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April 15. 1871

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in sending the enclosed apparatus for preparing CO_2

Yours truly

Spencer F. Baird

Asst. Sec.

C. Hart Merriam

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Washington, D.C. June 1. 1871.

My dear Mr Merriam.

I have your letter of the 28th ult, & in reply hasten to say that the Smithsonian has no special privilege in regard to exemption of its correspondents from the action of the laws regulating the capture of birds, or eggs; although it is generally understood that where the interests of Science are involved, the law in reference to such cases will not be enforced with any rigor. Indeed, I was under the impression that the game law of New York provided expressly that specimens of the kind might be taken for purposes of natural history; & I think it is only necessary to present this case, stating that you have been requested by the officers of the Smithsonian Institution to secure specimens, in order to be relieved from the penalty of the law.

Please present my regards to your mother & father, & believe me,

Very truly Yours.
Spencer F. Baird

C. H. Merriam.
White Plains,
New York.

24948.

Wood's Hole, Mass. Aug. 18. 1871.

My Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 22d of July was forwarded from Washington, where I presume the specimens referred to have arrived. As, however, I do not expect to reach home before some time in October, I must defer a more critical reference to them until that time, when it will give me great pleasure to overhaul the eggs & identify them for you as well as I can.

The egg drills are not to be purchased anywhere in this country I believe; but I will supply you with one.

The top of the small blow pipe can be easily supplied in substitute by means of a small birds quill, which in fact will answer a better purpose than the metal.

Thanking you in behalf of the Institution for your contribution to its museum, I remain,

Very truly Yours.

Spencer F Baird

C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
Lucas County,
New York.

2587

Washington, D.C. Jan. 4, 1872.

Dear Sir.

I find on inquiring that the package of books for you was sent to your father's care at the Capitol, & presume that on his return he will forwards it to you. If, however, the books fail to reach you in the course of ten days or two weeks let me know, & I will try to get for you other copies.

Very truly yours

Spencer F Baird

C. Hart Merriam,
Care of Rev. J. F. Quigley
Elizabeth
N. J.

Eastport, Maine, June 26, 1872.

My Dear Hart.

I was glad to find by your letter of the 9th of June that you had commenced collecting eggs & nests, & have no doubt that you will bring out some choice rarities.

You must not be discouraged if you find the numbers of nests, at present rather scarce. You will have an opportunity undoubtedly, of gathering them through a month at least, as some kinds are late in laying, & others have two broods in a season.

Be very careful to obtain a parent for every set of eggs you get, so that we may be able to determine with absolute certainty the species. Even though you may see the parent & recognize it, it adds greatly to the value of the collection if the bird itself is brought along. When exploring the cove you might have

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tried whether it contained any fossil bones or not; or Indian relics. Such localities are frequently very rich in objects of this kind. I will have the pamphlet of instructions sent to Fred. Nudget, as requested. I do not think of any special kinds of birds to be looked for, as, if you make a complete collection of every thing you meet the ground will be covered very effectually. Get plenty of duplicates & good skins of the Grouse family, especially the Dusky Grouse, the Sage Cock & the Franklin's Grouse.

Very truly yours.
Spencer F. Baird

C. Hart Merriam,
Care Prof. Hayden,
Ogden
Utah.

Eastport, Me. July 2, 1872.

My Dear Hart:

I have rec'd your letter of the 22d June, announcing the transmission of the collections, & trust that they will very soon be in Washington. I return your letter to Mr Ridgway, asking him to keep a careful note of & answer your inquiries. This I hope he will do to your satisfaction.

On my return to Washington, the 1st of October, I anticipate much pleasure in looking over the series, & hope to find some interesting rarities.

Very truly yours.

W W Baird

C. Hart Merriam,
Care Prof. F. V. Hayden,
Fort Ellis,
Montana.

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I notice that sometimes you have a different number for nest and egg, and the parent but always marks them by the same numbers so that if your list is mislaid, we can refer one to the other

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Washington, Jan. 4. 1875.

My Dear Hart.

We will take great pleasure in sending you all the books mentioned in your bill, that we have in stock. Of some for which you ask there are no copies left, & some others have not been published.

Yours very truly.
Spencer Baird

C. Hart Merriam Esq.
New Haven.
Conn.

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United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

WOOD'S HOLE,
BARNSTABLE CO., MASS.
Washington, Sept. 24, 1875.

My dear Mr. Merriam:

Inclose, herewith, check on Washington for $75., which please acknowledge, and also receipt accompanying blank.

Yours truly,
Spencer F. Baird

C. Hart Merriam, Esq.,
Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.

For services as Asst on U.S. Fish Commission at Woods Holl during the summer vacation. Ctm

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JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Representative Smithsonian and
Food Fishes Departments.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1876.

Board on behalf United States Executive Departments,
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Washington, D. C. March 9, 1876

Dear Hart-. I have not any duplicates mounted of the photographs of last Summer's Elasmobranch negatives, but will supply you as soon as I can.

Yours truly.
S F Baird

C. H. Hart Merriam Esq.
Yale College.
New Haven,
Conn.

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National Museum: Smithsonian Institution,

Washington. May 7, 1877.

My dear Hart.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th, in reference to the Summer's work, but cannot tell yet what I shall do in this direction. I propose to make Salem my head-quarters, but shall have very little opportunity for getting sharks or rays, as there are no grounds in the vicinity where these can be procured. I may not even have a steamer. I presume there will be a good many people at Woods Holl, using the laboratory, & if you wish to go there, I shall be very glad to have you do so. If you will write me later in the season — sometime in June — I can tell you whether my appropriation will permit my aiding you in your work. I shall be very glad to do this if I can.

Yours truly.
Spencer F Baird

C. Hart Merriam Esq.,
New Haven,
Conn.

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SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

Washington, March 11, 1878.

Dear Hart.

I am restricted by the regulations of the Institution from interfering in the affairs of any scientific or literary establishment, or in the making of appointments of any kind. I therefore dare not write the letter of recommendation for which you ask. You may however, freely refer to me, as willing to testify to your eminent fitness for the task you propose to undertake. I can respond to a request from an appointing power, even though I could not, beforehand, supply documents for its perusal.

I sincerely trust you may be able to carry out this enterprise, as I know no one better able to do it, & I am certain the result would be a credit to the State, & of great value in a scientific point of view.

Yours very truly.

Spencer F. Baird

C. Hart Merriam Esq.
College of Physicians & Surgeons
New York.

Prof. S. F. Baird
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By Telegraph from Washington Dc.

To C. Hart Merriam

Would you like to be naturalist to Bennetts Arctic Steamer Jeannette gone two or three years pay about sixty dollars a month every facility for doing great work visit Cape San francisco June fifteen

answer JS F Baird

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 1879.

Dear Hart:

I have just telegrafted to know if you would like to be nominated as naturalist for the Bennett Expedition to the Arctic Sea. There are several applicants, but if you would like to go I would be glad to present your name in the foremost rank. Lieut. De Long is a very genial man & will give every facility. The expedition leaves June 15, by way of Behring's Straits, & proceeds along the northeastern coast of Siberia in search of Nordenskjold. There will probably be a magnificent opportunity of collecting birds & all kinds of mammals as well as animals generally. They next strike for Wrangelland, a mythical region, on which the white man has never

set foot. After that they will cross over to the western coast of America & afterwards proceed northward if the ice will permit. They expect to be gone two or three years, & have every confidence of accomplishing a satisfactory trip, although they may not get to a very high degree of latitude.

Yours truly
S. F. Baird.
for

C. Hart Merriam, Esq
Locust Grove
Lewis Co., N.Y.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7. 1881.

Dear Hart.

Yours of the 3d is to hand, making certain inquiries, which I take pleasure in answering. The position to be filled is that of Signal Observer at Bristol Bay, which is by far the most interesting zoological region & the least known now in N. America. It is a much finer field for research than that which Nelson has had at St. Michaels, as it is the wintering ground of all the Arctic birds, such as the Emperor's Geese, Stellar's Duck, Fisher's Eider, etc. The reindeer & moose are abundant in the winter, to say nothing of the other larger & smaller mammals. Birds of all kinds nest there by the million. And, still more important is the abundance of Esquimaux settlements, it being the most densely populated part or near of that region.

It is in, the dividing line of the fauna of the west coast & the east. You are perhaps aware that the fauna of the Yukon valley is the same as that of Hudson Bay. The yellow shafted wood pecker, the common snow bird, the eastern

blue bird, displacing other representatives. The walrus is also found in countless numbers as well as a great variety of marine mammals.

The botany is varied & rich. The trees are large & the summers are warm & dry.

Of course the place has its drawbacks, but so far as natural history & anthropology are concerned, it is immeasurably the richest in promise of any thing in the country. The opportunity of making a monographic investigation of the whole subject, both in the way of memoirs & collections is unsurpassed.

You are one of the few persons whom I would like to see occupy this ground. It is for you to say whether you will be a candidate for it. It cannot be called a particularly remunerative place. I think it is worth, as stated about $75 a month. There are no expenses to meet either of travel or subsistence, these being for the most part at least furnished.

I presume that arrangements could easily be made, in which the stay need not exceed two, or at most three years, although nominally the engagement is for five.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., 18

The Signal Office is going to treat Nelson splendidly in his work. He will return to Washington in the fall at his own request & be allowed the necessary time to prepare an elaborate report of his work, which will be published by the Signal Office, with all the necessary illustrations & accessories.

Of course, being on the Sea Coast the chance of making collections of fishes & invertebrates is equally great; but I consider the land fauna more immediately important.

We furnish all the necessary outfit for an exhaustive research.

As you will see a purely marine zoologist is not the best man for the purpose.

Yours truly,
W W Baird

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove
N. Y.

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I believe I have stated that all collections are to be sent here, but the curatorship of the fence works, then of: the Reports unedited for him. he take the first series for Nat. Hist. the 2d series, and a reasonable share of the duplicates for the Collection he take about all of the Ethnological Malle

Thos Nelson Smith

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11, 1881.

My Dear Hart.

Yours of the 9th is to hand. I had not the slightest idea that you could leave up your title & accept the place in Alaska, although if you were otherwise circumstanced, & you could get the field of investigation there, it would enable you to take a distinguished rank as one of the great explorers of archaeology & natural history. The opportunities are so great as to be practically inexhaustible for years to come. There is no probability that the present salary of a signal observer, in remote regions could be increased. I can only wish we could find somebody as well able to do justice to the subject as yourself. I have a large number of offers, from ~~many~~ which we shall probably make a selection soon.

Yours very truly.
S F Baird

Dr C. Hart Merriam.
Locust Grove
Lewis County.
NY.

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Smithsonian Institution
Washington June 3 1882

Dear Hart:

Do you know of any young surgeon and naturalist who would like to join Lieut. Greely's Colony at Lady Franklin Bay in the double capacity? The pay would be $100 a month with subsistence and transportation. I have been requested to nominate such a person to start early in July.

Yours truly,
Spencer Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove
New York.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7 1882

Dear Hart:

Yours of June 5. to hand. I have just telegraphed you asking you to confer with Dr. Hoodley? (the name is somewhat illegible) and offer him the place. The steamer will probably leave Newfoundland about July 1., to reach which place from New York will require one week. It will also be necessary for him to come here and make his contract with the Army & Medical Department: so you see there is not a day to be lost.

The service is perfectly safe, the colony living in board houses with ample provision for resistance of cold and hunger. The chance of admirable work is a first-rate one; there are plenty of musk oxen, reindeer &c. I have offered

him the second series of his collections, the first one to go, of course, to the National Museum. The great object will be to procure an abundance of skins and skeletons of musk-oxen.

Yours very truly,

Spencer Baird

C. Hart Merriam. M.D.
Locust Grove
Lewis Co. N.Y.

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Smithsonian Institution
Washington Nov. 8, 1882.

Dear Doctor:

Your beautifully printed Part 1 of Adirondack researches has just come to hand. If this is the style in which the Linnean Society is going to issue its proceedings, it will certainly be distinguished among its fellows.

I look forward with much interest to what you have to say of the fishes. It is a pity you could not illustrate these.

Sincerely Yours,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

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The Smithsonian Institution,

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. ORGANIZED..A.D.1846.

has received from Clinton Hart Merriam, M. D.,

Locust Grove N.Y.

"The Vertebrates of the Adirondack Region"

a gift for which it returns its grateful acknowledgement.

S. F. Baird

Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington City, U. S. A., Nov. 10, 1882.

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Smithsonian Institution

Washington Nov. 23, 1882.

Dear Doctor:

The Signal Office desires a Surgeon for the station at Point Barrow, the present doctor, Oldmixon, expecting to return next summer.

No appointment need be made before April or May next; but I would be glad to have you think over your list of acquaintances and find some one who, while a good physician and surgeon, has an interest in Anthropology, or some department of natural history.

The position is similar to that held by Dr. Hoadley; and the pay is about $100 - per month.

Very truly Yours,
M V Baird

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 4, 1882.

Dear Doctor:

Do you know anything about Dr. W. F. Merchant, of Moravia, N.Y., with whom I am corresponding with possible reference to his being sent as Medical Officer to the Point Barrow or other northern expedition the coming spring?

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 1882.

Dear Doctor:

The term of service for Point Barrow would probably be not less than two years; and perhaps a period of three years would represent the entire absence from the country.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

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Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 9, 1882.

Dear Doctor:

I enclose a letter just received from Dr. Merchant, which may, perhaps, make some suggestions as to his status.

Yours truly,
S. F. Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Jan'y 3, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I am preparing my Annual Report to the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for 1883, and wishing to make the article on Explorations as interesting as possible, I will be much obliged if you will give me a sketch of your seal work last summer. What will print from half a page to a page of Government octavo will answer the purpose.

Ans'd. & articles sent
Jan. 5th, 1883. C.H.M.

Mention the date of starting, time you were gone, the species investigated by you, &c.

The Board meets on January 16th, and I would like to have it before that time.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
Lewis County,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution
Washington Jany 24, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

Neither the fourth volume of the Proceedings, nor Jordan's work, are ready for delivery; nothing having come to us from the Public Printer.

The Bulletins of the Fish Commission I will have sent you.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

C.H.M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Feby 15, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I am delighted to know that so able a naturalist as yourself is about undertaking the solution of the problem in regard to seals. I am sure that with the opportunity at your command, and your thorough training as an investigator, we shall have the work done in a most satisfactory manner. If you have not made any plans about publication, it will give me great pleasure to print your memoir in some

suitable manner, with any amount of illustrations that you may desire. This to be done either in the Reports of the Fish Commission, the National Museum, or the Smithsonian Institution. Please bear this in mind. I shall consider it a favor to have the opportunity.

I would also ask your assistance in preparing and obtaining for us a complete collection of skins, skeletons, and skulls, for the National Museum. We have some tolerable representations of probably all the species, but nothing well established or defined. The hooded

C.A.M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD, SECRETARY.

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seal is our most serious desideratum. I would like the young in their various stages, and the adults, both male and female, together with the skeletons &c. All these shall be mounted in Hornaday's best style. They can all be preserved in salt

If it will assist in the matter, I will place at your disposal say $250-, to be used in defraying the expenses of this extra work, and more if desired by you.

I merely wish to say that this opportunity — if you will enable us to make

it — one — I desire to utilize to the utmost possible extent, as it may never occur again. I had proposed to ~~arrange~~ with Mr. Harvey, of Newfoundland, to have such collections made, but the result would not be complete.

I am anxious to have a series of authentic specimens of the different kinds of seal oil for our collection. Please let me know what we may hope from you in this regard.

We have, as you know, very complete collections of the West coast seals; including the sea elephant, two sea lions,

C. H. M.

Smithsonian Institution

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the fur seal, the common hair seal, and the saddle-back seal — *Phoca Equestris*. Indeed we are much better off for our Pacific species than we are for the Atlantic.

Yours truly,
W. Brewer

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

COPY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Feby. 15th 1883.

Dear Doctor;

I am delighted to know that so able a Naturalist as yourself, is about undertaking the solution of the problem in regard to Seals, I am sure that with the opportunity at your command and your thorough training as an investigator we shall have the work done in a most satisfactory manner.

If you have not made any plans about publication, it will give me great pleasure to print your memoir in some suitable manner with any amount of illustrations that you may desire. This to be done either in the Reports of the Fish Commission the National Museum, or the Smithsonian Institution.

Please bear this in mind,

I shall consider it a favor to have the opportunity.

I would also ask your assistance in preparing and obtaining for us a complete collection of skins, skeletons, and skulls for the National Museum. We have some tolerable representations of probably all the species but nothing well established or defined. The hooded seal is our most serious desideratum.

I would like the young in their various stages and the adults both male and female together with the skeletons etc. All these shall be mounted in Hornady's best style. They can all be preserved in salt.

If it will assist in the matter, I will place at your disposal say $250 to be used in defraying the expenses of this extra work, and more if desired by you. I merely wish to say that this opportunity-- if you will enable us to make it one---I desire to utilize to the utmost possible extent as it may never occur again. I had prepared to arrange with Mr.Harvey of Newfoundland, to have such collections made but the result would not be complete.

I am anxious to have a series of authentic specimens of the different kinds of seal oil for our collection. Please let me know what we may hope from you in this regard.

We have as you know very complete collections of the west coast seals; including the Sea Elephant, two Sea Lions the Fur Seal, the common hair seal and the saddle back seal.

Indeed we are much better off for our Pacific specimens, than we are for the Atlantic.

Yours Truly

S.F.Baird.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam.

Locust Grove

N.Y.

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Smithsonian Inst. W. D.C.
Feby 15 1883

Dear Doctor

I am delighted to know that so able a natural-
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of skins, skeletons & skulls for the National Mu-
seum ~~as possible~~.

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I merely wish to say that this opportunity — if you will enable us to make it one — I desire to utilize to the greatest possible extent as it may never occur again. I had proposed to arrange with ___ of N.Y. to have such collections made, but the result would not be complete" xxx

We have as you know very complete collections of the west coast seals including Sea Elephants & Sea Lions. Fur seal Saddle Back &c &c Phoca Equestricis. Indeed we are much better off for our Pacific Seal than Atlantic

Yrs truly

S. F. Baird

Dr C Hart Merriam
Locust Grove NY

C.H.M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C. Feby 23, 1883.

Dear Dr Merriam:

I was much gratified at the cordial acceptance of my proposition contained in yours of the 18th Feby. Without of course imposing upon you any onerous condition, I can only express the hope that, in view of the importance of the National Museum, and of the relationships which the collection you will make for it will hold to your own memoir, _____ you will give us the best series, straight through, of

all that you collect; including any of the rare species of seals mentioned. Perhaps all you fail to get yourself you may be able to secure.

In addition to what you might call the representative series, I should like a considerable number of the different species of crania, only being sure that everything is thoroughly and carefully identified. We have any quantity of seals in our collection; but very few that we can rely on as to locality and specific character.

Put yourself in

C. H. M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

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communication with the two Harveys, — one a merchant, and the other a minister; both of them very much interested in natural history.

I will send you, if not in the present letter then in a succeeding one, a draft on New York for $250-, payable to your order; which I trust will aid you in carrying out your project.

I am much interested in what you say of your plans

for the future. It is a great sacrifice for you to give up what promises to be a lucrative practice for the quiet pursuit of science; but I presume you will find your reward in the satisfaction of an investigator and discoverer.

I want about a pint of the oil of such seals as can be positively identified as to species, to add to our great collection of animal oils, which now embrace over 100 varieties.

Sincerely yours,

Spencer Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
c/o John Lyne,
St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Draft # (221525) on sub Treasury N.Y. for $250. Enclosed.

Office of the Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C., Mch 15 1883.

SIR:

Enclosed is your account of Feb. 23/83 against the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION for Explorations in New Foundland amounting to $ 250. transferred to official forms, which you will please sign and return to the Smithsonian Institution. ~~Payment therefor will be made as soon as may be practicable.~~

The signature should be at the bottom of the page, and should correspond with the name of the individual, or company, at the head of the account. Signature by *Agent* will not answer; *it must be by the principal.*

Nothing should be written on these blanks excepting the signature. Any vacant spaces will be filled up in this office when payment is made.

Evidence of authority to sign vouchers for incorporated or unincorporated companies must accompany accounts. Such evidence should be in the form of an extract from the by-laws or records of the company, or association, showing the authority of the officer to receive and receipt for moneys for the company, and giving his name and the date of his election and appointment, which extract must be verified by a certificate, under seal, signed by the president and secretary, or by one of these officers, and not fewer than two of the directors, which certificate must state that such authority remains unrevoked and unchanged.

If the company has no seal, the extract should be certified as correct by a notary public or other competent officer under his seal.

Very respectfully,

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Secretary.
Karr.

C. H. Merriam, Esq.
& John Lyme. Manager
Stewarts Sealing Co.
St. Johns
New Foundland.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C. April 25, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th, and address you at your home, presuming that you have arrived there by this time.

We are greatly in-debted to you for your persistent efforts to secure for us a collection of the Newfoundland seals; and even though you have not been as successful as you hoped, we are very well satisfied with the results of our outlay.

