

Nice Springs
Nov 9 1895

My dear Sencer

I was very agreeably surprised to receive letter from you by this mail. Thought your trip to C. N. would prevent your writing. am sorry your energy & enterprise was not better rewarded. though I suppose you will be thoroughly satisfied if the rat you mention proves to be new. I then Byrnes would look after you well & from what he tells we he enjoyed your visit immensely - The two large

Hard you frogs I sent you
last mail - more caught shels
the Crab was in flood
the Muggers do not appear
to be familiar with them
& they has not been able
to procure any since - Begs
two mail I am Post long
What containing no Curious
things - allowed insects found
in the Spinfex Country
Do miles - north of here
I am in hopes of these are
new to you. At first
I thought of sending them
to French but on second
consideration I decided upon
sending them to you. By
Parcel of the Curiosity
& inbepid one (Nanceco)

I am sending the containing
shels shels that (shels)
the tin has been carefully
collected & packed in a box
I should wish you safely
By Carrels which left here
a week ago. I sent also
one of the C. I. one, a small
bundle of Choice Metals
weapons, another Conignment
will sent here in the course
of a few weeks - Sent you
a small parcel like this last
mail - Procured from Clay^{ms}
you do not mention them
in your letter, did they
reach you? they resemble you
Sketch of a head which you
has asked me to procure
in this mails letter -



No success at Corcoran lagoon
nor have I been able to
get any Phascogale Mac's
Squire will attend to your
request about Euro. & other skins
when the weather becomes a
little milder - I have already
started collecting skulls of
various marsupials. I have no
objection to your making
use ~~of~~ (for the book) of any
of my photos that you
may think worth reproducing
providing I get the credit
for them. With reference to
the information about no. of
children sterility etc. I will
get to work on it as soon
& let you know the
results after careful inquiry -

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Shall I supply the information
to Stobling as an addition
to my notes? I shall be glad
of any suggestions you can
give me as to information
about the blacks which would
be likely to prove interesting
to Anthropologists - The Progressives
land tax are glad that your
Politicians are at last falling
into line in the forward
movement their muddled
Conservatism has brought Victoria
to the verge of bankruptcy
I am neither a Single Taxer or
a Socialist but I believe thoroughly
in the Progressive form of
taxation lately introduced here
& copied in England by Sir
Wm. Harcourt. Victoria will have

to follow suit will be nicely
Upper house or the Upper
House very soon - The Labour
Party you say are doing their
best to ruin the Colony, this
is the threadbare, fashion gag-
politicians of the highly
respectable type of James
Munro & Mathew Davies who
simply legislated in their
interest of a gang of
thieves are the sort of people
who have done more than anyone
else to bring this disaster
upon Victoria. I am not a
belong in the Labour Party
they are undoubtedly heroes &
selfish but this selfishness
was begotten by the insatiable
greed of the corrupt. including.

Classes of Wars gone by -
One of our best liked Land
owners in the Colony voted
for the Program Land Tax
in Parliament - I'd much like
to thank this subject but
tragedy with you over a
little good thing. The very
nature of your occupations
tends to make you somewhat
proud do not love your old
liberal instincts in the Party
atmosphere of Melbourne University
do not accept as far as I feel
the hell bound. I feel convinced
of the begot. Argos which
would have drawn John Gavan
Duffy out of the public life
of the Colony merely because
he remembered the memory of

one of the noblest & most
gifted men of his race Grant.

Will it be safe to venture
to Melbourne after the railroad
without at least an offering

of say - frogs - I have used
a lot of photo material by

this mail & hope to send you

some results next mail if the
weather does not keep too hot

Your picture of the Cueting
operation (noct) at Tump

has greatly interested my

higgers & I have arranged

to take a series of pictures

giving different stages of

the Ceremony etc shortly.

Don't you wish you could

be here with your camera

at the time?

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Is the banded or striped bandicoot
common to Australia? The
Nygars describe such an animal
as being found in the
Spinifex Country north of
here. I am trying to get
a specimen - a walk has
left for the settled districts
& his successor is to write
shortly. The residents gave
him a farewell dinner at
Gunter's Hotel at which
I presided & spread myself
only getting home shortly
before midnight. Cook is
still living his lonely life
at Illawarra he has
not paid us a visit
for over 12 months. I hear
of that the money of

his existence is only broken
by the visits of impetuous
individuals intent on
honorary money - which I'm
afraid they always get -
he is generous to a fault -
Your letter must be a
godsend to him - My
Collection of Sacred Stones
grows apace - it will cost
me a small fortune to
deport them to Adelaide
I should much like you
to have the kind of them
for a month or two
just to see if you
could make any thing
of them. I have offered
to send them to Dooling
for description in the

From book but he does not
appear to be very keen
on the subject. Has he
begun his report I have
heard nothing from him
about it for some time.
As the present state of
Progress I will be ignors
Before the book is issued
Am sending the old
Savage a good assortment
of plants by this mail all
my collections in fact
to go now. I have just been
called away to attend a
man down the Creek who
is I fancy suffering from
Epilepsy shall be
loved to continue writing
after I return -

Wife joins me in
sending kind regards
all good wishes -
including picture of
Mrs. Kiddle instantaneous
taken in dark corner
of veranda this week
Account for Curious
Colour - I like the
Yours Sincerely

W. H. Smith