disease with Stirling
who did not know it was Syphilis
but with that colossal chuck which
comes of such ignorance I thought
my opinion of more value than
his some reference should be
made to this disease in our work
It is worth noting that it only
attacks people once & then generally
in childhood. Another name for
it almost invariably appears
on the anus under the arms
between the legs or about the
mouth it yields readily to
treatment - Goswami's Sublimated Solution
of 1 in 1000. I have always thought
& I believe agree with me that
Syphilis was common to these
people long before they came

in contact with the white man, it
is my opinion of one of the causes
of their disease, which I think
set in, before the white man
came. The disease might have been
introduced either from the north or
south & passed along from
tribe to tribe. This custom of
interchanging women
would tend to spread the disease
rapidly. Eplmann has not seen a
case of pityriasis or psoriasis
what I think pronounced psoriasis
in my old journal. Eplmann
declares to be something
quite different & probably characteristic
of the tribe. He has examined
the hair & eyelashes of natives
here at the mission. I have
found a note in German
which we are at liberty to make
use of. I am enclosing the note
vide my Kurdand also "the note"

puts into the wound a white greasy
substance called Emra which he squeezes
from the "outside" of his nostrils" without
telling Eplumane that any one was
made of this stuff. I asked him
if he could account for it & he
explained that there are "innumerable pores
far apart across the nose, in the
Whiteman the fat escapes naturally thro
the pores of the skin (except in rare
instances when it produces an inflamed red
appearance of the nose) but the
black's pores being closed ^{with dirt} it does not
escape so readily & he is thus obliged
to force it out by squeezing & it
comes out in little white columns about 20 long!
When the nose is squeezed in cool
weather. Eplumane made a sketch
of Bob in which dots indicate
the Emra I am enclosing the sketch
I am afraid that so much about
Eplumane will make you uneasy.

& I can almost imagine & I see you
 drifting towards it. I feel certain that he does not intend
 to do any Anthropology except
 perhaps in a general way - he all
 intends to see previous work on
 his travels, on his return to
 Germany which may last
 place from a couple of years, he
 is now at Barrow Coal
 for Dr Darwin but expects to return
 here, he has discovered fossils
 all through the James Ketchikan &
 other ranges & appears very well
 satisfied with his geological work
 which will I think be well done
 I think I told you of some
 interesting drawings in a case
 25 miles) in Barrow Coal
 System. One of these drawings
 & offered to go & copy them for
 me in water colours. I of course (accepted)

his offer & expects to receive the
drawings in time for next mail. I have
arranged for the Police Trooper at
Burrton, Conn. to accompany him to
the cars as it would be unwise to go
alone to such a wild place. I have
an idea that the Dr. does not
know much of the Passaic
and the Horn Sept. - You of course
metalogical holes would explain how
on earth you managed to extract
so much information on the
subject without witnessing the
operation. I cannot for the life
of me understand the Alper
windows mentioned & is merely a
piece of sheen such as the men
here were suspended from the
Waste in Corcoran (note
Stirling erroneously states that
is worn as a covering for the
Pins) the word Ultha merely signifies

a stick - of any root Athuringa means
of or belonging to the bush or scrub

Your Utrui urtwia I have spelled
Athura atrua in my notes - I have
gone into the Undara notes with
two or three Kangaroo men but
have not been able to add anything
The only discrepancy is that
the stone you mention is said
to be present in the puca tail
of the Kangaroo which was killed
by the Wed dogs from the Achilpa
in the east - the Wed dogs are
said to have buried the tail
that Kals father, the man now in
charge of Undara is Achilpa but
there being no Kangaroo men in
the district he has charge until
Jain Oroka chooses to relinquish
his country & take his proper
position as custodian of the peace
I am returning the Undara notes of

which I have taken a copy have
kept the sketch as I may require
it if I visit the place. I cannot
learn anything of the Fure Egiwa
but if it comes off I shall try
to get there. I doubt whether anything
on a large scale will take place.
I have been enquiring about the
manimate lotus of I may be
form them the - Angamba man
believe that he sprung from
the tree & the Iriakwa man
from the tree in fact the
same way as other men have
descended from animals & birds
there is the tree then the Chwanga
from which sprung the man & so
on. I think I understand quite
clearly there are no cloud men
in this locality but I hope to
lay my hands on a Simian
story - The Kanga found probably

originated for the purpose of multiplying
 the women but it has grown far
 far beyond its original purpose
 it is now, as you know, from
 personal observation, very much
 more. Although a man may
 make a stone Churinga hanga &
 know that it is a fraud he does
 not necessarily doubt the benefits
 of other hanga. Most of the wooden
 Churinga are not hanga at
 all but are made by old
 men for ceremonial purposes
 were so used in the Alecheringa
 for special ceremonies and a great
 number of Totems in this district
 have Nwitanja but all cases it is
 the subdivisions like Luit that
 deg up. The meaning of the rings
 is but this must wait until they
 over a havelong which may occur