Would it not be a

good idea for you to come on here during the spring and look at our collection? We shall be very glad to have it overhauled by you, and a paper prepared as a basis of future effort. Perhaps an illustrated monograph of the seals would be a good thing to undertake.

Yours truly,
M Bass

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., May 1, 1883.

My Dear Doctor:

Your letter of April 29th, enclosing your check for $132.50, balance, has been received. I consider that the Smithsonian Institution has made a very admirable bargain in getting so much as it did for so comparatively trifling an amount.

I am sorry to say that nothing came to us by the Alhambra; possibly it may come by a succeeding steamer. I wrote some time ago to Baltimore, but the package has not yet reached us.

I hope, with your assistance, either directly or through our correspondents, to complete our collection of seals. We are doing admirably with the cetaceans, and I hope before long to have the best possible collection of all the marine mammals of both coasts of the U.S.

Yours truly,
W. Dall

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

C.H.M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I have written to Mr. Hillier, of the N.Y. Custom House, asking him to hunt up the Alhambra people and insist that the packages of seal skins have been brought by the vessel on her last trip, mentioning your own experience in the matter.

I shall be glad to publish anything that you may prepare on the subject of the seals. Of course it will be largely the result

of your own personal experiences and researches, and cannot in any way conflict with Mr. Allen's work.

I think that the matter in Carmack's Journal was all published three years ago in a Newfoundland paper, perhaps the North Star. I remember its being in several successive numbers. Any data, however, in regard to the early history of the fisheries, will be very interesting and worthy of publication.

I send you a copy of Jordan's Bulletin, No. 16. We are very stringent in

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regard to issuing it; but you, of course, are entitled to anything we print.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Have you any objections by which we can mount the seals?

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., May 11, 1883.

Dear Doctor;

I am happy to acknowledge receipt of the box of skins from Newfoundland. Although the bill of lading reads that they were sent per Alhambra, they were actually brought by the Turnstall. I will have Mr. Hornaday unpack them, and give them a thorough overhauling.

All your letters in regard to the specimens will be carefully filed for consideration.

Thanks for the figure of the hooded seal; but I am afraid that even now I do not quite comprehend its anatomy. Probably, however, Dr. Hornaday may.

Yours truly,

M Bass

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dr C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove,
N. Y.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

Washington, D. C., May 14th 1883

The 1, Box Seal skins, skulls & oil. 1, Skg. Seal skins. ~~package~~ advised in yours of ——

as sent by Express ——— have been

received.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,

Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

C.H.M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., May 18, 1883.

Dear Doctor;

In reply to your letter of the 15th, I beg to say that there is no doubt whatever that the first box actually came by the steamer following the Alhambra; as it was on the second ship's manifest, and delivered therefrom to the Collector of Customs who acts as our agent.

The square clipper was duly received per Caspian. The entire collection Mr. Hornaday says is in good

condition, and can be readily mounted. If you can send me some sketches to illustrate this matter, I will have the series put in hand at once. We are making specialties now of seals and cetaceans; having on hand quite a lot from Kumlein in Greenland, each having been set up. It is very desirable, however, that we be helped in the matter of attitudes, as we might otherwise be subjected to harp criticism by such specialists as yourself.

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bag, to which you refer, came to hand by mail, and will be turned in to Mr. True.

Yours truly,
W F Bank

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., June 28, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I am glad to find you were so successful in regard to the Woodpecker's eggs. Can you not spare a set for the Smithsonian Institution? We have none from anywhere so far south.

We are not permitted to sell alcohol, or to use it other than in the interest of the National Museum. I will, however, send you 10 gallons, a portion of which

you can return with specimens of your fishes.

Yours truly,

M Bair

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

RR.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1883.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove
Lewis Co.
N. Y.

Dear Mr. Merriam:

You are correct in your conjecture that it is Picoides arcticus, and not P. americanus, that we have eggs of. The latter are a desideratum to our collection, and very desirable. We are also very badly off for skins of P. americanus, having not more than 3 or 4, and we would be very glad to exchange examples of P. dorsalis and the Alaskan race (which Mr. Nelson is about to publish as new in his forthcoming report) for what duplicates you may have to spare of the

Eastern bird (true americanus).

Very truly yours

Spencer Baird

Director U.S. National Museum.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 15, 1883.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

We have just received from Mr. M. Monroe, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, a very interesting collection of seal oils, which he forwarded at your request.

I have written him, thanking him for his kindness in the matter.

Could he not help us in obtaining the specimens of seals that you did not procure during your visit? If so, let me know and I

will address him on the subject.

Yours truly,
M Blair

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

Woods Holl, Mass

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY,

~~Washington, D. C.,~~ Aug 28 1883

Dear Doctor:

I enclose a memorandum from Mr. Brown in regard to the shipment of alcohol. You will see that it was forwarded July 13th in accordance with my assurance, & I do not know why it did not reach you.

I had the pleasure of seeing your mother, brother & sister a few days ago on their way to Nantucket, & they propose to stop over here for a short time on their return.

Yours truly,

S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove
Ny

Prof Baird,

The alcohol was sent from here July 13/83 to Dr C. Hart Merriam
Locust Grove,
Lewis Co. N.Y.
and trace to show delivery has been sent by X Co, will report, action when received.

S.C.B.

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Smithsonian Institution
Woods Hall, Mass,
~~Washington, D.C.,~~ Sept. 17, 1883.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Dear Doctor:

I will gladly take the two skins of seals referred to in your letter at the price mentioned — $38. Please send me a formal bill; transmitting, however, the specimens themselves direct to Washington.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution
Woods Holl, Mass.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

~~Washington, D. C.~~ Sept. 29, 1883.

Dear Doctor:

I have just had a letter from Mr. Monroe, in reply to my communication thanking him for sending the oil. He expresses his entire readiness to help us in every way, but refers us for aid in getting natural history collections to his uncle, Rev. Mr. Harvey, who, of course, is a very good man.

If you will tell me just what species of seals you think are well

represented in our collection, and what species and conditions are still to be had in Newfoundland, I will confer with Mr. Harvey on this subject, and perhaps authorize him to expend an amount sufficient to accomplish the object of making the collection complete.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C. Oct 2 1883.

Dear Doctor:

Thanks for your very interesting account of what was done at the American Museum in connection with the formation of the American Ornithologist's Union. I have no doubt it will be a great success. Do you know Bentire's address?

Yours truly
S F Baird

Dr. C. H. Merriam
Locust Grove
Lyme Ct
N.Y.

U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

Washington, D.C., Jany 8, 1884.

Dear Doctor:

The Light-House Board would, I have no doubt, gladly issue such circulars as you may prepare for the service of the Light-House Keepers and Light Ships.

It will, however, be better for you to write a formal letter explaining what you want, and asking its coöperation. You had also better send your circulars to them for distri-

bution; as many of the stations have no formal post-offices, and are supplied by the trips of the Light-House steamers carrying stores and provisions.

I will ask the Board to send you a list of stations. These, however, do not contain the post-office address, which can only be had from the Board.

Yours truly,
Spencer Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries.

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

Washington, D.C., July 17, 1884.

Dear Doctor:

Capt. Picking of the Light-House Board assured me personally of his willingness to do anything in his power to assist you in your researches.

I doubt whether the Life-Saving Stations could help you much, as they usually close early in the spring, before the migrations of birds are established. There would be no harm, however, in addressing Mr. S. I. Kimball,

Superintendent Life-Saving Service, Treasury Department, on the subject.

Yours truly,
M Hart

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Jany 23, 1884.

Dear Doctor:

I was well aware that the Light-House Board would not undertake to print circulars, excepting such as might be necessary to accompany your own documents. I will, however, have the two which you forwarded to me printed at the expence of the Institution.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Feby 4, 1884.

Dear Dr Merriam:

I have your letter in reference to the additional migration blanks.

I am offered 2 sets of blanks, of 1000 each, for $35. This I am willing to pay, and shall put the work in hand.

I do not think it necessary to have two different sets for the spring and fall. If the sheets are returned to you annually, the date will show to what season ~~it~~ they belong. It

will save some expense and trouble to have the dates con-
-solidated.

I presume you will find comparatively few of the Light-House Keepers who are able to determine the species with precision; and it might be well to ask the observers to send the head, or some other distinctive part of the bird, as a voucher of the species. Bear this in mind for consideration when you receive the proof.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

C. H. M.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D. C., Feby 14, 1884.

Dear Doctor:

Your letter of the 11th is to hand.

Mr. Rhees struck out the return address, thinking it would be better for you to have the blanks come to the Smithsonian, so that they can be promptly forwarded to you.

If you leave the distribution to us, we can furnish franked envelopes for return. Unless this is done, you must either supply

over

an indefinite number of postage stamps to an in-definite number of Light-House people, or else run the risk of receiving not more than one blank in ten. Let me know what you prefer. Each document will probably require four (4) stamps.

The vertical and horizontal lines are always ruled after the sheets are printed off. These will strictly follow copy.

You will find that the schedules will be very much defaced if they are not enclosed in wrappers.

C. H. M.

Smithsonian Institution

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Such letters are sometimes carried for miles in open boats, and are liable to be wet or soiled. We frequently notice disfigurement of this kind in the blanks coming to us from the stations. At present almost every Light-House Keeper supplies monthly returns of ocean temperatures; and if ~~they~~ you came to our address, they would probably be forwarded in the same envelope.

Yrs truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Live well or as you say is the matter

Ansd. Feb. 18, 1884.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Feby 15, 1884.

Dear Dr Merriam:

I enclose a circular from the Ornithologischer Verein of Vienna; and have responded to it by stating that no official communication has been received by us, but that I have referred the matter to yourself. Perhaps you may enter into relations with this Verein.

Yours truly,
S F Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Acted. Feb. 22/84.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Feby. 21, 1884

Dear Doctor:

The collection which I purchased, for Burlington University some years ago, from Edward Dunham, was alleged to have been entirely prepared by him at his residence in Brooklyn, from specimens in the flesh, taken in the vicinity. That was one of the claims of interest in connection with it.

I do not know the present whereabouts of Mr. Dunham, or whether he is still living, but you can probably learn these facts by corresponding with Mr. George N. Lawrence or other friends in New York or Brooklyn.

John Akhurst, the Entomologist, of Brooklyn, would, no doubt, know something of him.

Yours truly,

N N Baird

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove,
Lewis Co. N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D. C., April 2, 1884

Dear Dr Merriam:

I thought it quite likely that you would get into a bog in connection with the question of your researches upon the migration of birds. I think it very doubtful, however, whether an appro-priation can be obtained from Congress for carrying out the work. It could only be done either through the Agricultural Department or the Bureau of Education.

I could not introduce any proposal for such appro-
-priation; but would gladly favor it, should it be of-
-fered by Senator Miller.

It might be well for you to make a commu-
-nication to Dr. Loring, of the Department of Agriculture, on this subject.

Yours truly,
M Baer

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 8, 1884.

Dear Dr Merriam:

The Light-House Board are of opinion that their envelopes can not be used by light-house Keepers in transmitting the reports of bird migration, and have referred the subject to the Smithsonian Institution.

I have written to say that as the mission of the Institution is the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men,

I see no objection to our step-
-ping in to meet the diffi-
-culty. It will, however,
be necessary that these
envelopes be addressed to
the Smithsonian Institution,
and I will have some
printed at once for the
purpose. Of course I need
hardly assure you that
as soon as received they
will be forwarded to you.

Yours truly,
M Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 12, 1884.

Dear Doctor:

I presume that some of the light-house keepers are not willing to advance the postage on their re-turns, and that the Light-House Board has been ad-vised of their being held with the expectation that they may be forwarded in the Light-House envelopes. I have ordered 1000 of ~~those~~ our envelopes, and they will be sent by the Light-House Board to the Keepers.

As soon as they come back with enclosures they will be promptly sent you.

I received a bound copy of the "Adirondack mammals", and am very much obliged to you for it. I turned it over, as I do all such works, to the library of the National Museum.

I will ask Mr. Rhees to send you any of the Bulletins published not mentioned as in your hands. Quite a number are, however, hanging by the eyelids.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
N.Y.

Yours truly,
M Bard

Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington D.C. Jany 12, 1886.

Dear Doctor:

Can you tell me where we can best get a rough skeleton of a beaver, for which application has been made by a foreign correspondent?

Yours truly.
S F Baird

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Agricultural Department,
City.

Ansd. Jan. 13/86.

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Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., June 29, 1886.

Dear Doctor:

I am under many personal obliga-tions to Mr. Frank Thomson, 2d Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who, just before his departure for Europe, asked me to obtain for him a first-class buffalo skin. I find, however, that this is more easily said than done; and as Mr. Hornaday tells me that you have quite a

number, and that you might be willing to dispose of one of the best, I write now to inquire whether you could let me have one; and, if so, at what price.

Yours truly,
M Baird

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Agricultural Department,
City.

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Mainly re specimens obtained for CMN from Kansas
Includes 2 reprints of articles by Baker

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Fort Cummings,
N. Mex.
April 12, 1884.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N. Y.

Trusting that the Dipodomys will reach you safely and prove satisfactory, I remain,

Very truly yours,
A. B. Baker.

Direct to
Banner,
Trego Co., Kansas.

You will notice that the Dipodomys skeleton and ♀ skin are considerably larger than Dr. Coues' measurements. Out of 34 individuals taken, 26 had entire length 8¾ to 10½ in. The other 8 (5♂, 3♀) were from 12¾ to 13⅞ in. The 8 all had the terminal 1½ in. or 2 in. of tail white; the 26 all had the terminal portion dark.

C. Merriam.

Dipodomys spectabilis 324–352 mm.

the American Museum, N. Y.; the other of skeletons for the Museum of Comp.

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
Sept. 4, 1884.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 24th ult. was received by the last mail: package of arsenic has just come to hand — many thanks; it shall be used.

I send you by tomorrow's mail

Dipodomys phillipsi ♂ skull + ♂ skeleton ♀ + ♂ skins.

Neotoma floridana ♀ skin.

Perognathus fasciatus ♀ skin

Hesperomys leucopus ♂ skin

Arvicola riparius ♂ and 27 skins

Cynomys ludovicianus ♂ skeleton ♂ + ♀ skins.

Two of the Arvicolae have had the tail injured by careless handling so that they may be of no use to you: if so, I will send others in their stead.

Would you care for skin of ~~the~~ a suckling Hesperomys? I have one on hand.

I had two Cynomys for you, but as their tails were kicked up I sent them to Prof. Ward and will procure others for you.

I have just put into alcohol 10 Bats — nine of them Vespertilio —?; the other Lasiurus noveboracensis. As soon as I have time to look up the former I will let you know his species. How ~~do~~ you wish Bats prepared?

The specimens shall go to you as soon as possible. I keep some 20 traps out, but the mice and rats are so shy that my captures are not as numerous as I could wish.

Enclosed is list of the specimens which you have ordered in different letters. As in several cases the same species has been twice ordered

~~so that~~ I am a little at loss to know just how many individuals are wanted. If not too much trouble, will you kindly summarize all in one order?

I would be under obligations for any hints which you might give as to the manner of preparation of the specimens, as I would prefer them to suit you as nearly as possible.

I would be glad to exchange zoölogical material or Cretaceous fossils for publications relative to N. A. Mammals or N. A. Cretaceous vertebrates. Should you chance to know of any person desiring such exchange, will you kindly give me his address?

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

Banner, Tregg Co, Kansas,
Oct. 10/84.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Please do not send any more material to Prof. Ward till I can send revised list of desiderata.

I have now on hand for you —
Spermophilus 13 lineatus ♂ & ♀ skins, ♂ skull
Cynomys ludovicianus ♂ & ♀ skins
Lepus callotis ♀ skin
Geomys bursarius ♀ skin
Arvicola riparius ♂ skin
Hesperomys leucopus ♀ skin

The larger skins it will probably be best for me to retain till I can make up a package to go by Express, or make a shipment to Prof. Ward.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
Nov. 7, 1884.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Dear Sir,
Your favor of 10th ult. was duly received. I am uncertain which is the blue mouse which I labelled Arvicola. I took one or two A. riparius early in the season; but of late have taken only A. austerus and Hesperomys leucogaster which could possibly be mistaken for it. Think I must have sent you the latter — was it so? I have been so crowded with work — cooking, looking up cattle, fossil hunting, etc. — that I may very probably have made the blunder.

I have on hand 6 or 8 H. leucogaster, a pair of A. austerus, a pair of Ochetodon humilis, 5 or 6 Perognathus fasciatus, besides skins mentioned in my last letter to you.

I have taken one individual of Hesperomys palustris. This is, I believe, the most

northerly point at which this species has been taken. *H. leucogaster* is not abundant here. The most numerous and easily taken are *H. leucopus* and *Dipodomys*. Could easily send you a dozen skins of the latter, if desired. Have a 2/3 grown *Dipodomys* for you.

Very truly yours
A. H. Baker.

Banner, Trego Co, Kansas
Nov. 10, 1884.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find revised list of desiderata of skins. The skeleton list remains as before, with the exception of Haplodon, Jaculus, Lepus timidus, Harpothynchus rufus, Icteria virens, Certhia, Sitta, Piranga, Columba and Nyctale, which are not wanted. Any of these desiderata which you may have to spare, I should be glad to have go to Prof. Ward as soon as convenient.

I wrote you a few days ago telling what of your desiderata I have on hand. Will send to you a cigar box or two as soon as I hear in regard to the "blue mice".

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

Desiderata. Nov. 10, 1884.

A. B. Baker,

S Kan's

Macrotus californicus
2 Nycticejus crepuscularis
Lasiurus intermedius
Scotophilus carolinensis
2 " georgianus
" hesperus
Vespertilio affinis
" yumanensis
2 Antrozous pallidus
Vespertilio nitidus
Synotus macrotis
" townsendii
Solenodon paradoxus
Sorex trowbridgii
" vagrans
" suckleyi
" pachyurus
" forsteri
" richardsonii
" cooperi
" haydeni

Sorex personatus
" hoyi
" thompsonii
" palustris
" fimbripes
Blarina carolinensis
" angusticeps
" exilipes
" berlandieri
" latimanus
Urotrichus gibbsii
Felis concolor ♂
2 Lynx fasciatus
Mustela pennanti
Urocyon littoralis
Neotoma fuscipes
" ferruginea
Hesperomys aureolus
" michiganensis
" californicus
" azteca

Desiderata

Skins

Hesperomys melanophrys
" torridus
Ochetodon longicauda
" mexicana
Arvicola townsendi
" oregonus
" pinetorum
" quasiater
Synaptomys cooperi
Myodes obensis
Cuniculus torquatus
Lepus grayoni
" palustris
" aquaticus
Perognathus monticola
Cricetodipus parvus
Geomys hispa
" castanops
Thomomys clusius
Sciurus h. douglassi
" aureogaster

Sciurus gerrardi
Spermophilus empetra
" mollis
" obsoletus
" tereticaudus
Arctomys flaviventer
" pruinosus

Arvicola xanthognathus
Sigmodon hispidus

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
Feb. 2, 1885

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I send you by Express a small package of skins. Have been absent from my ranch since latter part of Nov.; otherwise should have sent to you before. I have not now time to write about the skins - will do so soon. Enclosed is price list of what I consider the skins worth. Any which you consider too high priced please set aside to be returned.

My address for the next couple of months will be D'Hanis, Medina Co., Texas, care Hon. H. J. Richarz

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker

Summary of the results
Prob. in about
May

not in bulletin

	Skin or Skeleton	Skull
Neotoma floridana	1.10	.30
Hesperomys leucopus	.50	.25
" leucogaster	.75	.25
Ochetodon humilis	.50	.25
Arvicola austerus	1.—	.35
Perognathus fasciatus	1.—	.35
Dipodomys phillipsi ordi	1.—	.35
Geomys bursarius	1.—	.35
Lepus callotis texianus	2.—	.50
" campestris	2.—	.50
" sylvaticus	1.75	.50
Spermophilus 13-lineatus	.75	.30
Cynomys ludovicianus	1.25	.35

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
May 30, 1885.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I believe that my last letter to you was at the time of the shipment of your skins. Immediately afterward I left here for S.W. Texas, from which region I returned three days ago.

First, I owe you an apology for my long delay in forwarding your skins, and their small number. Severe weather compelled me about Nov. 1st to leave my ranch, and kept me away till nearly Feb. 1st. During my absence a number of skins were injured. Those which I sent I hope reached you in good condition. Several species of your desiderata I did not take. Putorius nigripes, of which I took six individuals in the autumn of '83, could not be found last autumn. I may take it at any time. I have your list of desiderata. Enclosed is list of species which I may be able to furnish - several are very doubtful. I initiated several Texans into the mysteries of skin making, and think I am reasonably certain of good skins from there - Please let me know if you wish to add

any species to your list. I should be glad to have it as large as possible.

In the letter which accompanied the specimens I sent a priced list of species. I thought this course the best, as it seemed likely that Prof. Ward might be unable to take the specimens which I should receive in exchange. Please let me know whether the prices seem right to you, and whether cash instead of exchange, as ~~proposed~~ mentioned some time ago, would be satisfactory to you. I am just at present decidedly "short" and dislike to await the slow course of exchange and sale to Prof. Ward. You doubtless have record of specimens received from me.

