

All members of the  
stuff here are not  
are not - the  
are not - you  
are not - hands  
are not - coming  
are not - &  
are not - remembrance

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Miss Springs  
2nd Feby 1895

My dear Spencer

Thanks old fellow  
for your news from Guam  
I was bombarded with  
congratulatory notes from  
all parts of the Colony  
yesterday & I am afraid  
the Operators in Adelaide  
must have passed the  
addition to the house of  
O'Connell. I am glad to  
say both Wess & Letts  
are doing splendidly  
I feel rather out in the cold  
myself, the house is dominated  
by a Savoy Gamp like person  
whom I imported from down

Comby some month ago - If my  
books great the Scouts at the  
& if I happen to emerge or  
I shall also a whisper the signs  
in a most irritatingly depressed  
style, the colour of my red  
Clay's <sup>crucial</sup> ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> to experience  
a sort of a <sup>existing</sup> ~~is~~  
the pet of the "straw" when  
"at least taste" of those star  
handy will remove. I am not  
allowed to touch the Baby  
test. I should find it's not  
a proposal of mine to take  
him out to show him I am not  
met by a peremptory order  
to leave the house & an insulting  
reward about my being <sup>defiant</sup>  
in my natural feeling. This has  
no defied to a certain extent

by a further remark that all  
men were able to see. Little  
Philosopher's note is in fact clear  
out of joint & he wanders  
around in a most forlorn  
Condition, he will have  
of the Baby & declares himself  
cooperates (little) & acoma  
(the good). Thanks for your  
long and interesting letter  
We had a capital Christmas  
time though he was rather  
disappointed at Lyons not  
being here. The men passed  
off splendidly. Come from the  
Maiden Place & Pass those  
of the Principal events. I  
smile the books up to  
high school too & made  
sufficient to pay the

Expenses of my next trip  
to Town. Hope to leave here  
about the end of April &  
shall take the Wags & take  
one to Oodnadatta where my  
Brother will meet them. I  
shall return here, do my  
northern trips to Tennants  
Street & leave for Adelaide  
about the beginning of June  
& hope to enjoy a Chat &  
a pipe <sup>& some whistling!</sup> with you about  
the middle of July. Pray  
do not let your taste for new  
Vermion taste you away just  
then or I shall be greatly  
disappointed. You can imagine  
my surprise upon hearing  
that you were in Adelaide  
en route for Charlotte Waters.

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and my disgust too when I  
heard that you were not coming  
on here. I am curious to  
know what you are after, is  
it Moler and are you going  
to taste up Stirling's work on  
this particular beast? it would  
seem him right if you did.  
The old Savage was more than  
indiscreet in showing your letter  
to Stirling - not to put a gilt-  
edged point upon it, he was a  
d-d fool if not worse. I  
love the old dog & don't think  
he would be capable of intentionally  
trashing us that - Stirling has  
never mentioned any thing about  
the matter in his letters but  
in any case my sympathies  
are entirely with you. Yours

letter to Watson gives the exact  
truth but I wish you had  
not put in that reference  
to the Cabot, it was a great dis-  
displayed a little temper which  
was not worthy of you or  
your reputation - temper has  
honour natural under the circumstances  
Pharmacopoeia Macdonaldia was the  
best way out of a truly difficulty  
& I think you acted wisely - I  
have told South that there were  
reasons which compelled you to  
alter your original intention about  
the name & that he would have  
felt great for the discovery & I  
am glad to say he is quite  
content. He need not know anything  
about the Solway incident. I  
has read your Pamphlet on the

two new transcriptions with some  
interest & more disgust, if  
you had seen me weekly,  
take it in one hand, &  
a dictionary of Scientific Terms  
in the other you would  
have longed for your small  
Cassara. By the way, do of  
Pozzobon, Volno della, I am  
sending a box containing three  
bottles of tart for you, &  
two bags for French plane  
wood the latter in small phials  
contains a tadpole like creature,  
gathered from a Claypan.  
They are uncanny looking but  
both shells on their backs. One  
Bottle contains two large dead green  
frogs, not Hyla Galani, two  
less, two Lechis, tadpoles frogs &

