

Miss Springs  
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My dear Spencer

The weather is intensely hot & we are crowded with visitors who are here for the Christmas & racing carnival so my letter this mail must necessarily be brief - first of all let me thank you for the photos they are a splendid lot & I am mounting them in a scrap album which I shall keep for your pictures alone. Thanks also for the pretty book which you sent little Brian the little Miss was delighted to think that

You had not forgotten our  
little Chaparral. he has not  
forgotten the fessa. "America fessa"  
he told the widgeon <sup>the morning</sup>  
"Brian send it fessa" big frog  
(frog). I read your nice story  
asking me to treat your letter  
as "Special". My caution has not  
necessary. I should never have  
thought of saying any thing  
about the looking affair. I  
was surprised & disgusted when  
I read that portion of your  
letter which referred to Starling's  
article in Nature. When he  
was to write a certain <sup>article</sup> perfect  
but I did not think he would  
depth of meanness its hardly  
the sort of thing one (a trawler  
or anyials) would expect from

a man of his position. I  
regret now that I let him  
have my notes. I think  
of little value but I'm containing  
information he could not get hold  
of. I wonder that you could  
contain yourself upon reading  
these articles. I should have  
gone for him in tooth & nail.  
This paragraph below from the  
London letter of the Atlantic  
Observer shows what may be  
found below in your cases  
at home.

The supposed discovery of a whistling  
spider by the Horn Expedition has created  
great interest here. It is regarded as one of  
the greatest scientific discoveries of the  
century, and it is turns out to be true Dr.  
Starling ought to have good claims for a  
knighthood as the "philanthropist" Mr. Willie  
Horn.

Mr. George Fowler will probably return to

they evidently look upon Starling  
as the scientific leader of  
the expedition. If you attacking

him would jeopardise the  
success of the book. Perhaps  
it is as well to let  
him for the present. If I  
have read the old Savage  
wright's History will not have  
things all his own way, is  
it clearly understood that the  
obj is to edit the book?  
If he <sup>strictly</sup> makes an fair use of  
my notes I shall go for  
him in vigorous if not  
polished language. Glad to  
hear the plates reached  
you safely. Keep them  
as long as you require  
them, there is no hurry.  
The weather here is too hot  
for photographic work  
it would kill a print to

develop plates these rights -  
 Still unable to procure spec-  
 imens though I suggest all attempts  
 on the look out. The green  
 frog is a beautiful green when  
 alive but changes ~~and~~ colour  
 in spirits, Squire who is head  
 of the frog & Conens lagoon  
 department has been trying to get  
 some specimens for this mail  
 but without success. These frogs  
 are rare but when we get another  
 Mrs Guerin will try to paint it  
 or at any rate give you the  
 exact shade of green. I am sending  
 you a bottle of frogs this mail  
 Conens lagoon has been dry for  
 some time but as soon as  
 rain falls every effort will  
 be made to procure specimens

I have noted your instructions about packing Scott Station at Semant's Creek how where for the races has promised to collect mammals and birds for you and I think it very likely in some very interesting specimens will come from that quarter. I shall not trouble to send anything in future except perhaps a few apertorial things. By the way I have a beautiful spear throwing stick (Woomera) & some spears for your Semant's collection. I can send you some things to museums & universities. These things will be sent through the Warrackean office of post & telegraph office.

I shall not trust the papers to the older members of the staff - Court's colleague (Dain) is suffering from diabetes a disease which has killed two of his nephews. he is advised for the station it will probably bring the top Principals' Madras & Cap. I could write you a paper for you to get in the April Gleaner has printed this a paper that I have for you. I shall have a houseful for Christmas. I think you could be with us if you think we could interest you in the following days raking. but as the course is within a mile of Condon's Lager you would

Probably, give us that slip. I have  
not heard from I form what  
in the name of the devils  
father does he want to write  
to me for? I quite believe  
he is a good fellow. I am  
sure he is. Since you have  
such a high opinion of  
him. Surely you don't think  
I have any prejudices against  
the Anglo Saxons? I should  
much like to read an account  
of the Astounded numbers of  
the Horn Expedition written in  
the chaste style of the Sub  
Editor of the As Scorpion. How  
such a contribution would make  
the fortune of any paper pub  
lished among my brother Sons  
Alexandria Parroquets by themselves

leaving here shortly two of the  
 number will be handed to  
 Wm. C. C. to be forwarded to  
 you these are for Miss Spencer  
 pray do not laugh at them  
 for your beloved University  
 Museum, Chance is sending  
 Storking a couple of and  
 also sending some to  
 Zoological gardens. These birds  
 whistle beautifully but they  
 must be kept apart - they all  
 talk wonderfully well. I am sending  
 you two plates of *Acridothera*  
 one an excellent picture  
 the other poor, but you  
 may be able to improve  
 it I took two plates a  
 few weeks ago one  
 & accidentally broke the other

So had to visit the Gap  
a second time in your  
interest. Will make several  
Nigger heads to send  
do you want me to send  
you the relations or what  
I merely said to government  
prints? Niggers find this  
moment returned from a  
four days. That hunt and  
expeditions results 12 of  
those little - that which  
Monomed. Corners - Chance  
at South are trying hard to  
get some for Sterling but  
so far without success. I  
traced to be able to send  
you some. This mail I had to  
make special efforts to get  
some, hope you will not

think we are not interesting  
ourselves. Every member who  
the staff is anxious to  
contribute in something towards  
your - constant. They are  
cheerful. Gladly successful  
of the General is the importance  
Professor. You have the  
deduction of Draper since you  
you (abundant) of being the  
Professor means of the  
expedition in it is. I am  
be recognized by everyone  
that you are the training  
man too - poor old Sterling  
does not appear to have  
made any friends! By the  
way if you are working  
Walt see him all drop  
him a line after 7 was

I really can't find time to  
scrutinize him at this time. This  
mail. Hanley has gone to  
town & is now in the  
bosom of his family - feeling  
an appointment in the  
settled district he will go  
to Westralia. With these plates  
you will find print of  
little Bri on horseback. You  
will note that he has been  
promoted to ~~the~~ ~~rank~~ ~~of~~ ~~Major~~.  
Yours in sending kindest  
regards that wishes may  
the coming year bring you  
health happiness prosperity &  
if you covet it, distinction.  
I remain  
Yrs always faithfully  
Frank G. G. G.