Any day a number of men here
have yet to be released from
the ban of their presence. Yesterday
I called a woman into my office
the nearly dropped close dead
when her eyes met those of
his Abnawia who was sitting on
the big box. There was a story that
I had to go elsewhere to deliver him
the old Para ground pisotie utaba
to Women & children, women friends
Eswawa Jack Eldenora Family Jack
& others are to deliver here in
the cold weather to please Chovawilya
& murder the ban from several Belava
I hope that old dog Jack would time
his visit so as to reach here still
I am parayison my first northward trip
I am more than disgusted with old
Wansede for using the I from pictures
I did not think him capable of such

Willed me & I am not sure now
that he does not believe I am
responsible for the paper my wife
& I strolled down to the old
Wurley ~~last~~ last night & found that
a cow had been trying to get
on your bank in doing so
got the packing entangled in
horror you & cow gave the
chaos of a wonderful fright to the
cow the ladies are making a
summer residence of the wurley
where having a cow for
they are the disturbed I was glad
of you to send the papers but
unfortunately Hurish with his accustomed
stupidity neglected to send them
by the coach & I have made an
arrangement with Fogarty he is
to take your case to ~~me~~ another
by next mail. Your Blayd & Thayer

Fredrup must now confess that he'd
 thought you wronged him very well
 much when you hinted months
 ago your fears that he might do
 something of the sort, but he sent me
 his journal last mail but I have
 not had time to dip into it yet.
 I shall be anxious to hear further
 developments with least who I hope
 will be benefited by his trip to the
 The Iowa Inquirer a few days ago
 - not fatally or seriously - a man named
 Beattie told me Cowie is in pursuit
 of the bears and that they are well
 of Cowie to be compelled for treatment
 will necessitate Cowie going to Town
 that you may see him very shortly
 working to some other day the little
 bear had added a ps to his letter
 "Just observed your real letter puff in
 Bulletin 9.1.97 keep it up" I confess that

feeling about the University that your
 repetitions are too frequent I think
 this must be fancy on your part
 or your University authorities are
 a very illiberal set, they don't seem
 to make any fuss in the Colony
 about Sturling's trips surely your
 people mean that these abuses of
 yours are devoted to scientific research
 if Pallasall should or if the Lord
 will shower down a little £5000 upon
 me & I find that you cannot
 come with me at half the value of
 the work more than half in fact
 & much of the pleasure of carrying
 it through will disappear. I am
 eager to see the same chapters &
 I am still more eager to hear
 what the *Quarabala* Hornet & Fish
 think of results of your trip
 Every paper brings news of Stirling

his share to me for £3 just a
 tenth of what it cost him. Our
 man, who was the discoverer of this
 new show, mistled as shamefully did
 like a stone horse. I got a dividend of
 1/- per share - about equim - on my
 Quinlan Menager last month it strange to
 say the shares have been falling ever
 since. We had two weeks of rains
 late in February & the whole country
 is looking much better though the
 feed has not come on as well as
 we expected - the crop of flies tho
 is abundant that is some consolation
 Herd & Mrs Connor have checked
 their spooning & perch after the
 fence the old girl grows
 younger daily. Robert has taken
 to balling his hair on
 Sundays this more than anything else
 concerned me that his attention are

he has made good exchanges with
the British Museum & has delivered
before the Zoological Society &
exhibited the Callabonna bones &
has not written him since he
left for England but shall do
so after he returns, he seems to be
having a special time & see by
the papers that Horn is publishing
an illustrated article on the Sept
in the English Illustrated Magazine
for February with an appendix & for
a copper - You will be delighted
to hear that our local Crustacean
professor from the new
outcrop (about which Besley intended
to ~~write~~ ^{write} in the wheel
fortune & claims gave in a return
of five dollars to the town
of ~~the~~ ^{the} & ~~the~~ ^{the} for do-
again - Byrne gives distinct solid

