

not yet made up their minds.
I am moreover, obliged not
to put the new flint new
things "on the market" in such
away as to interfere with
their last acquisition, & so I
may keep them for a time.
I am however free to do
as I like with the other
things - namely my new

discoveries at Esna,
Shebes, Matana, Nagada,
Kina, and so on, which
as you know have nothing
to do with my flint
mines which are hundreds
of miles north, & it is
with reference to these
that I am communicating.

You are the first to
whom I am writing
& if I might send you
a series from the Nile from

Seton - Starr
Ans. June 28/98.

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Dear General Rivers

I was in Egypt
the whole of last
winter, & spent
the time in making
an examination of
the desert along the
banks of the Nile
northwards from Esna
where the sandstone

ends and the flint-
bearing limestone
commences, I also
visited the deserted
emerald mines by the
Red-Sea for $\frac{1}{2}$ Streets.

I also discovered a new
but small flint-mine
near the ^{other} old ones, and
made a very rich haul
chiefly of a great quantity
of knives just like
those from Denmark.

This is I think the first
time there have been found
in Egypt. There were
also tracheons with

handles and large
implements - like the
Presnyg ones - about
3000 in all.

There were no palaeoliths
here, but as I
anticipated I made
great discoveries of
them at Esna where
people from the South
would first meet with
flint.

I have not yet written to
anyone about these things
because I did not want
them separated, and
Liverpool, to whom I
desire to offer them first have

and partly because
I found them
full of the deadly
corastes, the enormous
journals formed by
drifted sand &
piled up excavated
material, making
a trap for them.

I have this in view
however. Perhaps I
ought also to add that
I believe Dr. Forber (Singapore)
desires to effect any
good exchange for the

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Esna, northwards,
which could be illustrated
with a map of the
river from Cairo to
Aswân (for I found
some remarkable ones
in the central desert
E. of Aswân on my
way to the emerald
mines, tho' not of flint),

I think you would
be surprised & pleased.

I think this collection,
which is practically my

writers work (except
the mines) is worth
about 150 £,
& numbers ~~about~~ ^{upwards of}
250, although I
have labelled & repacked
but not counted them.

If this is too many
I could send you a
selection from each
locality of some of
the best for 50 £

or someone could
come & choose for you.

I did not get to
Somaliland again
but next time I
shall endeavour to
work in the way
you explained to
find some deposits
which may contain
remains; I was
also deterred from
excavating ^{one of the pits}
at the flint mine ^{of Wadi el Sheikh}
partly by want of time

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Liverpool Museum
after ~~the~~^{his} next Museum
Bulletin is out
which deals with
the Flint Thin Jugs
which he acquired.

In case I ought not
to have mentioned
to you about my
new flint-mine, so
as not to interfere
with D. Forbes' contemplated
exchanges, perhaps

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you would kindly
consider this as
confidential; because
although the new name
is quite distinct
yet I do not want to
interfere with him,
& so will not part
with any for the present.

But with regard to
other parts of Egypt I
am free, & it is
about these I write.

With best regards

I am personally
W. Seton Karr