

lanate openings in the blades,
like the beauty you got at
the Roots sale. A dagger
is ~~now~~ very curious. At the
top of the blade where it joins
the bronze handle a thin
plate of iron has been added,
I suppose as an ornament.
It must belong to the time when
iron had just come in and
was scarce.

Ethnological things from
many parts of the world must
be getting somewhat difficult
to get, but I suppose the price
has not become prohibitive
even to dishevelled landowners.

Yours very sincerely
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My dear Pile Rivers

I have been on
the move for the last
ten days and a part of
writing in reply to your
letter until I returned home.
I am very sorry to hear
you have been so unwell,
but I hope you will before
long have so far recovered
as to be able to progress
bed during the day, and

to get out of doors. It must
have been a great trouble
to you not to be able to
get about and do some
work, for enforced idleness
or idleness of any kind is
not at all in your line.

I suppose a fourth volume
of your explorations will
be in hand and I anticipate
its appearance before long.
I look forward with an
anxious wish to read the
results of your last diggings.
I should much like to get to

see you and your collections,
but I am very difficult to
move, and indeed at the
age of 79 and some ~~months~~
I do not feel inclined to
make a long journey.

Yes, I still go on collecting,
but I have not added much
lately. I got a few good
things at the sale of the
Forman collection, for which
I had to pay a high price. I
had not seen them and it was
buying pigs in a poke, but
I have not been disappointed.
One thing was a spear head with