I have on hand for you a pair of Spermophilus mexicanus, and a skull, which I will forward as soon as I can put them into proper shape. Have also on hand several Texas Neotoma floridana and Hesperomys leucopus.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

I have also on hand a pair of Sciurus carolinensis skins for you and a pair of Nychiomys nasutus in alcohol. Your last letter ordered a dozen (or not to exceed a dozen) skins of each species of mice. Do you still desire that number, less those already sent?

Mammals probably obtainable by

A. B. Baker.
Banner,
Trego Co, Kansas.

Felis concolor
" pardalis
Lynx rufus (maculatus)
Canis latrans
Vulpes virginianus
Putorius frenatus
" nigripes
Mephitis mephitica
" putorius
Conepatus mapurito
Bassaris astuta
Procyon lotor (Kans. & Texas)
Taxidea americana " "
Ursus americanus
Didelphys virginiana
Cervus virginianus
Antilocapra americana
Dicotyles torquatus
Nycticomus nasutus
Vespertilio (sp. as yet not settled).
Neotoma floridana

Hesperomys leucopus (Kans & Tex)
" leucogaster " " ?
Ochetodon humilis
" mexicana
Arvicola austerus
Zapus hudsonius (Kans)
Perognathus fasciatus
Dipodomys phillipsi ordi
Geomys bursarius
Thomomys talpoides umbrinus
Fiber zibethicus
Lepus callotis texianus (Tex & Kans)
" sylvaticus " "
" campestris
Sciurus carolinensis
Spermophilus 13-lineatus
" mexicanus
Cynomys ludovicianus

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
June 11, 1885.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd reached me today. Many thanks for the enclosure. I accept $15.- for the skins, etc. The prices which you quote seem to me very low, unless specimens are taken in considerable quantities. Geomys bursarius and Arvicola austerus I could not furnish at such prices (25¢ and 15¢). Neither species is common here.

As soon as possible I will write you fully as to what I can furnish in quantity, prices, etc. Just at present I am exceedingly busy.

At the time of the shipment of your specimens I was very much hurried and very unwell.

I have the data for the Perognathus, if I can determine which individual it was.

I would be glad of a skin each, Arvicola pinetorum, Sigmodon hispidus and two Antrozous pallidus. I have taken (S.W. New Mexico) Cricetodipus flavus, but would like a skin - I suppose that is the species you have.

Would you wish a pair of *Felis concolor*, commercial skins? A hunter in Texas had two hides (♂ and ♀). His price on the pair was $5.-

Very truly yours

A. B. Baker

Specimens in exchange can be sent to H. L. Preston, 2 College Ave., Rochester, N.Y. and marked For A. B. Baker.

Ans'd. Dec. 20/86.

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
Dec. 8, 1886.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 1st is at hand. In regard to the bats I will write you soon. I shall not use more than four; the remainder are yours at price named. I will try next summer to fill your order for 100 – success will be doubtful.

Being somewhat in need of cash just at present, I shall ship to you a few things soon, probably

2 Skins Taxidea	@ 2.50	$5.–
2 Skeletons "	@ 2.50	5.–
1 Skin C. latrans		2.50
1 " P. nigripes		2.50

I have a few other small skins, but shall probably not send them at this time. I may also include a

second skin of C. latrans at $2.-
Both are ♀. Please let me know
in case you do not want another
skin of this species.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

The cause of the discrepancy between
the date and postmark of my
letter was the missing of one trip
by our semi-weekly mail.

Dec. 13th

The mail has again missed
a trip, delaying this letter in
the same way as the other.

There has just been brought
to me a fine ♂ C. latrans. Do
you want the skin at $2.50?

I have 2 A. leucogaster and
2 Perognathus fasciatus in alc.
Do you want them at same
price as skins?

Ansd. Feb. 9/87, and check for $36.20 enclosed.- C.H.M.

Banner, Trego Co., Kansas.
Feb. 5, 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I ship you today, by express a box of skins and skeletons, as per enclosed bill.

The balance of your ordered will fill as fast as I can obtain the material.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

The box is addressed to 1912 Sunderland Pl.
Description of bat was duly received.
Many thanks.

Ansd. Mar. 10/87.

Wakeeney, Kans., Feb. 25, 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th reached my hands today, having been forwarded to me here from Banner on the same day that I returned to the latter place. (I have to be in Wakeeney, our county seat, a couple of days in each week).

Thanks for the check. Will write you in regard to the Arvicolas later.

Your printed directions I see now for the first time. You once sent me written directions; but they were not nearly so explicit; and my skins might, I think, be made to agree with those directions. I had supposed that these skins were to be sold or exchanged, and that they might very probably fall into taxidermists' hands. (But if any taxidermist gets hold of a larger skin than a ferret, prepared after your method, and attempts to relax it, there will be some forcible English used; or he will be more of a saint than most men of his trade).

As to splitting the tails, I defy any man to remove the bone from the tails of

some mammals without doing this.

If you can conveniently do so, I wish you would send me a syringe suitable for use in washing out the brains from small skulls and charge against next shipment.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

Banner, Rego Co.,
Kansas.

Ans'd. April 16/87.

Banner, Prego Co., Kansas.
April 5, 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Syringe was received on Thursday last. Have already operated with it on the skulls of three P. nigripes (2 ♂ and a ♀). Have now on hand for you

3 P. nigripes
6 F. zibethicus
1 H. leucopus
1 Dipodomys.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

Ansd. July 7/87.

Baxter Springs, Kan., June 25 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I sent you three days ago a small box containing

5	Putorius nigripes	@ 2.50	$10.—
4	Fiber zibethicus	@ .50	2.—
1	Hesperomys leucogaster		.30
1	Perognathus fasciatus		.30
3	Dipodomys	@ .20	.60
2	Spermophilus 13-lineatus	@ .20	.40
			$13.60

This may not be exactly correct, as I find I have not the list at hand, of what was sent. You may send me $5.— and the balance I would like to leave with you for the purchase of a book or two. Please send $3.— for me to "The Nation". Parker's Zoötomy costs, I believe, about $3.50; but don't go to any trouble to hunt it up.

I regret being unable to send you a larger number of Dipodomys: would have had more had I known that you particularly wanted them.

Very truly yours
A. B. Baker.

"Biology" received. Many thanks

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Banner, Trego Co., Kansas,
July 18, 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th at hand. Many thanks for the enclosure. Nation duly received.

Think Godman was $2.50: have not your letter at hand in which the price was noted.

Am glad the Putorius were satisfactory. They are difficult to obtain. I shall not attempt to prepare many skins till the weather is cooler.

Please address as above. I spend Friday and Saturday in Wakeeney (18 mi. distant).

Very truly yours,
A. B. Baker.

Ansd. Oct. 25/87.

Banner, Trego Co.,
~~WAKEENEY~~, KANSAS, Oct. 21 1887.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

How far north is the Little Striped Skunk (M. putorius?) found? I have a skin marked as follows: a small white spot on the nose, a white crescent in front of each ear, two fine white lines beginning at the occiput and extending back a little past the shoulders terminating abruptly, a white stripe on either side, beginning at back of ear and extending back about half way on body terminating there abruptly, a white stripe on either side, beginning just behind the shoulder extending back a little past middle of body, and there uniting in a transverse band across the back, a white band passing across the back from the sides of the belly just in front of the hip, a white spot on either hip and a very small white spot on either side at the root of the tail. Entire tail black. It is smaller than M. mephitica, and slimmer and

more weasel-like.

I have for you two P. nigripes and a few other things.

Do you want any more Cynomys, prepared according to your directions?

I have no book on Skunks except Baird, so was uncertain about the one described above.

Very truly yours,
A. B. Baker.

Ans'd. June 15/88

TREGO COUNTY

Banner, Trego Co.,
~~WA-KEENEY~~, KANSAS, June 6 1888

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have a few skins for you — a couple of P. nigripes, M. mephitica, mice, etc. Shall I send them on? I have no ~~fit~~ place for storing them during warm weather.

Do you want another C. latrans at $2.? It is a nice one, and will be neatly made up if wanted. Can send you two nice ones if wanted.

One of my trappers took, in a prairie dog "town" a few days ago a nice ♂ of Putorius longicauda, the first of that species which I have known to be taken hereabouts.

Very truly yours,
A. B. Baker.

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May 20, 1912.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I enclose two little publications, one giving such information as is available with regard to the breeding of black bears at Silver Lake Park, near Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and the other including a list of weights of the big Ursus gyas at the National Zoological Park.

If anything in these is useful to you I shall feel well paid for such little trouble as it has taken to secure the data.

Very truly yours,
A. B. Baker.

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In 1904 the writer published a brief account of the breeding of American black bears at Silver Lake Park, near Akron, Ohio, during a period of 12 years which ended with January, 1903.[1] The breeding of these animals has continued there up to the present time, so that data are now available for a period of 21 years, and it seems worth while to give a further account of the matter, in view of the interest which has recently developed in the breeding of fur-bearing animals.

The place where the bears are kept is a small summer resort. Early in its development a collection of hardy animals was started, with the central feature a "bear pit," and the first bears there were a pair of cubs obtained in 1888, from two different localities near Lake Superior. These bred when three and a half years old and produced their first cub seven months later, on January 23, 1892. Thereafter, the pair had young very regularly, missing only five times in 18 years, with a total of 34, or possibly 35 cubs. Two younger females which were allowed to breed had their first offspring in January, 1902 and 1906. They had produced, up to January, 1912, 10 litters with 22 cubs, and 5 litters with 12 cubs. This gives a total of 68 or 69 cubs in 21 years.

The original pair occupies a circular brick pit 20 feet across and 12 feet deep, which is connected by an underground passage with another similar pit to which the bears can be transferred when necessary. The pits are located in a dry hillside which slopes toward the east. The floor is of terra cotta blocks set in cement, so that the place can be easily washed out with a hose, and this is frequently and thoroughly done. There is also a bathing tank in the pit; and the brick-lined entrance passage, through which access to the pit is

[1] Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 45, pp. 175-179.

had, can be made into a separate compartment for shutting the bears apart when desired. As more bears were kept, additional accommodations were provided.

An important feature of the bears' quarters is the retiring den, which provides a suitable place for the animal to hibernate. There are two of these connected with each pit and one with the entrance passage. Each den is 5 feet by 6 feet and 4 feet high, lined with brick. They are excavated in the earth, back several feet from the pit, and 8 or 10 feeet below the surface of the ground. Each has a small ventilating flue extending to the top of the ground.

The male and female are placed together about June 1, and breed during the last ten days of June and the first week of July. Only one male has been used for breeding, and the younger females which have been bred are offspring of the original pair. In all cases, the first breeding was at three and a half years. Usually all of the breeding bears are together during breeding time, and they are not separated until ready to go into hibernation.

In the fall the bears become very fat. As cold weather approaches, large quantities of dry leaves are thrown into the pit, which the bears carry into the dens. They spend much of their time there, but come out for an occasional meal till the advent of settled cold weather, usually about the middle of December, when they finally retire to the dens for the winter. They generally come out from hibernation early in March. Each female that is expected to have young hibernates by herself: the male and a young female remain together in the pit through the winter.

Mr. W. R. Lodge, manager of Silver Lake Park, states that the bears have always come out, after hibernating for two or three months, in practically as good condition as they went in, not even the females, with cubs a month old or more, showing any thinness. Nor do they appear to be hungry, for at the first meal they take but very little food, putting out the tongue and touching the apple, parsnip or whatever is offered, before biting it; and it is only after three or four days, or even a week, that they eat with the usual appetite.

The young have been born between January 21 and 27, with the exception of two litters, one February 1 and the other a day or two earlier. Their whimpering can be heard through the ventilating shaft, and this at once gives notice of their presence in the den. From the very few which have been examined immediately after birth, it would appear that the weight of new-born cubs ranges be-

tween 9 and 12 ounces. They are plump little fellows, with short velvety hair of a grayish-brown color; their eyes remain closed from 30 to 40 days, and they do not come out of the den until two months old or more.

Each family has its own quarters, though the mothers have shown no inclination to injure each other's cubs when the cubs were playing together on a gate of widely spaced bars which separated them. The male was twice allowed to be with the family for a short time in April and did not injure the cubs, though he carried one about, taking nearly the whole cub into his mouth. During two seasons he was with the mother and cubs from the first of June, but she then failed to have young the next winter. When it is desired to have the mother breed that season, the cubs are taken away in May and raised by hand. Only milk is fed for the first few weeks, after which they are gradually accustomed to the mixed diet of the older bears. The births have been as follows:

Original female, births 1892 to 1909 (no cubs 1910 to 1912) 13 litters, 34 cubs.

2 litters of 1 cub,
3 litters of 2 cubs,
6 litters of 3 cubs,
2 litters of 4 cubs.

Second female, births 1902 to 1912, 10 litters, 22 cubs.

1 litter of 1 cub,
6 litters of 2 cubs,
3 litters of 3 cubs.

Third female, births 1906 to 1911, 5 litters, 12 cubs.

3 litters of 2 cubs,
2 litters of 3 cubs.

This gives 2 litters of 4 cubs, 11 of 3 cubs, 12 of 2 cubs, and 3 litters of 1 cub; but as one of these last was the first litter produced, and the male was with the female at that time, he may have destroyed one or more of the cubs. The two litters of four cubs were from the oldest female, and each followed a year when she had failed to have cubs.

Record of the sexes was kept only for the first 9 litters of the original female, which included 15 males and 6 females.

No cubs have been lost except through accident, and the death of a bear 20 months old was the only one from disease.

The food which is supplied to the bears is a very good approximation to the diet which the animal gets in the wild state. Hotel and

picnic tables of the Park afford a large amount of miscellaneous scraps, to which is added an abundance of green food from farms near by. This begins with dandelion tops in the spring, followed by clover, green corn, watermelons, berries and other fruit. Acorns are gathered for them in the fall and they then get, also, dried sweet corn and "windfall" apples. Occasionally a venturesome hen or pigeon is eaten, but the bears get no other meat except a little that has been cooked.

The time of going into hibernation seems to be determined mainly by the weather, as the bears do not retire to the dens to stay before severely cold weather comes. It happened that the month of December, 1911, was unusually mild, and they did not finally hibernate until the first days of January. However, the bears have uniformly been very fat, and it is probable that, if they were lean, they would not hibernate steadily, but would come out occasionally to seek food. The cubs have hibernated about the same as the older bears.

The surplus bears have been disposed of from time to time, most of them going to animal dealers, when 8 or 10 months old, at $25 to $30 each. The highest prices obtained were $75 for a grown bear and $50 each, for two cubs. A few were sold for meat when two years old, bringing from $25 to $30, with skin and head reserved. For the last eight or ten years, however, there has been sufficient demand for live cubs to take all the surplus, more than a dozen having gone on the vaudeville stage; and there is stated to be a standing offer of $25 each for future cubs. No skins have been sold.

The value of black bear fur at the present time is about $25 for No. 1, large northern skins, and 20 to 40 per cent less for those from middle and southern regions. For ladies' wear, prime silky skins of cubs and yearlings are preferred, and these are worth up to $15. It is a very durable fur.

The Messrs. Lodge, of the Silver Lake Park Company, have been very kind in furnishing information regarding their bears, and this paper is made up almost entirely from data which they supplied.

Both bears of the original pair, now 24 years old, are still in excellent health, although the male does not become as fat in the autumn as he did when younger and the female has had no cubs for the past three years.

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The following notes relate to mammals which are rare, or have seldom been kept in confinement, and it is believed that the observations on their characteristics and habits will be of interest.

SOLENODON PARADOXUS
Haitian insectivore

During the early summer of 1910, Mr. Franklin Adams, Chief Clerk of the Pan American Union, made a horseback trip through the Dominican Republic, accompanied by his wife. Knowing that the Solenodon which inhabits that island is an animal of unusual zoölogical interest, and very sparingly represented in collections, they kept on the lookout for it, making inquiries wherever they went. They were fortunate enough to secure several specimens, two of which they presented alive to the National Zoölogical Park. One of these was the subject of the portrait which is reproduced here.

The animal was very restless when taken away from its regular quarters to be photographed, and in order to secure a picture which would show the characters of the head and feet, it was necessary to confine it in a glass box. The position which was taken under these conditions, and which is shown in the illustration, is not usual, for the tail is but little flexible and is ordinarily carried stiffly, straight out behind and clear of the ground, or used as a prop when the animal rests on its hind feet only.

The illustration (pl. 1, fig. 2) is reproduced as showing especially well the character of the feet of this rather rare insectivore.

LOPHIOMYS IBEANUS
East African rodent

A collection of animals which was received at the National Zoölogical Park in December, 1909, from British East Africa, contained a specimen of Lophiomys, of the species later described by Mr. Old-

field Thomas as *L. ibeanus*. As will be seen from the accompanying illustration, the animal is quite different in appearance from the type species, *L. imhausii*, as usually figured. The Park is indebted for the specimen to Mr. G. H. Goldfinch, Assistant Game Warden of British East Africa.

This species of Lophiomys occurs in the higher part of British East Africa and is known only to the Wandorobo, a tribe of expert hunters, who explore every corner of the forests. Mr. Goldfinch was well acquainted both with the game of that region and with its animals generally, but this one he knew only from descriptions given by the natives. At his urgent request they secured two specimens in the forest near Nakuru, at about 8000 feet altitude. These he forwarded to Nairobi, whence they were shipped with the collection of animals which had been presented to the Park by Mr. W. N. McMillan of that place. One died at Port Said, while on the way to America, and the other came through safely.

Mr. Goldfinch states that Lophiomys is arboreal and lives in the thick forest of the high country, feeding on leaves and tender shoots, also that the natives are averse to handling the animal, believing its bite to be poisonous. It is, he says, "very rare or only got by accident here." In captivity it eats cabbage, sweet potatoes and other vegetables, and is especially fond of sweet potato leaves and the endive salad plant. It is strictly nocturnal, and its slow movements are very suggestive of the Canada porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatus*).

The illustration shows the appearance of the animal when disturbed. It then erects the long hair of its general coat, which parts along either side, leaving there a deep furrow that extends from the base of the ear to the root of the tail. The bottom of the furrow is filled with short and peculiarly modified, spongy hairs. M. Milne-Edwards, in describing the type-species, stated that he did not know of any other mammal with hair of a similar structure. When the animal is quiet the general pelage closes over this band of short hair, entirely concealing it.

URSUS GYAS
Alaskan brown bear

There is so little information available with regard to the rate of growth of wild animals that it seems to be worth while to record the weights of a male Alaska Peninsula brown bear (*Ursus gyas* Merriam) in the National Zoölogical Park, which has been weighed at intervals of about a year for eleven years. The bear was captured near Douglas Settlement at the western entrance to Cook's Inlet,

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Ackd. Jan. 15, 1923

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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
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WASHINGTON

Jan. 13 1923.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Here is a copy of the published note which you wanted and which I am glad to be able to supply.

I have added two subsequent weights, also note as to cause of death.

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	POUNDS		POUNDS
May 24, 1901	18	March 11, 1907	970
January 4, 1902	180	March 21, 1908	1050
January 15, 1903	450	March 5, 1909	960
January 18, 1904	625	January 20, 1911	1160
January 28, 1905	770	December 13, 1911	1090
February 28, 1906	890		

The bear appeared to be at his greatest weight about December 1, 1910, and would probably have reached or exceeded 1200 pounds at that time, but could not then be weighed.

The decrease shown by the weighing on March 5, 1909, doubtless resulted from extensive "corns" on all four feet and their excision June 15, 1908, which, altogether, crippled the animal for some months.

Mch. 19, 1913 - - - - - — 1138 lbs.
Sept. 30, 1914 - — - - - 1020 "

Died night of Sept. 29-30 from internal hemorrhage (rupture of aorta in the region of the kidneys).

LOPHIOMYS IBEANUS Thomas

SOLENODON PARADOXUS Brandt

LOPHIOMYS IBEANUS Thomas

SOLENODON PARADOXUS Brandt

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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

February 8, 1913.

Feb. 2,

Referring to the four bear cubs that were born there, Mr. C. C. Laney, Superintendent of Parks at Rochester, N. Y., writes as follows, under date of February 6:

"Dr. Frank Baker,
Superintendent, National Zoological Park,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 4th was received last evening, and I thank you very much for the advice in it. Unfortunately, the bears were dead when your letter arrived. One of the little bears was weighed and it weighed ¾ lbs. They were nearly all of the same weight; two of them were black and two were light-colored,- I did not know but that they would be cinnamon bears. Two were males and two were females. We had photographs taken and as soon as I get them I will send you one.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Laney (Signed)
Superintendent of Parks."

For Dr. Merriam's information,

FBB [Baker]

Rec'd. Aug. 1, 1918

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

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OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

July 29, 1918.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Several years ago I published a note regarding the breeding of black bears in a park at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. I have just learned of the death of the original pair and thought you might be interested to know the age which they reached.

The male died in July, 1914, and was then 26½ years old. The female died in November, 1917, at the age of 29 years and 10 months. She had given birth to 38 cubs. The male had been the father of 78 cubs.

