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Darwin  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Spencer

I could not cure the  
Dugong Hides so have to put you off  
until about June next year sorry to say.  
but am sending one case of Baskets & a  
re list enclosed, also 4 Bean Pods, I only  
know them by the name of. The Queensland  
Bean, but they grow on Melville Island  
& also on Croker Id. everybody does not  
know that. I hope all will arrive safely  
& if I have not sent what you wanted  
please explain & let me know, you will  
see by the baskets that I did not have  
them make for the occasion they are  
about as large as they make them for their  
own use of course I can get them to make  
some larger if you want any larger ones  
let me know at once & I can get them  
made this wet season, we have had  
very little rain this season yet it is  
as hot as usual, no doubt you will  
have heard that Sidrath has been Emerald  
& I suppose he will go as far as Melbourne

It is probable there by now, things  
in general are a bit mixed here at  
present what with the change of Government  
& other things, but no doubt will improve  
soon, when I was in Melbourne I had  
a look through the Museum & I did  
not see any Mother of Pearl Shells, are  
there any there, if not I will give you some  
no more at present so will conclude  
by wishing you a merry Christmas &  
a Happy New Year with fondest regards  
& best wishes I remain yours &c &c

Thankful to say Alice is well & there  
has not been near so much sickness on the  
Isd this year & no measles so far from  
R. J. Cooper

M.S.

N.S.

Brown Bros will ship case per Empire  
on 2nd Dec addressed to the Melbourne  
Museum