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My dear Sir

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your admirable monograph on Locks, for which I hope you will accept my very best thanks. It contains an immense amount of valuable information on the subject and being treated from the "development" point of view all the facts fall into their places, ^{so} naturally and complicated problems assume a simplicity, which must carry conviction, even to such back-sliders as the British

Museum authorities, that this is the only rational method to employ. ~~If~~ As no doubt you intend to describe other portions of your anthropological collection in a similar way it will help greatly to revolutionise the antiquated systems of arrangement adopted at most museums and make the public take a more intelligent interest in such matters than they do at present.

I am glad to find that you have considered the few notes I sent you of sufficient importance to be commented on and utilised in your book.

I venture to enclose one or two remarks on the plates, which illustrate your work, in case the facts I mention may be new to ~~you~~ you. When I wrote my paper on wooden locks for the Soc. Ant. Scot. I had not had the advantage of studying your collection, and was only working on the surface so to speak

I remain

yrs. vy. truly

J. Romilly Allen.