The owner says of the female "She had been failing for some time and did not fatten up like the others with the fall feeding, so we have no reason to attribute her death to anything but her old age."

Very truly yours,

A. D. Baker

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

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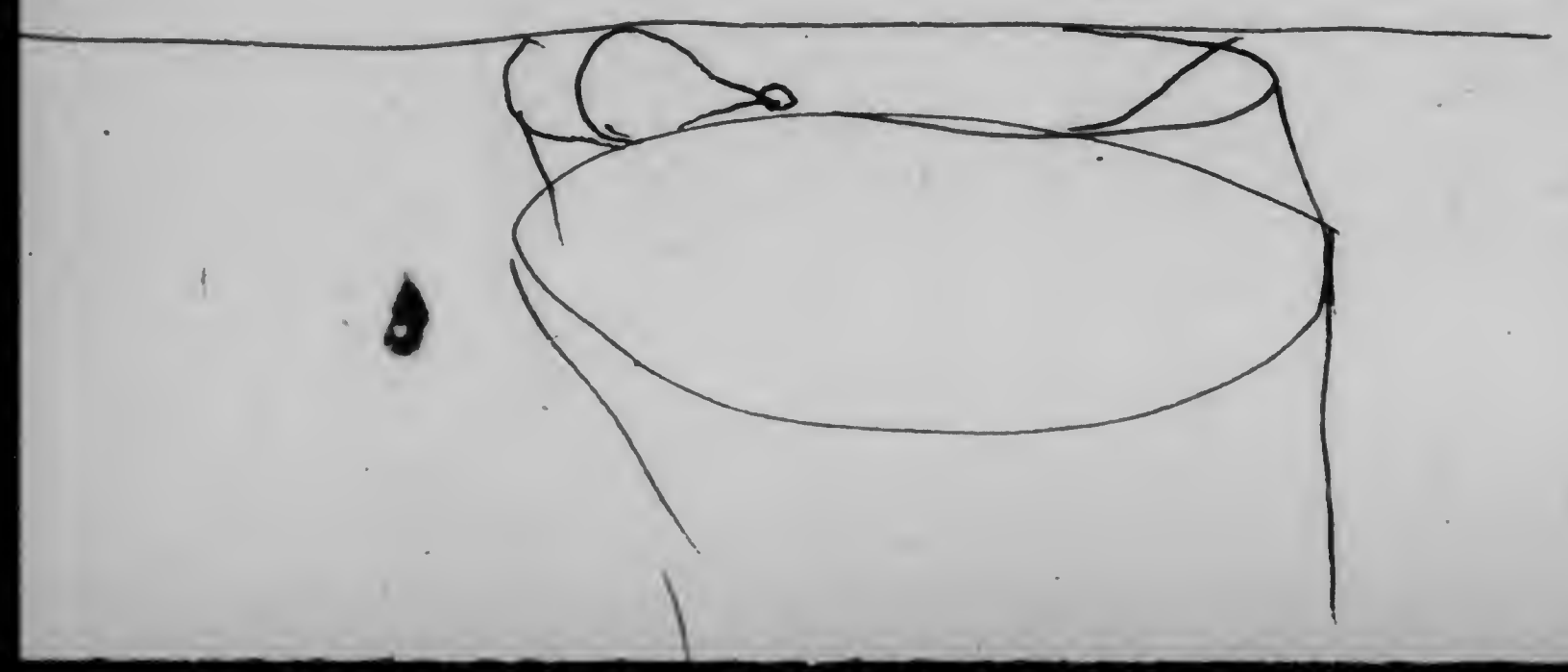
Specimens ordered by Dr. C. H. Merriam from A. B. Baker.

	April 4	July 26	Aug 24.
Lynx rufus		1 skin, 1 skull	
Canis latrans		1 skin, 1 skull	
Vulpes velox		1 skin, 1 skull	
Putorius nigripes	2 skin 1 skel. 2 skull	2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
Taxidea am.		1 skin, 1 skull	
Neotoma florid.	2 skin 1 skel. 2 skull	2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
Hesperomys leucop.		1 skin, 1 skull	
Arvicola rip.		1 skin, 1 skull	half a doz. skins
Perognathus fasc.	2 skin 1 skel. 2 skull.	2 skin. 1 skel. 1 skull	half a doz. skins
Dipodomys p. ordi	2 skin. 1 skel. 2 skull	2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
Lepus callotis tex.	2 skin 1 skel. 2 skulls	2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
" campes.		2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
" sylvat.		2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
Spermophilus 13-lin.		2 skin 1 skel. 1 skull	
Cynomys ludovic.	2 skin 1 skel. 2 skull		

Letter of Aug. 24 orders "half a dozen skins of Arvicola from Kansas - also Perognathus Ochetodon and everything you can get".



A. B. BAKER (acct. Austin).

Aug. 25, 1884, Lent Prof. H. A. Ward:

1 Scaphanus Americanus
(skin + skull, perfect).

1 Arnicola riparius ad.
(in alcohol for skin).

1 Nyctalus Acadica ♀
(perfect skeleton)

1 Arnicola riparius ♀ ad.
(perfect skeleton)

2 Cynthia familiaris
(perfect skeletons)

1 Lyzanga surbura ♂
(imperfect skeleton)

Nov. 26/84 Lent Prof. H. A. Ward on acc. A. B. Baker

Alcoholic, Eptesicus pustilus, Lasiurus
" Vespertilio serotinus fuscus.

Skeleton, Vires. elinacelus ♂ ad.

C. H. M.

Recd. from A. B. Walker Sept. 10/74.

Mustama Telasidana	1 skin & 1 skull.	
Dipodomys Phillipsii Cordi	2 "	1 " & 1 skel.
Cerdyrathmus fasciatus	1 "	———
Arvicola	3 "	2 "
Hesperomys	1 "	1 "
Cynomys ludovicianus	———	2 " & 1 skel.

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Remarks: Incl. 2 skins. 1 skel. & 1 skull of Dipsodomys

Also sent Baker Arsenic & Alum to be used on skins instead of the salt previously employed.
Fall of 1884.

Skins with skulls.		Skulls	
1 Sciurus carolinensis	1	1	5
1 Sciurus callotis Lecianus	1	1	5
1 Sciurus aylmatiensis mittalli	1	1	5
2 Cynomys ludovicianus	1.50	0	
1 Spermophilus 13-lineatus	50	1	25
1 Ictidomys Tridecim Gr. (jun)	75		
2 Eutamias humilis	1.	2	50
2 Perognathus fasciatus	150	1	35
1 Dipodomys luteolus	50	1	25
2 Arvicola austerus	50	1	25
2 Hesperomys leucopus	50	1	10
8 Hesperomys (leucopus?)	50		
24	12.00	10	3.10

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1 Sciurus carolinensis	1	1	5
1 Sciurus collaris Leucianus	1	1	5
1 Sciurus dysnoticus mittalli	1	1	5
2 Cynomys ludovicianus	1.50	0	
1 Spermophilus 13-lineatus	50	1	25
1 Eutamias Quillipii Merriami	25	—	
2 Ochotona humilis	1.	2	50
2 Perognathus fasciatus	1.50	1	35
1 Geomys bursarius	50	1	25
2 Arvicola austerus	50	1	25
2 Hesperomys leucopus	50	1	10
8 Hesperomys (leucopus?)	50	—	
24	10.25	10	3.20

Baker, Frank, 1841 - 1918 1899 - 1914

Same as Secretary, Washington Academy of Sciences; Same as Superintendent, National Zoological Park, mainly re bears -

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WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SECRETARY—FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

November 5th, 1899.

My dear Sir;

As Mr. L. O. Howard, the Chairman of the Committee on Non- resident Members, Department of Zoology, has resigned, the President directs that you assume the Chairmanship of that Committee. Your colleagues will be

F. W. True,

H. G. Dyar.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Department of Agriculture,

City.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESIDENT—CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
SECRETARY—FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.
TREASURER—BERNARD R. GREEN,
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

January 19, 1900.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences held January 17, 1900, you were elected a Manager of the Academy, Class of 1903,

Very respectfully yours,

Frank Baker
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
City.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 12, 1903.

My dear Sir,

At a meeting held February 10, 1903 a Committee on Publication was appointed, consisting of Marcus Baker, Chairman, C. Hart Merriam, Bernard R. Green, Frank Baker and B. W. Evermann.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 12, 1903.

My dear Sir,

At a meeting held February 10, 1903, a Committee on the Relations of the Academy to other Organizations was appointed, consisting of Chas. D. Walcott, Chairman, Carroll D. Wright, C. Hart Merriam and O. H. Tittman.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

Feb. 1[illegible], 1903.

My dear Sir,

At a meeting held February 10, 1903, a Committee on Membership was appointed consisting of F. W. Clarke, Chairman, Geo. H. Kober and C. Hart Merriam.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

E.M.S.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESIDENT—CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
SECRETARY—FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.
TREASURER—BERNARD R. GREEN,
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

February 1, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Washington Academy of Sciences, held on the 26th ult., you were duly appointed a member of the Committee on Membership.

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
No. 1919 Sixteenth St.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

E.M.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESIDENT—CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
SECRETARY—FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.
TREASURER—BERNARD R. GREEN,
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

February 1, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Washington Academy of Sciences, held on the 26th ult., you were duly appointed a member of the Committee on "Relations to other Organizations".

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

No. 1919 Sixteenth Street.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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PRESIDENT—CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
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ZOOLOGICAL PARK.
TREASURER—BERNARD R. GREEN,
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1, 1904.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Washington Academy of Sciences, held on the 26th ult., you were duly appointed a member of the Committee on Publications.

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

No. 1919 Sixteenth Street.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

PRESIDENT: CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

TREASURER: BERNARD R. GREEN.
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 1, 1904.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers held May 31, 1904, it was ordered that the preparation of a circular regarding a phonetic conference be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the President and that said committee consider and report upon the whole proposition of a phonetic conference as indicated by a circular and accompanying papers submitted by Dr. Robert Stein.

The President of the Academy has accordingly appointed the following committee which will meet at the call of the chair:-

Carroll D. Wright - Chairman

F. W. Clarke

B. W. Evermann

C. Hart Merriam

O. H. Tittmann.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

ZOOLOGICAL PARK,

Washington, D. C., June 21, *1904.*

To the Employees of the

National Zoological Park.

Doctor C. Hart Merriam is hereby granted permission to take photographs, collect specimens and make observations within the Park at any time and at any place desired.

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

PRESIDENT: CHAS. D. WALCOTT,
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER,
ZOOLOGICAL PARK.
TREASURER: BERNARD R. GREEN.
CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 24, 19 05.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Academy has appointed the following Committee on Publication to serve during the ensuing year:

B. W. Evermann, Chairman,
C. Hart Merriam,
J. S. Diller,
Frank Baker,
C. F. Marvin.

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.

Very respectfully yours,

Frank Baker
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St. N. W.,
City.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 19, 1906.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Academy held January 18, 1906, you were elected a Manager of Class of 1909.

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 20, 1906.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Academy has appointed the following Committee on Publication to serve during the ensuing year:

B. W. Evermann, Chairman

C. Hart Merriam

F. W. Hodge

Frank Baker

Henry Gannett.

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Dept. of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECRETARY: FRANK BAKER
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 2, 1907.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Academy has appointed the following Committee on Publication to serve during the ensuing year.

B. W. Evermann, Chairman

C. Hart Merriam

A. D. Hopkins

Arthur L. Day

Henry Gannett

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT,
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

October 16, 1907.

My dear Doctor Merriam,

I think that you will be interested to know that the Park has the three bear cubs about which you were kind enough to write me on August 18.

Mr. Bales at first asked $1000. for the three cubs, but upon my stating that we could not afford to pay so large a figure, he dropped to $750.00. While this seems like a rather large price for cubs, at the same time I realized that Alaskan bears are not always to be had and so closed with him at that figure.

The cubs reached here about a week ago in perfect condition, except that they are a little too fat. Two of them look as though they might possibly be Yakutats, while the third, which is of a darker color and of a less distinct brown, has a "collar" of lighter hair, and this fellow I am unable to place. I shall be glad to have your opinion of them. All three are males. The two brown cubs weigh, respectively, 110 lbs. and 100 lbs. while the other weighs 94 lbs.

Hoping that you have had a pleasant and profitable season and that we may have the pleasure of seeing you back in Washington again, before long, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

2428 Pine Street,

San Francisco, Calif.

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WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
FRANK BAKER
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 22, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences held January 21, you were elected a member of the Board of Managers, class of 1911.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
FRANK BAKER
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

January 26, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed the following Committee on Publication for the ensuing year:

B. W. Evermann, Chairman
L. J. Briggs
A. D. Hopkins
C. Hart Merriam
David White.

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Pauline B = ♀ cub 2d yr. Ursus kidderi — Cam

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT,
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

July 7, 1911.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

The Mixter bear that died August 9, 1910, was the one which they called Pauline. This cub was received at the Park August 4, 1908. She did not do well, and finally had to be removed to a cage in a retired place, as she persistently vomited her food and was unfit for exhibition. The autopsy showed a severe infestation with Ascaris lumbricoides in both small and large intestines. The stomach also was congested.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Rec'd July 8/1911 Cam

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT,
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

June 18, 1912.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

The bear about which you inquire was a male and was left at the Park from January 17 to February 2, 1909, by Mr. Franklin Moses, who took it from here to New York to exhibit with an Eskimo boy in department stores. He then disposed of the animal to the New York Zoological Park. He said that the bear was then 23 months old and that it was captured "on the north coast of Behring Sea about 200 miles back in the interior of Nome". The animal weighed here 330 pounds, and was about 36" high at the shoulder.

This is all the history that we have for the bear, but I understand that Mr. Moses can be reached at St. Michaels, Alaska, and he might be able to tell something more about the animal. Mr. Moses was formerly a teacher in Alaska under the Bureau of Education, but I am told by the Bureau that he is now running a store at St. Michaels.

Ans'd June 24, 1912.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Rec'd. Aug. 6, 1912

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT,
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

July 24, 1912.

Dear Doctor Merriam,

Mr. Mixter's names for the three bear cubs fitted them properly, and the two that are still living are a male, "Little Willie" and a female, "Fritzy Scheff". Mr. Blackburne has no difficulty in distinguishing between the two.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

February 5, 1914.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have your letter of February 20 regarding the bears born in the Zoo this winter. We have been very unfortunate with them as, although it appears that four litters were born, not one has survived, as the mother has invariably eaten them. In every case the mother has been placed in separate quarters some weeks previous to cubbing and has been disturbed as little as possible. Each one stopped feeding several days before the birth. The details of the births are as follows:

January 9. Grizzly one cub, ate it next day.
" 18. European brown bear. Probably two cubs which mother ate on third day.
January 22. Yakutat bear. Cubs born at 9 a. m. Eaten at once.
January 29. Alaska Peninsular bear. Noise of cubs crying ceased shortly after birth.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Rec'd. Feb. 9, 1914

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

March 3, 1914.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have just received a letter from the Silver Lake Park Co. at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, with regard to their bears, and, thinking that it might be of interest to you in your work, I am sending you herewith a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Rec'd & Ackd. March 4, 1914

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NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

April 18, 1914.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In reply to your kind letter of April 16, I would say that we shall be very glad to have a few of the four-horned sheep, and I have taken the matter up directly with Dr. Bell.

With thanks for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

Frank Baker

Superintendent.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

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Baker, Marcus, 1849-1903 1886-1902

Writing secretary, National Geographic Society; Joint Commission of the Scientific Societies of Washington; and the Carnegie Institution.

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Coast and Geodetic Survey Office

Washington, D. C. March 16 *1886*.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Philosophical Society of Washington, held March 13, you were duly elected a member of the Society.

A copy of the Constitution and Standing Rules and list of members of the Society is sent you herewith.

It is provided in the Standing Rules that an election to membership is void unless the person elected shall accept the same in writing within two months after notification.

Please address me as above, giving your name in full, Post Office address, and place of residence.

Respectfully yours,

Marcus Baker

Secretary.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Washington, D.C.,

December 5, 1890.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,

Dept.of Agriculture.

My dear Sir:

There is,in the hands of the Secretary, an accumulation of unfinished and new business which it is important, for the interests of the Society, to consider and dispose of without delay.

The President directs that a special meeting of the Board of Managers be called, to meet at his house, 1328 Connecticut Avenue, on Tuesday evening, December 9, at eight o'clock, to despatch this business.

It is earnestly desired that you may be able to attend.

Very respectfully,

Marcus Baker

Secretary.

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Marcus Baker

Secretary.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Washington, D.C.,

January 20, 1891.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Dept. of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

I ahve the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Geographic Society, held January 16, 1891, you were appointed a member of the Committee on Publications, to serve for the current year.

Very respectfully,

Marcus Baker

Secretary.

Washington, D.C.,

February 21, 1891.

Dear Sir:

Will you please attend a meeting of the Joint Commission of the Scientific Societies of Washington, to be held in the Columbian University- President's room- on Tuesday, February 24th, at 4 P.M.

By orderof the President:

Very respectfully,

Marcus Baker

Secretary.

Washington, D.C.,

February 3, 1891.

Dear Sir:

Will you please attend a meeting of the Joint Commission of the five scientific societies, to be held at the office of Mr. Henry Gannett, U.S. Geological Survey, Thursday February 5th, at half past three P.M.

By order of the President:

Very respectfully,

Marcus Baker

Secretary.

From Marcus Baker

1905 Sixteenth St.
Washington D.C. May 3 '91

Dear Dr & Mrs and anonymous baby Ruth Merriam :-

First comes a dear little missive from Mom - Da - Da - Babe - Ruth - Merriam with flowers and news from her "Mom" and then again from Panamint Valley Apr. 20 comes a word from Da - Da C.H.M. himself. Thanks and many of them for all these good friends from me and mine. Little Mom - Mom's picture stands by the clock side and has many looks and comments daily. A bouncing, butter-ball - baby has appeared in the neighborhood, fat, smiling, heavy, sweet but somehow we prefer our own little Ruth Merriam. When her sister arrives I suppose you will turn her over to us for nights as well as days.

In the matter of the slaters bill he seemed in no haste when I saw him so it seems best to let it rest till Dr's return and similarly about the plastering, the Mahons being in the house, it seems to me best not to do anything before your return. We have called at the Mahons once but found no baby and did not get beyond the parlor. So the inducement to repeat the visit is not exceeding much. The memory of the past days is sweeter than the actual present there. So let us not disturb it.

What's the news? Well let me see. Let's begin on the black side and hurry through to better news. John LeConte of Berkeley, dead, Leidy of Philadelphia both of them in fact - the brothers - dead. Alex Winchell of Ann Arbor, dead. S. P. Langley of Washington, alive.

Many Washingtonians have been used up this spring with "Grippe". The death rate reach above 190 at a maximum for one week and for four or five weeks was above 170 the normal being about 90. Mrs Whitney is, we

fear, near her end. She has been in precarious health all winter. Now she has broken up her little home and is depressed and discouraged. She goes to New York tomorrow. Mrs Edson has had "grip", and Stearns has it now I think. He has now been ill for nearly a fortnight and is much discouraged. Began with vertigo and has been not free from it since complains much of the back of his head and neck.

Hayes (C. Willard) has gone to Alaska with Schwatka. Russell expects to start for the west coast in a day or two and to be landed in Sey Bay by June 20 - either by the Corwin or the Albatross. J. Stanley-Brown starts tomorrow for the Seal Islands Alaska as a special agent of the Treasury Dept. You see the new Sec^y does not return our friend Elliott. I felt some regret at your absence in Death Valley when the matter came up as it seemed to me you ought to have gone too.

The National Academy met in due season in dull session, papers were read by 2 or 3 members; the titles of some more were announced and several papers from non-members were read. They tried hard to elect some new members and failed.

Langley has apparently learned something. He has turned the Zoo management largely over to Goode and it begins to boom. Forepaugh has just donated a big ugly bull elephant and lent another and the Star is full of Zoo.

We fear the glorious climate disagrees with "Elizabeth". Is it so? We are well and plan to abide here all summer. Henshaw is still a bachelor. Will he ever manage the Lathe successfully. I have lots more to tell you only I cant think of it now. For the little Dalls arrive in a few minutes to lunch with us and they need watching. Yesterday they set the shed at their home - on fire, and the Fire Dept. put it out after the roof had burned off. Mrs B- wrote Mrs H- three or four days ago. A few hours later a western mail car was burned. Perhaps her letter went with the rest of the smoke and you will never know your loss. If this epistle is jerky pray attribute the jerkiness to the manifold interruptions to the orderly progress of its growth.

Shall we not hear soon? With kindest remembrances Your ever affy
The Blasters

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION
1439 K STREET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 21,1902.

My dear Merriam:-

By direction of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Institution I take pleasure in handing you herewith some papers by W. E. D. Scott and others, relative to the establishment of a laboratory for the study of living birds, and to request you, as one of the advisers of the Institution, to submit an opinion upon the proposition made.