feeling about the University that your
 expectations are too frequent I think
 this must be fancy on your part
 or your memory, authorities are
 a very illiberal set, they don't seem
 to make any fuss in the colony
 about Starlings, but surely your
 paper shows that these abuses of
 yours are devoted to scientific research
 if Pallas should or if the Lord
 will show down a little £5000 upon
 me & I find that you cannot
 come with one sixth the value of
 the work more than what in fact
 increases the pleasure of writing
 it though will disappear. I am
 eager to see the same chapter &
 I am sure most eager to hear
 what the *Avicennae* & *Homotif* fishes
 showed of results of your trip
 Every paper brings a few Sterling

found shielded boundaries but he
 presumed very doubtful for he says
 it is in the coast thing in
 the world to make a mistake
 in of a matter of this kind - he
 has quite respect for Byrd's growing
 opinions it takes him per parcels
 perhaps contains his late experiences
 in the C. Canada 1 or Phas M.D. organ
 of dequens in glass tubes. Squire
 has gone to Marion for
 three months change & he has
 promised to do some collecting
 I am out of Ipt's wine but
 have not touched the formain
 yet you had better send along
 another time of Ipt's we shall
 require at least three gallons
 for our trip I presume you
 would like to see on some
 collecting. How about the big rat

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I got on last trip you sent out to
a Sydney man I think - the frogs
too were they known species? The
Wife was greatly pleased with Walsby's
photo. I bias me thank you for it
& for the recipe which she
is going to try after the main
leaves the S: of lemon you
mentioned did not come by mail
but we have plenty on hand. -
Send^{ing} three or four tubes filled with
spouts for distribution between Barron
& Tennant Stations so that they may
collect before I arrive there. I
have already sent one tube filled
with spouts to each Station. I
am much concerned about your eyes
& sincerely hope that there is
nothing seriously wrong. I have
always thought that you were too
hard - you know the intellectual

Cancell at both ends if you persist
 in doing so you will not only
 injure yourself physically but you will
 will impair your intellectual vigor
 One of our noblest & best public men
 in this Colony for some years ago has
 fact did from ~~some~~ he would never
 believe to his Medical Advisors & when
 I phoned & they told him his constitution did
 not possess the necessary power to
 shake it off - You must obey the Dr
 and put your eyes at night as much
 as possible & read few I think it is
 put your wife is in town & home
 to see that you carry out the Dr's
 instructions You must be looking forward
 eagerly to seeing them all again
 I hope they will have a safe &
 pleasant journey the long sea voyage
 via the Cape should do them all good

You should be heartily sick of hatching.
We still wish you very much, to me
the peace has never seemed the same
since you left. I have no one to give
hally me or tell me wholesome truths
about my imperfections. Little Jack
(Baefow) has been promoted to his studies
his growing apace. he & Briskell
are continually bringing up frogs
Hizards, in all stages of decay but
for the fessa - their mother is in
a continual state of fondness they
should pick up a snake or a scorpion
The flies are here in millions & they
the readers suffer a good deal
from bunged eyes a disease that
I suppose you have never experienced
Old Polly Solomon with a bunged
eye & lip is at the present
moment a right hand to be forgotten

I tried to persuade the old
 fowl to let me photograph
 her this morning (I wish you
 could have seen her -) for your
 benefit but before I could
 get the instrument she was
 scooting away for the hills
 leaving behind a tom cat in a
 fit. I have printed a set of
 the Echunga pictures for Sambo
 I have had a neat shallow tin
 case made to hold them & they
 are to be taken & deposited with
 the Chewinga in the Estuabalinga
 shortly. Sambo was delighted to
 see your O'Keelya. The King
 the old O'Keerabata interviewed me
 today touching the performance
 of an Erkincha Quabara he
 wanted to know if you were

with the great Echempa Norabata,
several of the men have asked
me what the great Echempa thought
of their Corroborees. The great Echempa
has been talked of round many a
camp fire during the last few months.
I wish I had a good large
photo of him in which the nose was
exaggerated. Couldn't you make a sketch
that I could set up in my den.

Somewhere or other mention of
the great Echempa always makes
the old King look solemn while
the slightest reference to the
potbellied Norabata wrecks his
face in smiles. The potbellied
is of the Echipa tribe
An enclosure a few notes holding
of minor importance. I was afraid

My kind regards to French.
 Our united regards & best wishes
 to yourself. We both hope
 that Mrs Spencer & the children
 will return to you much
 benefitted by the trip.
 Take care of your
 eyes & of yourself generally
 old fellow

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones sends her kind regards to the
 Professor "he was such a nice happy
 little gentleman & didn't he enjoy his cup of
 tea in the morning but I never knew what
 he was going to say"