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"The Old Curiosity Shop,"

11, NEW OXFORD STREET,

LONDON, N.W.C.

(Near Mudie's Library and the British Museum.)

FENTON & SONS.

5th Nov. 1888

Genl Pitt Rivers

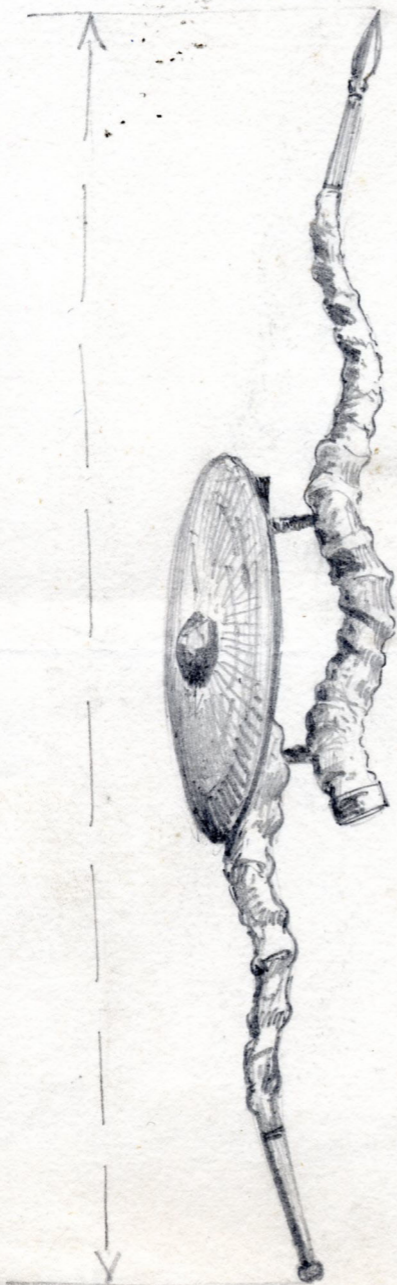
Dear Sir

The shield as per enclosed sketch sent by you we have sold. It was about 20 inches in length.

We enclose sketch of a smaller specimen, without the brass centre which may possibly interest you. ^{Pierced}
This appears to be complete as it is.

Yours faithfully

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10th Oct '88

Genl Pitt Rivers

Dear Sir

I managed to buy the Iron Casket for you yesterday & left instructions for it to be forwarded to you with the bedstead. The key of the box could not be found, when it was put up for sale, but the porter promised to have a good search & send it if he could find it.

The Oak Table I did not buy, as it realized £3-5-0.

J.

I omitted to mention to you
yesterday a collection of 19 Hindoo
Gods, carved in soapstone, which
we have recently purchased. They
are an interesting lot & you may
perhaps like to see them when
you are coming this way.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours truly
W. F. Fenton

“Old Curiosity Shop.”

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

FENTON & SONS,
Dealers in Antiques and Articles of Vertu,
11 NEW OXFORD STREET,
LONDON, W.C.

CHINA, ARMOUR, IVORIES, MINIATURES.

GREEK, ROMAN, EGYPTIAN, PREHISTORIC AND ETHNOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES.

May 14th 1895

Genl Pitt Rivers

4 Grosvenor Gardens

Dear Sir

We send you herewith a sketch of the
Lead water Cistern mentioned to you last week. We
have three offered to us, all of the same date 1438.
on one of the others there is more ~~excess~~ ornamental
border work. The price of them ^{is} £18 each.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
Fenton & Sons

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Nov 24th 1896

General Pitt Rivers

Dear Sir

In reply to your telegram we have today forwarded to Finsbury Station on approval the goods selected by Mr Gray and we have also added three other pieces of China with similar ornamentation on.

We must apologize for

not answering before this
your letter of the 5th Inst,
but we had been waiting
to write and at the same
time send you some sketches
but our man who does this
work has been too busy
to attend to us, However
anything good we do not
think you have missed,
for a number of the specimens
in Webster's catalogue
are our property we

allow him to illustrate
them.

In future when we get
anything special likely
to suit you, we will
communicate with you.

We beg to remain,
Dear, Sir

Yours faithfully
Fenton Hows

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LONDON, W.C

May 17th 1898

Genl Pitt Rivers

Dear Sir

We have a set of three

masks from Tyrol which we think might interest you.

Enclosed is a full description of them. The price of the set

is £75-0-0. and if you would like them sent to you on

approval we shall be pleased to do so on hearing from you.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Fenton Sons

(Part of 17. 5. 1898)

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A set of three wooden masks belonging to the brotherhood of Berchtelsläufer in the village of Lans near Innsbruck in Tyrol 17th Century: -

The first one represents the Devil, ~~with~~ head of a monster with large buck-horns.

The second a spectre (bearded head of a man carved in Gothic lines).

The third a witch (head of a woman with very long nose.)

The brotherhood runs with these masks during the holy nights of the Yule-time (Berchtelmächte) through the whole village, through every house, jumping ~~and~~ crying and dancing to expel the Devil and the evil spirits out of the houses.

These old wooden masks are extremely scarce, there exists a few in the Museum of the Prince of Hohenzollern in Sigmaringen, in the Germanic Museum in Nuremberg ^{and} in the Ethnological Museum in the Museum for Volkstradt in Berlin.