Very truly yours,

Marcus Baker

Asst. Sec.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Baldwin, Simeon Eben, 1840-1927 1885-1895

Re Dr. Hoadley

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LAW OFFICE
OF
SIMEON E. BALDWIN,

Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

North East Harbor. Mt. Desert

69 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn., Aug. 13 188 5

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

My Dear Sir,

I am much pained to hear of the sad condition of Dr. Hoadley, from your letter of August 8. which has just reached me, here. I have also one from Dr. Perry written two days later, advising me that he will probably be sent to Bloomingdale, this week.

I am at too great a distance to give any advice, but I know that Dr. Hoadley regards you as his best friend, and that you would bear and suffer a great deal, rather than have any permanent stigma attached to his name, such as may follow even the temporary confinement of one in your profession in such a place. There is a great deal in a name, and if he could be kept at Bellevue, till his mind regains its balance, it would seem to me, better for his general interests.

So far as money is concerned, his share in

his fathers estate is now fully in his name and possession, and I think he has a considerable sum in bank.

I believe that I have a general power of attorney from him; but am not certain what its terms are

I shall be at the Grand Union Hotel Saratoga on Tuesday Aug. 18, for a few days, not returning to New Haven before Aug. 25th.

Yours respectfully

Simeon E. Baldwin

LAW OFFICE
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SIMEON E. BALDWIN,

Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 27th 1885

Dr. B. H. Merriam
My Secretary.

I returned home last night. I found a letter from Mr. Folsom enclosing the bond required at Bloomingdale, which he is willing to sign as one surety.

I have Dr. Hoadley's Will in my possession, but I am not one of his executors. I think you had better sign the bond with Mr. Folsom, and then enclose it now to you. I have written the Doctor; sending him a check for $520. and asking him to sign it.

My power of attorney from him would not authorize me to collect his rents, but I believe he has plenty of money in bank to last him a year or more, and we ought to try to avoid any conservatorship, if possible. If he is able to sign a new power of attorney in my favor, I will accept it.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

P.S. Does his brother know where he is?

Bond. Hoadley. 28

Amed. Deptt. 13/85.

LAW OFFICE
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Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn., Sept. 15 1885

Dr. G. Hart Merriam
My Friend:

Your letter of Sept. 13th received.

I had promised Mr. Nelson to meet him to-morrow (Wednesday) at 2.30 P.M. at West Side Elevated R.R. station, 104th St. N.Y. to go over Dr. Hartley.

Can you not join us? I expect to leave the Asylum at 3.30.

Yours truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

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Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn., Sept 26 1881

Dr C. H. Merriam
Mystic Conn.

I wrote to Dr. Perry on the day after I saw you last, to deliver Dr. Hardley's effects to you, and the balance of cash. Have you got them? If so, please send me his keys, as I can then get his letters, which I have not yet asked for.

I meant to tell his brother when he is, the next time he is in town.

I have arranged with Mr. Dutton to keep his room for him at $2. a week.

Yours truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Arch. Dept. 28/06.

LAW OFFICE
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Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn., Sept. 29 188 5

Dr. G. H. Merwin
Deerfr

Yours of Sept 28. is received. If you wish to have me look up that letter, you had better send me the "safe key." It may be his P. O. box key.

I have told his brother everything, and he approves the course we have taken. He says that the Dr., when at Clayton with him, on a previous occasion, was suffering from having a hankering taking "cocculus indicus."

Yours ungtmly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Amd. Oct. 1st / 75.
& keyandexed.

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Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn., Nov. 6 1885

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington

Dr. Hoadley writes me that he hopes soon to go to Washington with you, and writes his brother that he may be up here next week.

I hope you will advise him to run no risks by leaving a safe harbor, until the seas are really smooth. If he is well enough to go, the sooner the better, of course; but he ought to take no chances.

His last letter to me was all right, but within a few weeks he has written in a very unfavorable way — asking me to give away his property, &c. &c.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Ancd. Nov. 10/86.

Recd. & Ansd. April 16, 1886. SEBaldwin.

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Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn., April 12th 1886

Dr. G. Hart Merriam

My Dear Sir

I am extremely sorry to have this bad news in your letter of yesterday.

In regard to a power of attorney, I should desire to do for him, whatever he would wish if he were fully himself; though I should prefer personally not to be bothered with it. You know that his relations with his brother have been much unfriendly since his former attack. I understood from the Dr. when here last month, that his brother had been really attorning to all his rents and real estate, of late. If so, would it not be better to have him take the form of attorney?

I have the will in my safe, as you say.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Recd. Apr. 16/76.

Ans'd. Apr. 19/86

LAW OFFICE
OF
SIMEON E. BALDWIN,

Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William K. Townsend,~~
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn., April 17 188 6

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

My dear Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday, and had already noticed the newspaper account of the accident You have had a very trying time, and I am glad all is over as well as it is.

I still hold the papers executed last Fall, and need no new ones.

Was the quarter's bill paid in advance, as proposed, or do you want me to attend to it?

If you have the bank deposit book and pocket check book, perhaps you had better forward them to me, and I can then send you a check for the balance due.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

P.S. I want to write to Dr. H. but don't know where to the Asylum, and have forgotten the stewards name and the corner of the streets. Can you tell me? It appears on their bill heads.

S.E.B.

April 17 6

Dr.C.Hart Harriss

My dear Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday, and I had already noticed the newspaper account of the accident You have had a very trying time, and I am glad all is over as well as it is.

I still hold the papers executed last Fall, and need no new one.

Sent. after April 19, 1886.

Has the jeweler's bill been paid in advance, as proposed, or do you want me to attend to it?

If you have the bank deposit book and pocket check book, perhaps you had better forward them to me, and I can then send you a check for the balance due.

Yours very truly

Ackd. Apr. 26, 1886.

LAW OFFICE
OF
SIMEON E. BALDWIN,

Simeon E. Baldwin,
William K. Townsend,
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn., April 24 1886

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

My dear Sir

I have received the check-book by mail, and George Hoadley has been down to see the Doctor, and brought me the key to his box at the Bank, and his other check-book.

I enclose you check for the amount due you, as stated in your letter. i. e.

For money paid last Summer		$42
for money paid this month, as per memorandum given me	84.75	
	50	
	34.75	$34.75
		$76.75

I suppose his room at Washington has been vacated, and there will be no further expense for that. Am I right?

He writes me that you can send me the estimates and contracts for his Crown Street work. Can you do so? I shall be in Washington from Tuesday to Thursday at the Ebbitt House should you wish to see me.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Recd. Sept. 14/86.

LAW OFFICE
OF
SIMEON E. BALDWIN,

Simeon E. Baldwin,
~~William H. Townsend~~,
John H. Whiting.

69 Church Street,
New Haven, Conn.,

Sept. 11 1886

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

My dear Sir

Your letter of August 26 arrived while I was off on my vacation, or I should have answered it before.

I can only say that I hope sincerely, as a friend of Dr. Hoadley, that you will be able to receive him again into your household at Washington and be with him for at least the three months you speak of, uninterruptedly.

He spoke to me shortly before I left town, late in July, about his arrangements with you, and his intention to spend something in furnishing his rooms. His income is sufficient for all his wants, and I presume he could give you a ckeck now, if you went to see him, in settlement of your accounts.

Yours very truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

S.E. Baldwin - 1886

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RECEIVED at _____ 2/26 1895

Dated New Haven Conn

To Dr. Columbus H. Merriam Washington DC

Dr. Hoadley died in Fla. last night have ordered body embalmed and shipped here you are coexecutor with Judge Townsend.

Simeon E. Baldwin

State of Connecticut.
Supreme Court of Errors.

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS,
No. 69 Church St.

New Haven, Feb.26,1895. 189

Dr.C.H.Merriam,

My dear Sir:

As I telegraphed you,this morning,Dr. F.H.Hoadley died suddenly last night,at Palm Beach. Mr. Harry Jones was with him,and I have wired him to bring the body on here for burial. He will probably start North with it to-day.

Judge Townsend and you are the executors,and have each an interest in the residuary estate,by his will.

His sister requests that the funeral be from her house. You know what Dr.Hoadley's relations with her were. If you disapprove of the arrangement,please wire me,at once. Judge Townsend is here,having just returned from Palm Beach,where he saw the doctor last Wednesday. He was then much as he has been for some years,when he was not at his best.

I will wire you when the body is to reach here,as soon as I can learn. Of course,the funeral should be as soon after its arrival as may be.

I have arranged for digging the grave in the Hoadley family lot in the old cemetery.

Yours very truly,

Simeon E. Baldwin

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RECEIVED at Corcoran Bldg., S. E. Cor. 15th & F Sts., Washington, D. C. Feby 27 1895

Dated New Haven Conn

To Doctor C. Hart Merriam
Washn D.C.

Funeral probably at three Saturday afternoon from Mrs Kimberlys. Body started north this morning expected Friday

Simon E Baldwin

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RECEIVED at Corcoran Bldg., S. E. Cor. 15th & F Sts., Washington, D. C. Feby 27 1895

Dated New Haven Conn 27

To Dr Chart Merriam
Washn DC

Go to hospital everything is arranged here Your presence unnecessary

Simeon E Baldwin

Rec'd March 7, 1895.

State of Connecticut.
Supreme Court of Errors.

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS,
No. 69 Church St.

New Haven, March 3 1895.

My dear Sir,

I near Dr. Hoadley's will, yesterday, after the funeral, to Mrs. Kimberly and her husband, and gave them a copy. I enclose you another, and have also sent one to Miss Bradley.

Judge Townsend has asked my son, Mr. Roger S. Baldwin, to prepare the papers for probating the will, and I will write you from New York, with reference to your seeing him after you leave the hospital.

Most of Dr. Hoadley's property, as you probably know, was bequeathed to me in trust in 1887. It consists mainly of stores in the centre of New Haven, and the net income is from $3,500. to $4,000. a year.

Yours truly

Simeon E. Baldwin

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Bales, L L 1907-1918

Re grizzly bear cubs from Alaska; other bear hunters in Alaska; and protection of the Alaska grizzly.

Rec'd. Aug. 18, 1907. from Frank Baker Left. Westf. Zoo.

Big Brown Bears
Ursus gyas

Cubs alleged to be

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Seattle, Wash., 8—5 1907

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Dear Sir:—
I have just returned from the Alaska Penninsula, in the vicinity of Cape John & Ilekavaka flats. I have three fine specimens of live Grizzly Bear Cubs, (all Males) Two of them are brothers but are entirely different types of the Grizzly Bear family. One being a square built little fellow, with a leg under each corner like an office table & you couldn't tip him over with a pant Hook. His coat is light grey color, & he holds his head side ways when investigating any thing new to him, & will pick a scrap with his brother, sometimes without provocation, His brother is a little taller than he is, His legs closer together

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& he is a rich brown in color, & when he goes to scrap or investigate, he always holds his head down with his nose between his fore legs, presenting the back of his neck to his opponent. & while he does not always seek trouble, He will go but a very short distance out of his way to avoid it. They are both in good shape & I can handle them all right. These two cubs are from Becheroff Lake, Alaska Peninsula, right opposite lower end of Kadiak Island. They are the Alaska Grizzly & grow just as large as any bear on Kadiak Island ever does. They have the "roach" or hump on the shoulder, & the drop in the skull just in front of the eyes

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The other cub came from Pava-
lof Bay Alaska Peninsula &
is what the hunters call the ring
neck or "Bad Bear." He has a
white band on the upper side of
his neck it only reaches half way
round his neck. This cub is of a
sullen, vindictive & treacherous
nature. He hates the sight of man
& will jump & charge the full
length of his chain when approach-
ed by anyone, I intended them
for the Alaska fair. But as there
has been no government appropriation made
for this fair, I'd can get a good
price for my specimens & will sell
them. Should you be able to
place them, I will come east
with them & take care of them
enroute providing I can get my

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transportation to the East & return & expenses enroute for taking one of them & only mention this as in that case I would know they be properly cared for & understand them perfectly. I can explain & give much information about both old & young Grizzly Bear.

Mr. J. H. Shirk of Peru Indiana & Mr G. E. Henneberry of Chicago Ill. were on the Peninsula this Spring & arranged their hunt for them. They killed 12 Grizzlies, all good trophies & prime Skins. Mr. Shirk took a fine lot of pictures in the field some of the Skulls showing the different types. He has promised me that he will send you some pictures of them.

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I just had an interview with Congressman Humphrey & we both agree that the Alaska Grizzly bear should be protected as they are the largest carnivorous animal in the world to-day, & are getting very scarce on Kadiak's island which has been persistently hunted for generations, & would earnestly recommend that there be a close season on bear, & the number be limited to 4 or 5 to each person in a year & that there be an open season on Bear when the pelts are prime only. Then they are splendid trophies. Of course there are some good pelts late in the fall. Bear so into

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minty quarters about the Hollidays & do not come out until the 20th of April to the 1st of may & are safe during all that time in their dens. Then their pelts are prime until the 1st of July. So, I would recommend that there be an open season on alaska Bear from the 1st of October until the 1st of July.
Grizzly Bear will keep out of your way & are not dangerous only when wounded.
I would like very much if you would send me several copies of the present game laws as in force in alaska to-day, & a copy of the new law as recommended.

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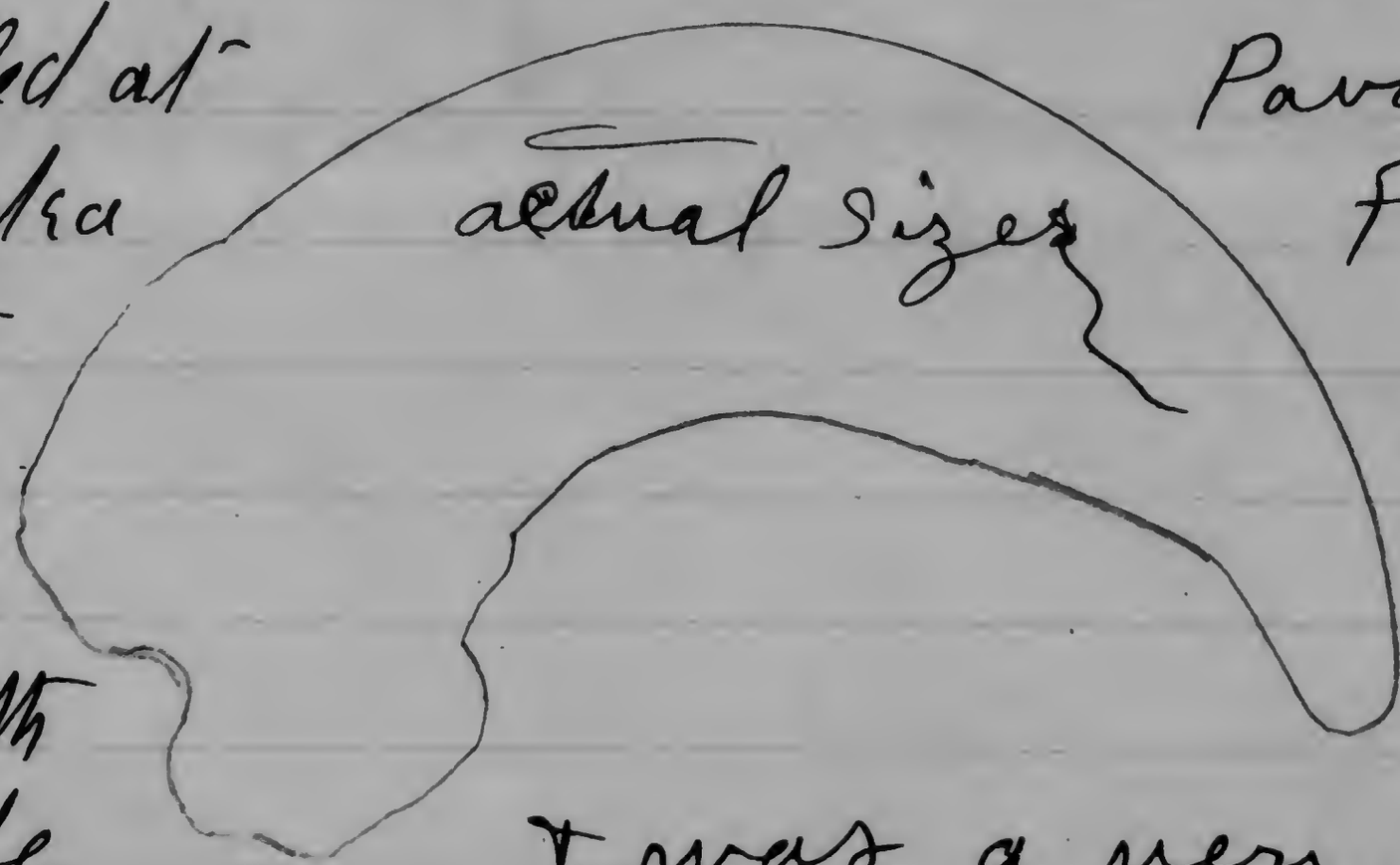
Below is the outline of a Grizzly bear killed at Pavaloff Bay alaska Peninsula last Spring. The actual sizes Skin measured length 11 feet & 9 feet wide, it was a very light color, some of the bear killed by messers Shirts & Hennebery were a cream color, it all shades from that to a rich dark brown,



Trusting this will find you well, I am sincerely & faithfully yours

L. L. Bales,

P. O. Box, 1562, Seattle Wash.

Ans. April 9, 1918

San Diego, Calif. 3-26-1918

Dr. C. Hart-Merriam
Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:- my old time Alaska Friend, Lieut.-
G. T. Emmons of Princeton New Jersey, writes me that you are
sending me your Preliminary report- on Alaskan Bear. This will
be more than appreciated by me, As I have been interested in the
Bear family for a life time & in alaskan bear for the last- 30 years.
& if there is any thing that I can do to help, in the field, I will
be glad to do so. I have just-returned from a 8 months trip to the
Alaska Peninsula (Stepovak Bay, Pacific side of the Alaska Penin-
-sula, Right-opposite Port-Moller,) & expect- to return there,
leaveing here about- May 1st. Lieut-Emmons tells me that
you want- Bear Skulls from Alaska. The only way to get-
a systamatic collection of alaskan Bear Skulls, would be for some
reliable person who was qualified for the work, & acquainted
with alaska, with the People, with the harbors, & the range of
the different-bear. A man qualified for this work would
cost- $150. a month in wages & all travelling expenses & subsis-
tance, will the study of alaskan bears justify the cost-?
Or have you Progressed beyond that Point- in your research
work? I have a picture showing an alaskan Brown Bear
that was published in the national Geographical magazine
that with a Statement- below the Picture that reads like this:-
"During the spawning the Alaskan Brown Bear lives up on the salmon that
come up the rivers to spawn." July 1st.- is about- the time
that salmon begin to run in the creeks & streams in alaska,
while the bear come out of their dens about- the 24th of April
Some years a week earlier & some years a week later,
There is another statement- that I have seen in print- & that is,
that naturalists who have made a study of bears, are able

to identify a bear by the flat skin & the dental formation, is the above statement correct?

There are 3 live bear in the National Zoo at Washington D.C. that I caught for Dr. Frank Baker a number of years ago. Alaskan I would like to hear your classification of them, & the Brown Bear that Mr. Hornaday has at the Bronx at New York & the 2 I sent to the Philadelphia Zoo. I know the exact locality where each one of the above bear came from. In this way may be my field knowledge may be of some help in your research work. The breeding habits of the Alaskan Brown Bear is another subject that has an important bearing on the classification of the Big Plantigrades.

It is an interesting study & facts should be carefully sought for & the truth is more interesting than fiction in any research work. So if there is any thing that I can do to help the good cause along I am with you.

Sincerely yours
L. L. Bales

1236 – 5th St.
San Diego, Calif.

P.S. Mr. A. G. Maddren of the U.S. Biological Survey was at my home on the Alaska Peninsula last summer examining some sulphur & have there. & he can describe the country to you & he also has some good Photographs of the Slepovak Bay Region, & by the way if his report on sulphur is out I wish you would send me the bulletin. Rev. L. L. Bales

San Diego, Calif. 4-6-1918

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:- Your notes on Bears is at hand, many thanks for the same.
Our mutual friend Lieut.-G.T. Emmons writes me that you are desirous of securing Bear skulls from Alaska.
In 1910 I took the census on Unimak Island.
Now if I were to receive an appointment - on the census force for 1920 for the arctic seaboard, or the Alaska Peninsula, or for the Alaska Peninsula & Unimak Island. There is no question but what I can secure you a series of bear skulls & skins if you wish that would be of much benefit to you in your interesting study of the plantigrades & at a price that would be satisfactory to you, as I could combine the collecting of bear skulls & with the census taking. I feel certain that Gov. J. F. A. Strong, now acting Gov. of Alaska will endorse me for the position. Just how to go about the appointment - I don't know. As I received the last appointment while in the field collecting for the Alaska exhibit - in the Seattle Yukon fair. I also would like to collect for you beginning this year, at a wage that we may agree upon. In this way much country could be covered before 1920.
I am thoroughly familiar with Unimak Island & the Alaska Peninsula. The Bering sea coast line as far north as Nome, S. E. Alaska & the coast from Cross sound to & including Cook's Inlet. I can secure you good pictures of Bear in the field & even in their dens in winter as I know of several Bear dens that have bear in every winter

I am familiar with the habits of bear & will be pleased to give you the benefit of my field knowledge of Alaskan bears should you desire it.