And the remaining bottle contains  
two very curious & rare lizards  
which I tried to describe to  
you when here - If this lizard  
is new, to Field belongs the  
credit of sending you the  
type specimens, the smaller one  
of the two I got through  
the Niggers yesterday. They  
call it Ichill yooce & believe  
that if it breathes upon  
them they will become ~~the~~  
dread - nothing will induce, even  
the civilized boys here, to touch  
it. I notice the colours, which are of  
very delicate tints, change in the  
spots the eyes, coal black in  
life, become white. I have seen  
lizards of this species nearly twice  
the size of the largest one I saw

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I am sending it. Although Conlon's lagoon has been flooded by recent rains there is no sign of the particular crust you want from that locality. Squire & others have been down several times around with collecting bottles but only a very few of the old shells of last year are to be found - Squire & myself are going down again in a few days. Strange to say (†: A peculiarity about this lizard is that the tongue is like a dog's & the beast has a habit of licking its lips, doglike) there are no tadpoles or any other living exhalans in the lagoon at present - Can it be that the visit of a descendant of St Patrick has vanished the frog

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hits from the locality? As a  
learned Professor you surely know  
that St. Patrick touched the  
Frogs from Ireland - My God!  
I was nearly speeling it with a  
smash. I wish the same  
illustrious personage would consign  
the Queer Springs fish to the  
devil, they are simply awful,  
millions of them to the square  
mile, I have never known them  
so bad before. Although I  
have a melodorous Bogy of  
tender grass turning me white  
I write they nearly drive me  
to distraction. I am afraid you  
will have anything but a pleasant  
trip, especially if you have  
come without a Surgeon net -  
Thanks very much for the photos

They are a splendid lot. I  
am sending duplicates in reply  
to Byrne as requested, the  
weather here has been too  
hot for photographic work but  
in a month or so I shall  
start on your series of  
fishes & shall also get  
pictures of circumcisions &  
other ceremonies. Experiment in  
any way you like with my  
plates, in fact do with them  
just as you would with  
your own. It does not matter  
how many of you spoil some  
of them. I can easily  
replace them later on. During  
next or a lot of prints from  
my negatives (to some extent)  
I'll mail everyone of them <sup>with</sup>



the work would disgrace the worst  
tyro at the game & I have  
advised him to take them  
back to Pastor & Rouse & make  
them supply a fresh lot. I  
have never seen anything half  
so bad, come out of a  
professional establishment. I wish  
you could see these prints,  
ask Sterling about them. You  
have seen copies in my albums  
here, all good, the picture of  
your girls & their "humorous family"  
is extremely good, the little  
boys never too of admiring  
it. I hope Mrs. Spenser was  
pleased with your work on this  
occasion, the picture is quite  
up to professional form I  
reckon — This is more Photographs

procurable, have just seen Chance  
 who is trying to get some  
 for Stirling & he reports Police  
 Riggers have had no luck. I  
 have sent three riggers out to  
 Simpsons Gap & am expecting  
 them back daily. if they  
 are successful I will let you  
 know as the Charolts. Am  
 gradually filling the big collecting  
 box with all sorts of remains  
 By the way it might be worth  
 your while to send me for  
 gallons of spirits of Wine from  
 Adelaide I could distribute  
 some of it to the Salween  
 Masters at Barrow & Tennants  
 seats - You will probably pick  
 up the parrots at Oodnadatta  
 on your way back. I have

no very fine White Coccoloto  
(known as the "Coccoloto") from  
German to French to English and sending  
you the first opportunity  
they are fine looking birds  
of the same species as  
James celebrated Coccoloto,  
whose interview with Lady  
Hopeston in Adelaide, some  
time since, I have already told  
you to have a Chat  
with you at the Charlotte  
New South of New York  
I shall not have sufficient  
energy left to describe  
justice to the new boy of  
two - Hope your trip will  
be both enjoyable and  
profitable I should much  
like to have had you here

if only for one evening  
But regards to good wishes  
from Mrs. & my Lovers from  
little Pilotta - Stianthe  
Yours sincerely

J. A. Fisher

Ms. Norton sent me a  
rather nice parcel with  
nothing up with Stanton before  
he left & I replied hoping  
that "his journey in  
Australia had made him  
a good Stone Rules". I have  
heard since that old Sir Charles  
Todd was the more &  
nearly fainted at what he  
termed my audacity! J. A.