With best wishes I am sincerely yours

G. L. Bales.

1236 – 5th St.

San Diego. Calif.

Ans'd. May 6, 1918

Pan-Pacific Building

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C. J. DONALDSON, COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO, CAL., 4—15—1918

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:— Your favor of April 9th. at hand, yes, I was surprised at the large number of different forms of skulls of the bear family represented in your research work. But when one considers the stupendous work that you have undertaken you are well within the limit. As to different forms of bear skulls There is a difference in the shape of bear skulls of the same litter. It seems to me that you will have no trouble in identifying the different species of the bear family. But when you come to identify the different varieties of the different species, Especially the large Alaskan Brown Bear, your task is almost endless, My field knowledge of black & Brown Bear extends over a period of 40 years, 15 degrees of latitude north & south (45 to 60) & over 1500 miles of Longitude east & west. Puget Sound to Unimak Island, now I would be pleased to give you the benefit of my field knowledge on any particular feature, or the subject as a whole & if you find that the information is of value to you, Then you pay me what you think it is worth to you. You can ask any question on the subject you like where field knowledge applies.

Now about bear skulls: I expect to be on the Alaska Peninsula & Unimak Island this summer & next winter, & will be in a Position to get a number of bear skulls fresh, Providing you get me a Permit to kill more than the three allowed by law, I will ship no skulls unless they are in a good state of Preservation, Properly cleaned &c, giving locality where & when killed &c. Send me a supply of shipping tags, & you will get some bear skulls. The fall of the year is the most suitable

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SAN DIEGO, CAL.,

for collecting bear skulls as the animals do not hesitate to show themselves, more especially 2 or 3 weeks before going into their dens for the winter. How many Bear Skulls do you want from any given locality? Do you want any other kind of wild animal skulls? will a bear skull of an adult male bear, well preserved & identified as to locality &c, bring $25. (I will ship nothing but perfect specimens) Do you want the whole skin of any of the Alaskan Big Bear for mounting?

Now as to bear skulls from the same locality I will say: — The alaskan brown bear are great travellers, & a dozen Bear skulls from a radius of a dozen miles might represent bears from a distance of a hundred miles either way.

I am expecting to start for the Alaska Peninsula some time in May. & would like an order for bear skulls. Providing I can get a Permit to kill for you more than the three allowed me by law as a resident of Alaska. So, with best wishes to you & your great work, I remain yours sincerely C. L. Bales.

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Rec'd. May 6, 1918

ALEXANDER HUME FORD, DIRECTOR
C. J. DONALDSON, COMMISSIONER

SAN DIEGO, CAL., 4-16-1918.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Dear Sir;- I have an Alaska Peninsula Brown Bear Skin (fall killed) fur about two inches long, and a rich brown color, The Skin is about 10 feet long & nicely cleaned, (no grease) are you in the field to buy it-? — you may have it - for $50. I am asking $100. for it - here. will you want any of the Big Alaskan Bear Skins?

I expect to start north in 2 or 3 weeks, for the Alaska Peninsula The Head of Stepovak Bay my home, & will be on the Peninsula & minister land this summer & fall.

Sincerely yours

L. L. Baker.

Ball, Edward F 1912-1913

Re bear skulls and identification of bears he has killed in the Yukon

Ans'd. June 24, 1912

E.F.B.

335 Warburton Ave
Yonkers N.Y. June 19/12

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

It will afford me pleasure to again loan you the skull of bear obtained from Golofnin Bay, Alaska, and I will forward it as directed as soon as I have time to pack same which will be within a few days

May I ask if you will kindly attempt to name a species of bear that I have killed in Alaska, which is quite common there, from descriptions that I will furnish?

Yours Truly
Edward F. Ball

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Ans. July 10, 1912

E.F.B.

335 Warburton Ave
Yonkers N.Y. July 7, 1912

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth St
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have at last found time to pack the bear's skull and will notify American Express Co. to call for same in morning. I regret delay in forwarding same, but the breaking in of two motor-cycles for side car work and the designing and making model for new chassis have occupied all my spare time recently.

In regard to bears which you said you would name from description; these were killed in the spring of 1896 and I can only describe them from memory.

No. 1. Female (?), ~~at~~ on Yukon River, a few miles below the mouth of the Stewart River, in the

Yukon District of Canada. Weight probably between 125 and 150 lbs. Color dark cinnamon or choccolate brown. Claws dark brown and curved like those of a black bear, - quite sharp. Hair of medium texture, neither very stiff nor yet woolly.

No 2 Female, on ~~Yukon River~~ Mission Creek near its junction with the Yukon River, Alaska, just west of the 141st meridian, near the site of what is now known as Eagle City. Weight probably between 140 and 160 lbs. Color very light brown or tawney on back, - precisely the color of an old faded buffalo robe, almost a dirty straw color; - darker on sides and feet. Claws light brown and curved like No 1. Hair long and thick on back and very soft and silky.

In addition to the above described I have seen skins varying in shade of color between the above with long claws like those of the grizzley. Also skins of what appeared to be the same kind of bear a dirty white on black, merging

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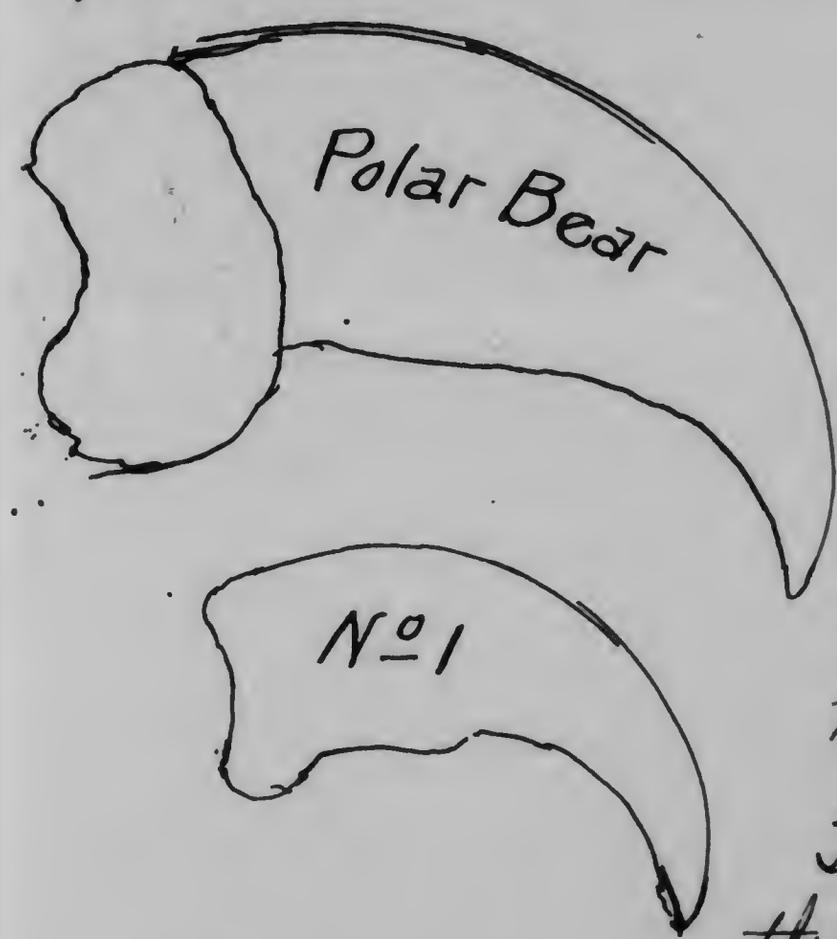
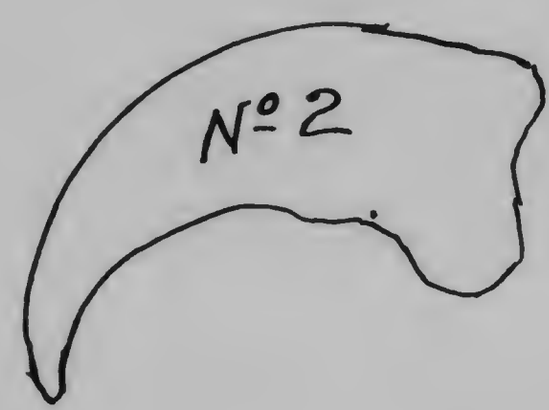
Also one skin pure white, — as white as a polar with a slight yellowish tinge at the feet. It was not a polar bear, for the head was not long and narrow and the claws were same as before described, whereas the polar bear has a peculiarly shaped claw of which the following is an outline





All above described skins were from various points on the Yukon River.

The Indians state that these bears are found in all shades of color from chocolate brown to pure white and that when young the claws are short and curved, and when old long and straight like the grizzley.

Hoping that you may be able to name these bears from the meager descriptions, I am

Very Truly Yours
Edward F. Ball

Ans.

Dr. C. H
1919

Dear Sir

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Ans'd. July 25, 1912

E.F.B.

335 Warburton Ave
Yonkers N.Y. July 21. 1912

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge with thanks receipt of yours of the 10th inst. naming bears. I had hoped to find some authority who would pronounce them a variety of cinnamon, but as you say they are black I shall have to accept this decision as final and rest contented with having shot nothing more formidable than Ursus Americanus. In regard to your offer of $25.00 for the skull I sent you. As you may remember, shortly after my return from Alaska ~~who~~ we had some correspondence re-purchase of skull, and if I remember correctly I then valued it at $50.00

It occupies a prominent place in my collection of relics from Alaska and has a sentimental value owing to the fact that the bear was killed by the native Eskimos with their primitive weapons, three of the natives being slain in the encounter. For these reasons I would not care to part with it for less than the figure named, viz. $50.00.

I regret that absence from town has delayed this answer to your enquiry.

Yours Truly

Edward F. Ball

335 Warburton Ave
Yonkers N.Y. Mch 24/13

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to apologise for delay in answering your enquiry of Feb 3d regarding killing of natives by bear at Golofnin Bay Alaska, skull of which you secured from me.

Your letter became mislaid with other papers and only recently came to light. I regret that I cannot give any further information. When I returned from Alaska in 1898 I believe I wrote you about this occurrence as it was then fresh in my

memory. If you can find any correspondence about that date it will be the most reliable.

To the best of my recollection, I was told that this bear had been attacked by natives with spears and arrows, and before being slain caused the death of three (?) of the natives. I never had any means of verifying this report and only give it for what it is worth.

Hoping that this may be of some use to you, I remain

Yours Truly

Edward F. Ball

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891

[1890]

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Recd. in October, 1890.
Recd July 17th 1891

Washington D. C. October

My dear Sir,

I this day resume my residence in Washington D.C. at 1623. H. street

Thanking you for your kind intentions towards me with regard to placing within my reach certain further documents,

I am very truly
your obliged
Geo. Bancroft
Oct. 1
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Bandelier, Adolphe Francis Alphonse, 1840-1914 1904

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

77TH STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE.

NEW YORK, March 17th 1904.-

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHÆOLOGY.

My dear Doctor!--

We could not see You and Mrs.Merriam last Monday,it was decidedly TOO fine weather.Fanny remained at Garrets Park and I stormed about the Capital in search of victims to call upon.I was so fortunate as to be able to see my old friend Dr.Mathews,whom I had not seen since 1882,although always in touch with him by letter.Found him abed!-----

Fanny will write to Mrs.Merriam shortly.Our best thanks for Your great kindness to us.Our trip to Washington has been one of the most pleasant we jointly remember,and good deal of it is due to You and Your es--teemed wife.We hope Your daughter has fully recovered.

Gave Your regards to all Your friends here.Bumpus is o--verburthened with work,he has not a moment to himself,but withal he finds always a pleasant word,even when he has no time for a talk.Allen I have not yet seen,when I called he was out,but I shall see him and Chapman as soon as possible and tell them of You.--We met of course a deal of snow upon our return and have winter-weather again to suit an Esquimaux or Esquimo,and e--ven a "laplander" if necessary.Nothing new under the sun,besides.Regards to Dr:Gilbert and please ask him if he has the paper by Forbes on the Geo--logy of Bolivia.In case he has it not and would like to have it,I will ma--ke an attempt to secure i t for him.Not that it should be atrociously val--uable but then,it is always a document.Forbes has made many bad breaks in his so-called "Memoir",being too anxious to wreck d'Orbigny at any cost,es--pecially at the expense of truth.---If Our friend Gilbert wishes it,I will to obtain a copy for him in the course of time.

Now as for Your interests:--if You so desire I shall write for Your use what we have seen,learned and experienced in regard to the CONDOR.The great bird was our companion on the coast and in the Cordillera, and we found,through personal experience,that much of what the late Mr.Dr Brehm (or rather,perhaps,his successor Pehuel-Loesche) has stated is as ex--act as any story by Alexander Dumas.If it is of any interest to You,just say so.

In case You see Grosvenor please give him my compliments and tell him that I am trying to obtain for the Monthly one of my geographic chapter on the Islands and on Lake Titicaca. It will take some time however and if I see that there is too much delay I shall write a special article for him on the Orography and Hypsometry of parts of our Cordilleras. Illustrated of course. To Hodge I will write towards the close of the week.

You certainly have Tschudi's FAUNA PERUANA. There is an older book of his, far more valuable and in fact the only important thing he has written. This is his very first publication: PERU, REISESKIZZEN, published, I believe, in 1842 or thereabouts. In that work he shows to his best. Whenever J:J:von Tschudi attempted to be "larned", he usually made a mess of himself. My old english friend Nation was "down on him" as much as on Markham. I am not surprised at the latter. Markham is an excellent authority in the sense, that one can safely believe the contrary of what he asserts.

Once more regards and thanks. Fanny will write soon also.

Yours very truly:

Ad. F. Bandelier.

Rec'd. April 5, 1904

Bangs, Oliram, 1863- 1932

1900- 1915

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240 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
Mar. 21. 1900

Dear Dr. Merriam

I send you today, by express the following skulls. Mustela borealis 3, skulls; including the type; Vulpes deletrix 5 skulls, including the type; Vulpes f. rubricosa, 5 skulls including the type; Vulpes from Labrador 6 skulls. the two that belong to skins (which will follow) are uncleaned. I have not had time to clean them yet. I have none if you need them.

The skins will go as soon as I can get a box to hold them.

If you are at work on our red foxes. — they need reviewing bad

enough — go ahead and name the Labrador form — if it proves different as I think it will. I have not had time to get at it yet. I have a splendid lot of red foxes. I have always made sort of a specialty of them — thinking I would at some time review the group. But I have always been to much rushed of late years and besides this I should have had to borrow material and this I don't like to do, except of you or the Nat. Mus. I am out of it now. and if you want any more of my material I will send it on. I have fine skins & skull. from W. Va. to Maine. and a series running west and connecting future

and macrourus.

If I send on to you a few skins collected by Rhoads in Mex. will you name them for me? I need send only one of a species, as they are all common things; and I think you can do it in a few minutes. I want to be sure and have them properly named as I expect things from Brown any day from Panama and any named Mexican things you have will be a help to me. I bought Rhoads's mammals & birds, both poor lots - Rhoads is a very poor collector - but still both containing things that may be a help to me. In the case of some

of the mammals I have put names on the labels, but my identification may be wrong.

Yours truly

Outram Bangs.

Skins & skull came.
back. O.K. O.B.

240 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
Dec. 30. 1890

Dear Dr. Merriam

Many thanks for your kindness in comparing the Lemmus. Since then I have bought for the museum a series from the same locality but at once saw the great difference. Since I got your letter I have carefully gone over Richardson's descriptions and am of opinion that the little chap is L. helvolus, anyway it is very close to that animal

I have been working like a studd horse all autumn getting my collection out to Cambridge and going over the old collection there and arranging the whole

together. I find a lot of good things in the old coll. — of course rotten skins — but lots of valuable material just the same. I am having all the good ones made over, and some of them come out very well. But it takes lots of cash, and I have time for little else.

One beast that may interest you, and you had better make a note of. is a splendid wolf from ~~Lake~~ ~~Moose~~ Moose Head Lake Me. This skin was never "made up" is in fine condition and apparently not the least faded. So far as I know this is the only mounted, and therefore unfaded wolf from Maine in existance. When you review the wolves send on for him. As I told you before I also have a fine ("red Texan wolf"?) from La.

Yours sincerely. Outram Bangs.

Rec'd & Ans'd.
at Tuolumne Meadows.
Calif. July 27, 1901.
C. H. M.

Wareham Mass.
July 9. 1901

Dear Dr. Merriam

I have just unpacked a superb lot of birds and mammals from Brown taken in the high Cordillera de Chiriqui. — 1200 birds and 400 mammals. Coll. in about two months and a half. As he was all alone and travelled round in the mountains collecting from 3,000 to 5,000 feet he did mighty well to get so many. The last lot he sent before this, in a little over 50 days he made up, all alone, 1,100 birds & 70 mammals, so you see he is a hustler for tropical work, and he makes beautiful skins. His bird skins are the best I know. In the present lot

from the high mountains he got among the mammals.

Perameles 1 or 2 species, large series.

Sciurus, 3 species.

Didelphys? large series, a very large wholly black one, as big as an Caloudotia.

Oryzomys 4 or 5 species, all in series

Heteromys 1 species, good series

Rhipidomys 1 or 2 species, good series.

Didelphis good series, 2 species.

mamosa 1 spec.

One Ocelot

One Puma, very fine, do you want to see it now?

Raccoons, and the like

Sloaths.

Monkeys.

Tapir and peccary.

Deer, (Mazama) 3 or 4,

Akumbs, 2 spec.

Rabbits
and 3 specimens of a superb weasel, which does not appear to belong to Grenatus series. It is black above line of demarkation very low down orange along belly; has a short tail and no hidling or markings on face. This and many of the others appear to be new. There are other small mammals I have not identified. and I have only just unpacked them and roughly run them through. If you want to see the puma at once please let me know and I will send it on.

Hastily yours
Outram Bangs.

Wareham, Mass.
Aug. 27. 1901

Dear Dr. Merriam

I am ever so glad to get your extremely nice letter of Aug. 13. I was afraid you had taken an unfriendly attitude towards me, and so decided to write a perfectly open letter to you. After I had done it, I thought you possibly might not take it in the way I meant it, but I am very glad I wrote it, as it has cleared up everything.

I don't think your assistants do quite as well for you as they should, they are all too anxious to do work of their own, and among them they had led you

into most of the mistakes you have made. I wish I was dependent on a salary to live on, and I would come & work for you, and see if I could not do better for you.

Of course I understand how terribly you have been handicapped & that sort of work that does not count and that must become fearfully hard for you to stand doing. If I can do anything for you in the future, please always call on me. And whenever you are writing a review or mimeograph, I shall always be delighted to send specimens, if we have any you need. I never know what you or Allen are doing beforehand and so cannot

offer specimens. If Allen had written to me before he published his review of the big Opossum I could have helped him out a lot with material he lacked, but he never lets me know what he is doing.

I always make a point of reading everything that is published on mammals & birds that I can get hold of, and in this way try and not commit that fatal error that Cope was always warning systematists against — not reading what others are doing.

I am sorry I never understood till you wrote me just now,

about it, all the ins & outs of that business of the book on mammals of Eastern North America, Miller & I had planned. I always thought you had said you were going to do exactly the same thing yourself, and that you did not want me to. And this alone kept me from doing it.

I am coming on to Washington in Oct. and shall bring along with me a series of Brown's Chiriqui mammals. and hope you will have time to run them over with me.

Since I wrote you last Brown has performed quite a feat. He has climbed the Volcano of Chiriqui to the very top. No one else has ever been able to do it before. Above

8000 ft. there is no water and no trails. The volcano rises to 11500 feet in rocky precipices that were considered unclimbable. Brown could get no one to go with him, and went up from 8000 feet alone. Carrying water, grub, gun, traps and skinning tools. Of course he could not stay long, but he wrote me that every bird & every mammal he got was different from what he got up to 8000 feet.

Hope to see you in Washington in Oct. and have a chance for a long talk.

Again thanking you for

your kind letter. I am
Yours truly,
Arthur Burgess.

240 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
Nov. 22. 1901

Dear Dr. Merriam

Many thanks for taking our Pumas as the type. It has come O.K.

Boquete, is a small village (not on maps) on the southern slope of Volcano of Chiriqui at 3500 ft. altitude. Bowman collected above and below it from 2500 to 7000 ft.

About the curious Reithrodontomys thing

I shall not give it a subgeneric name — just name my species. You know much more about these chaps than I, and I think some of your species are more extreme than this one of mine is. One in particular that Osgood showed me.

I am rushed to death just now with all kinds of work.

Regards to all

Yours sincerely

Outram Bangs.

Wareham Mass.
June 10. 1902

Dear Dr. Merriam

Your two letters duly rec'd. I am ever so glad you are going to give young Donald a try. I feel sure you will like him, and sure he will do well. Of course he has lots to learn but he is willing to be taught which is a great thing. He seems to me a very nice young chap. I think Bailey will make a good man of him.

About the method of fixing the type in certain general. I wholly and absolutely agree with you and heartily approve of your rule and should like to go on it with you and Miller & Allen above

all things. The process of elimination usually brings one to the most absurd results, and in the matter of species and subspecies often ends by leaving the original name attached to a form that was unknown at the time the name was proposed, and various other absurdities."

About the Carnegie business, I am delighted. Strangely enough I have been on the point of writing to you several times and asking you if something of the sort could not now be done. It has troubled me exceedingly to see all the fine dissertations in S. Am. going to the British Museum, and the apparent lack of enterprise in this country in this direction has been a great mortification to me. Now

that Simons has gone Thomas will have a harder row to hoe to get material as he can't fill Simons place I am sure. Of course we can arrange all details if you get the appointment later. I feel sure you, Nelson and I can make a strong trio in doing the work. and I am all ready and only too pleased to take hold any time and do my share. My position at Cambridge don't amount to anything. It is without salary and I can either give it up, and do work on this new scheme all the time, or hold it as a merely nominal thing and work there one day a week, say. They get very little material except what I give

them. There is only one thing that bothers me, I must be in Boston any way most of the year, as all my affairs are such that I can't very well live anywhere else now. My mother is getting old and needs someone round with her, and I am the only one of the family that can do this. Besides I have business interests here and all things together make it nearly impossible that I shall live anywhere else. But I suppose this can be arranged. I am now, without taking any undue credit to myself, pretty well equipped to work on South American birds and mammals. and have a good working library and plenty of room in my house to work there with.

Brown is a good man for this work. He has had lots of experience is always in good health in tropical climates and makes the best bird skins of any man in the business. He is also a fine mammal collector and is a botanist in a way. Before he began collecting for me he worked a lot on plants for his own amusement and made a fine collection of local plants, and was very acute at finding the rarer things and knew a lot about it.

Long ago I found out that a private collection of mammals is out of the question and can't be kept up. but it is not so with birds and I take a lot of pride in our collection. My Brother and mine

and should like to keep it and add to it. I thought that perhaps if everything goes through I might make arrangements by which I could keep for our collection a pair or two of each species of birds - types etc. of course all going to the Carnegie main lot. I suppose this could be arranged O.K. There are always lots of duplicates except with a few of the rarer things. I don't keep big series of birds now, it is needless and almost out of the question to do so in a private collection. But of course all these things are in the air now, and when it is settled we can arrange details. Trusting to hear more about this delightful scheme later, I am.

Yours sincerely Chetham Bangs.

Wareham, Mass.
June 15. 1902

Dear Dr. Merriam

Yours of June 12 with enclosure came on fast mail Saturday night, and I could not get it back to you till now.

I have read it through, several times with the greatest care, and can't find anything to criticise. One thing that strikes me is that perhaps you did not dwell on your own success in carrying on the Mexican and U. Am. surveys, quite enough or your great ability to do such things, but I take it, of course, that you know your men and that they know you and all about your work and how absolutely successful this sort of undertaking has proved. Otherwise the scheme you have laid

not seems beautiful.

Don't you think Sept. 1. 1903 a better time to start than Jan. 1. 1904? In working northern Co. Am. much good time would be lost - for birds one must get to work in the autumn, as in the rainy season it is hard to do much with them. Brown has found, however, that the rainy season is the best, in fact the only time, to get certain mammals. Duckers for example. It doesn't matter much in mountains, but in the strictly tropical low lands, small mammals are mighty hard to get, especially the ones that live in the forest, but ~~and~~ when all the low land fills up with water, they can be got.

Another thing we must guard against is there infernal revolutions. A.

collector working for a private individual has no show, and unless he is lucky enough to be in some very much out of the way place, must just quit. That's all there is about it. As we have tried it. Can't some sort of permit be got from the Colombian and Venezuelan governments, through our government to allow our men to carry on their work at such times? I see no prospect of peace in these countrys for years, and these wars are much more severe and disagreeable than we have any idea of here. It has bothered and retarded me like thunder in the last three or four years. Once Brown attempted to keep on collecting and was hunted all over the country

by the troops, was finally caught and his whole outfit, including guns, rifles, ammunition — even his own revolver that he has carried for protection day & night since he has been in Bo. Am., taken from him. He went to American Consul, who told him that he was disobeying the laws and that he had murdered men.

I know of some fine regions that aught to be worked at once. and showed like to spend a day or two with you looking over the map. I have followed the work and kept up to it as well as I can, but of course without the material it is hard, that Thomas and others have been doing. What a haul the Jaws got on birds from the Orinoco, from Charries work!!

I suppose you have seen the paper

just lately published on this collection. And yet Chanrie failed to get to the best part of the region. Where the Orinoco rises there are isolated mountains 10 and 12 thousand feet high. Probably every one of them has as remarkable a bird fauna on it as Mount Roraima — where nearly every bird was absolutely different from anything else.

Please keep me posted. I suppose you will see the Carnegie chap soon. Your enthusiasm and power of putting things in conversation, would do much, if they hesitate, I am sure.

Yours truly

Outram Bangs.

240 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
Jan. 15. 1906

Dear Dr. Merriam

I was delighted to get your kind letter of Jan 5th inclosing the one to Gov. of Jamaica. I think I shall have no trouble there now about permit or the like, as President Roosevelt was also good enough to write a letter for me to the Gov.

It does seem ages since I saw you, - last time I was in Washington you were not there. Probably when I get back from Jamaica, I shall run in for a few days, but the chances are you are gone by that time

Just now besides getting ready to go off on this trip, I have on my hands the awful job of moving all my birds and books out of

this house which has been sold.
I have good rooms at 20 Pembroke Sq. and hope to get settled there within a week.

Again thanking you, I am,

Your Loving
Autumn Bangs.

ackd. March 10, 1915

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Mar. 9. 1915

Dear Dr. Merriam

You ask for some separates of some of my papers lately. I have hunted up all I can find of those you want — both my own and duplicates in the Museum Library here — and send them under separate

Cover. Sorry there were not more. I always had just enough seperates printed to get cover my mailing list, so it is only by chance that I have any extra one.

Glad to hear from you again and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours

William Baugh.

Banks, Edgar James, 1866-

1923

re his collecting ancient inscribed Babylonian tablets.

EDGAR J. BANKS
EUSTIS, FLORIDA

Quest. Feb. 26, 1923

Mr. C.H. Merriam
Lagunitas, Calif.

February 12 1923

Dear Sir,

While excavating in Babylonia for the University of Chicago, I obtained for my private collection a number of ancient inscribed Babylonian tablets which illustrate the oldest of writings. I now desire to dispose of them. They are mostly temple records and business documents dating from about 4000 years ago, and are the equal of those treasured in the great European museums.

May I send to you by parcel post a few of the tablets for your examination, with the understanding that any you do not care to keep may be returned within two weeks ? The prices are from two to ten dollars each, a fraction of what an antiquity dealer would charge. Each tablet is accompanied with a description stating where it was found, its age and contents, and my guarantee that it is genuine.

Should you doubt the possibility of this offer, I would refer you to my sketch in Who's Who in America, or to the article BISMYA in the Encyclopedia Britanica.

Sincerely yours,

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This is a rare Autograph.

November 13, 1914.

Mr. Charles Sheldon,

Woodstock, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 29th which was forwarded to me by the Editor of "Outdoor Life". I have read your story of the "Wilderness of the Upper Yukon" and have a copy in my library.

I will send the bear skull which Tom Jeffreys gave me to Dr. Merriman as requested in your letter, and I am glad to do it. I do not know how I can let him see the skull of my bear because it is a part of the mounted head and is used as a floor rug. I could send the rug to a taxerdermist and have a paper mache head substituted for the original skull if it is worth while. The teeth of the skull which I sent to you show that the bear was old. The teeth in the skull of my bear are all perfect and are very large and heavy. There is no expense connected with my handling this skull for you. It is only a pleasure to have had the opportunity.

I noted that there was a Sheldon camp on the south fork of the Flathead at the outlet of Big Salmon Lake in Montana this summer. I was there. Are you any relation to that Sheldon?

The story of my Yukon trip was not completed in Outdoor Life, but I reduced it to book form. If you would like to have a copy I will send it to you. There were a great many things left out of the magazine copy which a person interested as you are would enjoy reading.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Bannon,

Dr Merriam
fr. C Sheldon

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Rcvd. Dec. 3, 1914

November 30, 1914.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 18th addressed to me in care of Col. J. A. McGuire of Denver, Colorado, and I am disposed to do everything I can to aid you. The skull to the grizzly bear which I killed on the headwaters of the Macmillan River is in the mounted hide, and if you are willing to put an artificial head in the rug in its place you can have the skull for your Museum. I had an artificial head in it once and had it removed and the original put in its place for safe keeping. Can the proposed change be made without injury to the rug? I also have two grizzly cub skulls which are also incorporated in the original hides and are now part of rugs. I would not want to have either of them disturbed unless the rugs can be made as good as they are now.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H Bannon

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Ansd. Dec 24, 1914

December 14, 1914.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth Street,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I sent you by express on the 12th the bear rug referred to in your letter of December 3rd. When I had the hide mounted, the taxidermist put an artificial skull in it and I objected because I had taken so much care to preserve the original, whereupon he removed the artificial skull and put the original back in its place. I understand the original has been cooked thoroughly to get the meat all off of it, and it may be cracked in several places. The teeth were all perfect when the animal was killed,- rather a remarkable condition in a bear of that age and size. This bear was killed on the Divide, between the north and south forks of the Macmillan River and about seventy-five miles east thereof, in the Yukon Territory.

The bear skull sent to Sheldon by Jeffrey is from a bear killed on one of the forks of the Stewart River - the next stream north of the Macmillan and running parallel thereto.

I will trust you to do the best you can with the rug and to return it to me when it has served your purpose.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Bannon

P. S. The Macmillan bear was killed Sept. 5, 1910.

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Ansd. Feb. 10, 1915

December 26, 1914.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of December 24th and regret very much to learn that the skull in this head was in such bad shape, for I had taken such good care of it myself and had even extracted the brains through the small hole in the back and then had it cooked with soda to get it perfectly clean and to avoid doing any injury to the bones.

After the hide was mounted and ready for inspection, I had a friend of mine in Seattle go and look at it, and he wrote that the taxidermist had put into it an artificial skull. I thereupon wrote him to have the artificial skull taken out and the natural one put in its place, for I did not want to throw the real skull away after having gone to all the trouble to preserve it, and this is the result. I presume I would have been better off to have kept the skull separate.

I am sorry it was not of more service to you and regret that it probably did not pay you for the trouble you have gone to regarding it.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Bannon

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February 20, 1915.

Dr. C. Hart Merriman,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The grizzly bear rug has been returned, and while I have not yet had a chance to inspect it I presume from what you say it is all right.

Yours truly,

A. H. Bannon,

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Ans. Jan. 15, 1918

November 19th, 1917.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, California.

Dear Sir:

I am sending by express today the skull of a grizzly bear killed about one hundred miles north of Telegraph Creek and about twenty miles west of the telegraph line in British Columbia. It was killed on the 20th of September, 1917 by me.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Bannon

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Acked. May 23, 1919

April 24th, 1919.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10th.

I am shipping you today by express two bear skulls - one the skull of the larger grizzly killed by me on the way out, as told in my story in the last issue of Forest and Stream, which I want credited to A. B. Conover, Telegraph Creek, British Columbia. I do this for the reason that he sent in my care another skull which has become mislaid and which I agreed to send you on his account (I believe you pay him something for the skulls he sends you), and I have never been able to locate his bear skull, and I, therefore, wish you to treat the larger grizzly skull I send you as though it came from him, so far as paying him is concerned. If I find the other one, and I think I will find it in Seattle where I am going to be next week, I will ship it to you also and then you can make a shift in the tags to suit the facts.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Bannon

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Ansd. July 24, 1919

July 1st, 1919.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 23rd.

I took another bear hunt on the Clearwater, a branch of the Stikine, this spring with Captain A. B. Conover, and secured three grizzlies and one black bear. Two of the grizzly skulls were shipped to you by Captain Conover from Wrangell, Alaska on or about the fourth of June. One of the grizzly skulls is an exceptionally large one, measuring about 15 inches in length. I killed it and it is a matter of personal pride with me to know how it compares with the largest skull you have received from the Stikine river locality, and whether or not you have received any larger or not from Captain Conover or anyone else. If so, how does the size of this last one compare with them?

Captain Conover wished me to write you regarding a bear skin which he has at his home on the Stikine and which he states is the skin of the same bear the skull of which you pronounced a black bear. The skin is of a light brown color marked somewhat after the fashion of a wolverine, but with a decided grizzly roach and other markings indicating a grizzly, including the claws. My opinion (for what that opinion is worth) is that the skin shown to me is off of a small grizzly bear. I slept in the cabin alongside of it for several nights and saw it often enough to get familiar with it, but whether or not it is from the same bear that your skull came from I cannot say. However, I do believe Captain Conover is absolutely truthful, and that if he says the skull and hide are from the same animal, they are.

Another matter which you will pardon me for mentioning, and that is why are you buying these grizzly bear skulls? The Indians and trappers kill grizzlies now whenever they get a chance in season and out of season whether their skins are good or bad just to get the price you pay for them. Do you not think that as a fur conservation proposition solely that they ought not be encouraged to kill these bears, except when their skins are prime. Grizzly bear hunting is an attractive sport and brings many into some of the waste places of the earth and the extermination of the grizzly from those localities serves no practical good in my judgment.

I trust these remarks will be taken by you in the spirit

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in which they are intended and not in the nature of a criticism.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Bannon

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July 31st, 1919.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of July 25th.

The information therein contained is very interesting indeed and most satisfying to me. I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Captain Conover and I have no doubt that he will send you the bear hide in question at his earliest convenience.

The story of my hunt will appear in a few months in Forest and Stream.

Any time I can be of any assistance to you, command me.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Bannon

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Enclosing two of his stories on Grizzly bears

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May 12, 1932. — Cyrus

Ottawa, April 4, 1932

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington

Dear Dr Merriam,

I am enclosing two other strings on grizzlies, which might also interest you — like the first. I have been using shorthand notes in these, and I have also plenty of similar materials on other game in the northern Rockies which I intend sometime to put together in this form.

With kind regards

Very sincerely

Maria Bastian.

ENCOUNTERS WITH GRIZZLY BEARS

By MARIUS BARBEAU

Marius Barbeau
National Museum
Ottawa

The Grizzly Bear is the most powerful animal on the American continents, and also the fiercest. It is to the northern Rockies what the lion is to the highlands of Africa.

"I often wonder what would happen should a grizzly and a lion once encounter on common grounds for a showdown. I should like to be there -- only at a safe distance!"

These words were tossed by Angus Beaton at the other members of my party, as we camped by the fire one night, in the wilds of the Cassiar district, near the Alaskan frontier. Beaton is a big-game hunter, a guide of long experience and a keen observer. The others were Gustave Gervais, an old prospector of the Klondyké who spent a long adventurous life in the north-west; and Gamanoot, the Indian hunter who for many years lived among the outlaws of the Upper Stikine and the No-Man's-Land of the northern interior; all of them well acquainted with grizzlies and prone to express opinions on their ways and character.

Before sunset we had seen fresh tracks of grizzlies, on the high plateau of Sindzil where huckleberries and other wild fruit were plentiful. So we might expect to see grizzlies at any moment, which made them an infectious topic of conversation. For grizzlies in the north are like folklore. As soon as their name is mentioned, there follows a string of stories and reminiscences, all of them colourful and at times thrilling.

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"Never be too sure of a grizzly, and kill him with your first shot!" declared Beaton, in answer to my question, 'Will a grizzly bear run away if you give him a chance?' "He's liable to be a tough customer, should he get into his head that you try to cross his path...

"My camp once was on the Spatsezee River, between the headwaters of the Skeena and the Stikine, and I started on my way for another place ten miles below, when I noticed two grizzlies digging up groundhogs on the hillside. My dog, a big husky, did not see them, otherwise he would have started for them, for it was not easy to hold him back; and he would never learn.

"I struck out for the bears. When they were still a good long way off -- they did not look very big --, I saw another bear, a large grizzly, coming down the mountain towards them, two hundred yards above. He drove them away and started to dig those groundhogs out for himself.

"The smaller bears came a part of the way towards me, and sat down, looking back disgruntled. They were sore, but could do nothing. A strong wind was blowing my way, making much noise. I moved into a good place, and shot them both. The big fellow didn't hear me, though he was less than two hundred

yards away. Perhaps the shots meant nothing to him or he was too busy digging.

"I couldn't hold my husky any longer, and off he went on his own hook. But as soon as he looked at the big bear in the face, he sniffed and started the other way, wasting no time, I tell you!

"The bear decided he liked the dog better than the groundhogs. So he chased the dog and the dog came back to me for protection. I was ready for the big brute. I shot him, but made a poor job of it.

"He fell in a little hollow, and sat there almost on his back. He couldn't walk; I had broken his back. But he was still much alive. And my rifle was empty. He snapped his teeth at me. I waited for half an hour, expecting him to die any moment. But he didn't. Such endurance I had never seen. I skinned the two other bears and decided at last to go for more shells four miles up to my camp.

"When I came back two hours later, he was dead. I was surprised. The way he had been carrying on with a bullet in his spine was amazing. He looked as though he would never die.

--"A grizzly you miss is hard to kill," Gervais acknowledged. "If you make a poor shot and just wound him, he gets mad and wants to settle a few things with you. He goes to it quickly. A shot good enough to kill him at the start is not

sufficient now; you have to spend much ammunition -- almost to shoot him to pieces. He's three or four times as hard to bring down, and meanwhile you get excited... Every hunter will tell you the same thing."

--"Quite so!" agreed our Indian guide Gamanoot, who had spent much of his life in the best grizzly bear country in the northern Rockies -- the grassy hills east of Groundhog Mountain, at the headwaters of three rivers: the Skeena, the Nass and the Stikine.

"I was out hunting with a friend one time," Gamanoot said. "We were both young. Our guns were only flint-locks -- not very good. We met a grizzly on the trail, and my companion shot him down. The bear wasn't killed. He ran away as if he had not been hit at all. But we saw blood in his tracks.

"We followed him, the other man ahead of me, his gun ready in his hands. Suddenly we came face to face with the grizzly waiting for us behind a tree. Like a flash he slapped the gun off the hands of my friend, grappled with him and held him by the shoulders. The man shook himself off, but the bear took a fresh hold, and things looked pretty bad. My friend thrust his two thumbs into the bear's mouth and with his fingers pulled his ears down -- that's the right way to hold a wounded grizzly."

Gervais whispered to me,

"Try it in your spare time!"

--"I had a weapon with me, in my hand, a short gun, old-fashioned, with the muzzle an inch in diameter. In ran up to the bear who was sitting on top of my friend, holding him down, but quite unable to move. I put the muzzle against his heart, and I let go. The bear rolled right over. The gun had done him great damage.

"My friend's arm was badly torn -- bitten in three places and the muscles were exposed. But he was glad to get away with his life. I had saved him. And the people considered us good hunters."

Gamanoot's friend after this must have had no love for grizzlies, Gervais felt quite sure. There were many others in the north like him. They hate grizzlies for some good reason, I suppose, and look for revenge against their kind. "Give them plenty, the beggars!" used to say my Irish partner Richards in the Klondyke, and he would pump bullets into them. But he was a poor shot and was likely to get into trouble with them."

We were listening. So Gervais proceeded with the story of an encounter with grizzlies at the time of the Gladstone Creek stampede, about 1899, in the Klondyke.

"We had arrived at timber-line, my partners and I, five in all. Whisky Shorty, an Indian, was at the head of the party. We were going up the mountain, to the left. After we had travelled a long while with our heavy packs in the long grass

between clumps of ground-birch, I dripped with perspiration and felt tired. I was looking for a spot where to rest, when Whisky Shorty suddenly dropped his pack to the ground in front of me. He grew excited as I had never seen him before.

'What's the matter?' I asked him.

--'Beer, beer!' he answered.

--'A bear?' I asked. 'What do you mean?' There was no bear anywhere. 'Are you crazy?'

--'Look down there!' and he pointed at two large grizzlies, three hundred yards below.

--'Yes, bears!' I said. 'Give me your gun!' I had left my rifle at the camp.

--'No!' he answered, and I wasn't surprised. An Indian always wants to shoot first, and he was the only Indian in our party. He took his aim, fired, and missed. He tried again, but his gun jammed. Tried and tried.

--'Give me your gun!' I said. Perhaps I could make it go, but niks! I couldn't.

"Two other prospectors behind us had, George Stevens, a 30-40, and Harry Richards, a 30-30 Winchester. They fired, but did not kill the grizzlies.

"When the larger grizzly was hit, she gave a slap to the other -- a three-years old, and quite big -- and sent it rolling upon the ground. Then they came to grips

together and began to fight; they seemed to blame each other for their trouble. Yet they had seen us. It was strange!

"They didn't know what to do, run away or charge. When they tried to run away, they heard a gun shot and changed their mind.

'Look out, they are coming!' one of us suddenly cried out.

"It's then that Richards, who hated bears like pests, shouted back,

--'Give them plenty, the beggars! It's too good for them!'

"The bears were running uphill towards us, Richards, Stevens and myself -- Whisky Shorty had vanished. Richards jumped about excitedly, and Stevens took his rifle out of his hands, his 30-30, asking him how many cartridges there were in the magazine. He answered, Six! Scott and I ran downhill a few yards. Stevens yelled at us,

--'Come back, you coarse devils, come back, you'll get killed!'

We all ran up together, the other way, and Stevens was the only one left with munitions in his rifle. We turned around and faced the bears, who were still coming. I said to Stevens,

—'Don't shoot now. Take your wind! They can't get here for a few seconds.'

"He breathed a few times, then fired. One of the bears fell down. Another shot, and the other too.

"The larger grizzly was on her back in a little hollow, almost dead; but she was still moving her front paws. I looked for the place where the bullet had hit her. It was in the neck, which was broken. I found it there, took it off with my hunting knife and kept it for good luck in my pocket for many years."

—"That comes to what I said," Beaton acknowledged. "When you miss a grizzly with your first shot, you shoot wildly, you get excited, and that's not always healthy!"

—"Neither can you always chose to run away." Gervais concluded.

—"If you do," said Beaton, "climb a tree quick, the right tree, big enough. For a grizzly cannot climb. But I have never tried it. A hunter seldom does. It looks foolish."

Gamanoot laughed at the idea. It reminded him of something, and he said,

"The bear waits there at the foot and you fall into its mouth. That nearly happened once to my uncle Kail, when I was still young.

"He hunted the grizzlies with a muzzle loader, and it was quite a job. One day he shot a grizzly on the trail, but didn't quite kill him. He ran and climbed a tree -- and stayed there. The grizzly stood up maybe ten feet high, put his great arms around the tree and tried to shake my uncle down, tried and tried. But the tree was too big.

"My uncle stayed there in the tree a whole day. The bear, at the foot, kept him good company. They looked at each other most of the time. Then they parted -- the bear getting tired of it first.

"When Kail arrived at the village and told his adventure, the people asked him,

--'Why did you not shoot the bear, when you were up there? Had you not plenty of time to yourself.'

Kail answered,

'A bird's nest stood right in my way. I couldn't see the bear because of the nest.'

"He would not admit that in his haste he had left his gun on the ground. The people after that couldn't forget about the bird's nest; they found it too funny for words!"

Climbing a tree was not always done by the hunter alone, Gervais declared, as if he inferred that grizzlies too can do it when they chose. This was so clearly at variance with common experience, that both Beaton and Gamanoot, surprised,

turned around to look at him. Challenged, our old Klondyke prospector at once proceeded to prove his contention. Of course grizzlies are not everywhere quite the same, he admitted, and the one he had in mind belonged to the Klondyke where strange things are known to have happened.

"I was going up the Takina River in a canoe," he said. "As I paddled close to shore on account of the current, I came up to a tree leaning over the river, a tall pine. A noise in the tree startled me. I looked up and saw a bear, a grizzly. I didn't know a grizzly could climb a tree, but there he was! I took my gun and fired at him from under, without thinking. Quite stupid of me!

"The bear tumbled right over and fell on his back into my canoe, at the bow. He was caught there fast, while still alive.

"I jumped into the river, and swam to shore, though at other times I couldn't swim. From the shore I saw my canoe drifting down, in midstream, with the head of the bear jutting out.

'Confound it!' I said, 'I still need my canoe, I must have it back.'

The river a little below made a long turn, bending to the right.

"Cutting across the tongue of land through the trees, I began to run. When I came to the shore again below

the curve I looked up and down for the canoe and the bear, but could see neither.

'That beats me!' I thought, 'What's happened?' I waited. Nothing! Yet I was sure I had reached there first.

"After a while, I walked upstream along the shore, looking everywhere. Another tree stood in my way, bending over the river. I was trying to climb over it when, what did I see?

"The bear was in the tree with the canoe still fastened to his back."

To that moment we had been listening intently to Gervais' story, Beaton with his mouth half open. Recovering his sense of humoure, Beaton shouted.

"You're a damn liar!"

He put more wood on our camp-fire and we made our beds of cedar boughs ready. Enough of bear stories for one night!

GRIZZLY BEARS
WITH A GUILTY CONSCIENCE

By MARIUS BARBEAU

Marius Barbeau
National Museum
Ottawa, Canada

The grizzly bear is the king of the wild animals on the North American continent. There is something in him of the character of the Rockies, massive and angular, which have made him what he is -- huge, powerful, swift and as fierce as the lion when he makes up his mind to charge the enemy or pounce upon his legitimate prey.

I say, legitimate, because it makes all the difference.

We all know of the she-grizzly with her cubs, of the spring-time grizzly with sharp claws, lean flanks and a tall hunger, of the hunting grizzly surprised next to his kill, and of the wounded grizzly bent upon revenge. Beware the casual woodsman who happens to cross his path! Many tales of woe in the far-western settlements have given the grizzly on that score a reputation that breeds fear and respect. The Indians used to have a semi-supertitious dread of him. When the women went out to gather wild berries in the hills, they shouted and sang, so as to warn the bears of their presence from a distance, since a bear that is taken by surprise is undoubtedly dangerous. Otherwise he avoids man as a rule, particularly since he seems to know the power of his weapons.

But when the grizzly goes out exploring, when he gets a whiff of strange foods that tantalize his appetite yet do not seem quite legitimate, when he is undecided whether he should run or should force his way through — then we have another grizzly, the grizzly with a furtive paw, or the thief with a guilty conscience. If caught red-handed he is apt to run — but not very far. Or else, if challenged, he may put up a good fight. Some men who happened to fall in with him at this juncture, lost their face, their limbs and sometimes their life. All of this, unexpectedly for both parties concerned: the tempter and the chief.

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"One early morning, I was awake under the tent," said Gervais, an old prospector of the Klondyke days. "It was in June and the nights were very short in the far north, near Whitehorse, where I was, at the time, with a party of surveyors in the Yukon. I was turning and turning on my bed of spruce 'feathers' (needles), trying to sleep, but couldn't.

"What's that? I heard the rustling of feet to my left, towards sunrise, just outside the tent — a brand new tent —, which we had planted right in the midst of a patch of thick moss.

"I listened for a few minutes but, I thought, it must be a mistake: no one would come here at this time.

"Suddenly I saw the hand of a bear, a large hand,

right over me, outside the canvas of the tent, against the rising sun. The claws were drawn out. It was a grizzly, to be sure, and a large one.

"My two companions slept soundly to my right. I couldn't awaken them without noise. What to do?

"The bear wanted to tear up the canvas, ~~yet~~ but hadn't quite made up his mind yet. He was hesitant. 'Wait a minute!' he seemed to think. 'There's something queer about this. How should I go about it?' He put his paw on the canvas, very lightly, yet dangerously close to me. Without further thought, I scratched it with my index. He drew it back quickly.

"I jumped to the tent flap, looked outside and saw him there, looking quite puzzled. I let loose a volley of invectives, as if for very death. I called him vile names, 'You, s---!'

"My partners woke up with a start. They couldn't understand. 'What's happened?' they wanted to know.

—'A bear, a grizzly!' I said.

"They took it for a great joke. 'The hell with your grizzly!' they answered. 'There's no bear around here.' He was gone; I couldn't show him to them. 'Alright!' I said. They did not believe me, not just then — only after three days.

"As usual I came back to camp earlier than the others, to make the soup. Where's the tent? I wondered, walking

down the hogback, about a hundred yards from where it used to stand in the clearing. No tent. I must be mistaken; this was a different clearing, much like the other. But no! it was the right place. Where was the tent? I crossed the creek on the log and looked around. The tent was there but all in tatters, flat on the ground.

'So you've come back!' I said, looking for our supplies.

"None were left. He had eaten or destroyed everything. The large pot for pork and beans was there; it was full in the morning. He had taken the cover off, cleaned it to the bottom and licked it. There was bread and there was ham when I left. They were gone. He had carried the ham away, I suppose. The sugar, the flour and the coffee were not so useful to him. But he wouldn't leave them alone. He had scattered everything on the ground.

'Ah!' my partners said, when they arrived. 'What's the matter?'

—'Nothing!' I answered. 'No, there's no bear around here.'

"They began to swear. But it made not the least difference. We had to go back to headquarters, seven miles away, for our supper, that night.

"The bears were a regular nuisance around Whitehorse, at the time when the miners used to prospect there for gold.

They came from every side like thieves, but were seldom seen. Everywhere we heard of them, of their thefts and the damage they did.

"Forest, a prospector, was sitting to his midday meal, one day, in the middle of his tent, facing the flap, which he had thrown open. Suddenly a bear sat up there, looking in. He wasn't afraid of bears, but didn't like the looks of that big fellow. 'Go away, you beast!' he shouted at him. But that wasn't enough. The bear remained there, growling, as if to say, 'You'd better...!' He looked over the dinner, but he didn't dare touch it, not yet. Forest stood up and took his .22 — that's all he had there, behind him. He fired at the bear, and the bear didn't like it. He went away. It was only a big black bear. The story might have turned out different with a grizzly.

"But the next day, the bear came back while Forest was away, and he helped himself to a good dinner. Not satisfied he tore the tent to bits, just as another had done to us only a few weeks before."

"Bears, yes! They were a pest in the Klondyke."

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"Another time," related old Gervais, out of his rich store of reminiscences, "I was in camp with a party of surveyors in the Yukon. While the men were inside an enclosure of branches they had made, I sat near a big pine tree outside, smoking my

pipe. A 30-40 Winchester leaned against the tree trunk, to my right.

"All of a sudden I saw a big grizzly across the creek, seventy feet away.

'A bear!' I said to the others, taking the gun; 'a grizzly across the creek, boys!'

"I had the rifle in my hands, but I never thought of shooting until he had gone; that was all over within a second.

"Burwash, the surveyor, said, 'Why didn't you kill him? Give me the gun!' and, all excited, he ran after the bear, as fast as he could go. I followed, but only walking. I heard a shot.

"The next thing I saw was — Burwash, yes! but up a tree!

The grizzly was dancing around the tree, in a rage, snapping his teeth at him. When Burwash saw me he began to yell as I never heard a man do. The bear grew frightened and ran way.

"The men in camp laughed for days over it — the way Burwash had yelled. 'How's your whistle now?' they would ask him. It was alright — much more useful than the gun in his hands!

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"A French-Canadian miner, the same year, met a grizzly

bear thief in the dark, on the Pelley River close to Whitehorse. And he had the worst of the deal!

"Summer or winter, he used to hang his slabs of bacon and the fresh meat in the open wood shed outside his cabin, when, one morning, they were gone. He didn't know whom among the neighbours to suspect, but he would be on the look-out.

"He went on hanging his meat there just the same, and, sure enough, he heard someone enter the shed late, another night. He went out. But the thief was gone without leaving a trace.

"The same noise again, one of the following nights. He swiftly opened the door and rushed into the shed. The thief stood there in the dark; he hadn't had time to skulk away. 'What are you doing here?' he shouted.

"He landed flat on the ground, stunned, from a blow on the left side of his head. Blood was streaming from his face; his cheek was torn deep. He had caught the thief this time — a grizzly, but had come a bit too close. The bear had slapped him off before running away without causing further damage, because he had a guilty conscience.

"Nonetheless he was laid up with a broken jaw for several months in the hospital at Whitehorse. Grizzlies, you see, are good maulers. They would do well in the ring. And they aim at the head. Of this, Billy-the-Bear, a Skeena River Indian, is another proof.

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When the tourists stop, in the summer, at the totem pole village of Kitwanga, on the Skeena River, close to Prince Rupert, they occasionally notice a strange-looking character among the natives: an old fellow with thick grizzled hair whose face from the eyes down is screened by a dark cloth worn like a mask.

This is Billy-the-Bear.

But it is just as well not to stare at him or to seem too much interested in him. For he resents it. Pretend not to see him. Perhaps he wants to forget his affliction. He has no face; so the people say.

How's that?

Well, he ventured into a grizzly bear's den, once long ago, and he left his handstome features there, for he was a good-looking and powerful hunter.

That happened in the neighbourhood of Gitwinlkul lake, to the north. He was not positive whether the bear was still in its den, in the spring. So he looked in to make sure, but could see nothing. The den seemed empty. He sat outside, to rest, but not very long. A grizzly growled inside and began to crawl out. He fired a shot and thought the bear was dead.

To get the body he went in, but was badly received. The bear, still alive, grappled with him, slapped him, clawed

his face and tore it badly. But he managed to thrust his knife into his heart and finish him.

That's what Billy-the-Bear himself could tell you, if he would. But he won't. For some queer reason, he seems ashamed of himself. He keeps clear of bears' dens in the spring or at any other season of the year, and hates their very name. They are not healthy to look into for those who have no business there.

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Hunters are not the only ones guilty of intrusion. Grizzlies too often butt in where they have no business. They seem to know it too, as a thief would, and they are prone to take to their heels. You can easily awaken a guilty conscience in them.

There is some danger, however, in catching one of them red-handed, as we have seen, or again, in closing the door — or the window! — behind him, after he has dropped in. That's what another anecdote of Gervais, the Yukon prospector, will show.

"One early morning in June," said Gervais, "Dr. Sogden was awake in his bunk, at the Crafters mine near Whitehorse. His partner Woodney was still asleep in the other bunk, to the left. Both bunks, in the small cabin, abutted to an open window at their feet, with a narrow alley-way between them.

"Pop, goes the weasel! as the saying has it. Only this time it was a grizzly. Dr. Sogden saw his large head appear in the window, and before he could move a finger the big brute had climbed upon the ledge.

'A bear!' cried the Doctor.

—'The hell with your bear story!' Woodney answered before he had time to pull his head out of his blanket.

"Surprised, the bear lost his equilibrium on the ledge and fell inside, head first, with a thump.

"Sogden threw his blanket over the bear's head and yelled to Woodney,

'Look out for yourself!'

"The bear stood up, apparently quite rattled. He wasn't used to this kind of racket.

"Woodney also threw his blanket at the bear, but the bear came back at him. Meanwhile Sogden stood up and reached for the rifle. The grizzly made for him as he jumped back upon his bunk. No one seemed to know what to do next, even the bear.

"Woodney tried to take hold of the rifle, but the bear motioned his paw at him, as if to say, 'Not while I stand here.'

"While the bear looked the other way Dr. Sogden slipped off his bunk and crawled under it. The bear didn't like to see him there and decided to dig him out, as he would a groundhog out of a hole in the ground. He reached out for him with his paw.

"Woodney meanwhile took the rifle, fired at the bear's

spine behind the head. That was plenty.

'Look at that!' said Woodney, 'our last cartridge.'

"That was a good cartridge,

At the right place,

And at the right time."

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

May 15, 1912.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St.,
Washington, D C

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Dr. Robert H. Wolcott has just referred your letter of May 9th to me, and I am forwarding to you today by express, according to your instruction, the Bear skull which you wish to examine. I fear that you will find this a large example of Black Bear rather than a Grizzly Bear. It was found by Dr. M. H. Everett, "three feet underground in an old glacial channel cut in Carboniferous and Silurian in LaSalle County, east of Utica, Illinois". The mandible was missing.

If you will be kind enough to give us the result of your identification, it will be appreciated. I was surprised to learn from you, through Dr. Wolcott, that there are few Grizzly Bear skulls in the Museums of the Country, and shall immediately take pains to secure some for our own collections.

Whenever we can serve you, it will be a pleasure to do so. Our collections are beginning to assume proportions, and the outlook for a big State Museum was never so bright. They are preparing to build for me a wing which will cost $250,000. The design is to be such that additions can be made to this indefinitely. Being a rather omniverous collector, I have succeeded in filling the two Museums, which I have occupied on coming here, faster than the Regents could build. They are preparing a third building which will meet demands for space for some time to come. In many ways this is a State rich in material.

Rec'd. May 24, 1912

Dict.BWT/EHB

Very truly yours,

Erwin H. Barbour,
State Geologist.

Lincoln, Nebr., July 18, 1912.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I returned the other day from four weeks spent in New Haven and the clerk informs me that the bear skull has been received in perfect condition. I am pleased to know that this specimen has been of interest and service to you.

In your forthcoming report should you make mention of this specimen, I would be pleased to have you recognize Dr. M. H. Everett, who is the donor of a large collection to this museum.

My class re-union was on a liberal scale and we certainly lacked for nothing and each of us ought to do better work for the next few months for having been there. It was my intention to return by way of Washington ~~but~~ in order to call upon yourself and other friends. However, time was too limited and it was necessary to return and take charge of things here. Whenever this Museum can serve you in any way, you will find it at your command.

Very truly yours,

Erwin H. Barbour,

B-W

Ans'd. Aug. 27, 1921

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
NEBRASKA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
STATE MUSEUM
ERWIN H. BARBOUR

August 4,1921

Dr C.Hart Merriam

Washington,D.C.

Dear Dr Merriam-

I am attempting to dictate to myself today and you will soon see that I am no professional.

You will recall our correspondence respecting Ursus luteolus. We have never been favored with a copy of your report in which it appears. Are these for distribution? If not can you direct some one to let me know the price and title, so I can get a copy by purchase for my department. I am trying to build up a good departmental library here so whenever you have any surplus books or pamphlets in good repair or otherwise remember my needs if you will. Sometimes there are many duplicates,and we are omnivorous and ready for anything you may see fit to send. I have been compelled to neglect our library somewhat by the steady increase of students. There were 903 students in my department last year.It is certainly an exacting life Do not mistake this for complaint,we are really suffering from a superabundance of riches. We will soon have a student body here of 10.000 Is there such a thing as a good classification of the animal kingdom? Did your department ever publish anything touching ~~touching~~ this matter? Systematists differ so. Trusting that you are well

I am ,as ever,

Very truly yours,

Erwin H. Barbour,

Barbour, Thomas, 1884 - 1946

1923 - 1932

1932 letter written for him by his secretary, clipping re him also included. Enclosure + letter of Nov. 8, 1928: copy of letter by J.O. LaGorce in the National Geographic Magazine.

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THOMAS BARBOUR
MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. U.S.A.

Declined by wire Dec. 5, 1923

November 26, 1923

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The old Nuttall Ornithological Club is about to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. There will be a meeting on the afternoon of Friday, December the seventh at Batchelder's home in Cambridge and then a dinner in Boston later on. This we want to make a memorable occasion. We are to have the Tavern Club - a perfect setting - and then we want just one final treat. This you, and you alone, can furnish. If you were to come on and speak quite informally after dinner on "The State of Ornithology in America Fifty Years Ago" I think everyone would agree that you had more than done your part to aomplete our enjoyment. The Committee on Arrangements for which I am speaking, will of course take care of you during your stay in Boston. Please answer this in the affirmative as soon as you conveniently cann and I am,

Your sincere friend,

Thomas Barbour

Harvard University

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 8, 1928

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I believe you are a Trustee of the National Geographic Magazine. Such being the case I think I will show you a copy of a letter which I received from LaGorce when I wrote him (in Grosvenor's absence) that the Society had been used as a smoke screen in the matter of trying to give the Geological Survey credit for having originated the Impact Theory of Origin whereas they had always stuck for the Steam Explosion Theory and the credit for Meteoric Origin belonged elsewhere.

This whole matter should have been brought up before the Trustees recently for the reason that Mr. Agassiz, Mr. Q. A. Shaw, Dean Magee of Princeton, Dr. Elihu Thomson Ex-President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, myself and a host of others have written to the Chief Justice and other friends on the Board to have the matter straightened out. The Magazine will not add to its reputation if old members and well wishers who are in a position to set it straight when it goes wrong are answered in the insinuating and, indeed, insulting terms in which this letter is prepared.

I certainly hope that you may be interested in seeing this mess cleaned up and proper acknowledgement made that the Magazine has been in error. I also know that you know me well enough to know that I am not dabbling in this matter without an absolute certainty that I am in possession of all of the facts.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Barbour

Professor of Zoology and
Director of University Museum

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Washington, D. C.
John Oliver LaGorce
Vice-President

September 13, 1928.

Mr. Thomas Barbour,
Museum of Comparative Zoology,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Barbour:-

I have your letter of September 1st, and am always glad to hear from you.

The second paragraph of your letter reminds me of a story that they credit to the present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who was then Secretary of War. Some older newspaper man rushed in to him one day with a remarkable story of Mexican intrigue emanating from the Hearst newspapers, and urging that the War Department take immediate action against Mexico. Mr. Taft listened to him politely, then, shaking his hand, called him the Nestor of journalists; but added with a chuckle - "Mare's Nestor."

For forty years the National Geographic Society and its magazine have been operated on a basis of fairness, equitable disposition and seriously intent on disseminating as well as collecting geographic data. You will never find even a photograph that appears in the Magazine that is not credited to someone if it is humanly possible to know the source of the picture - and of course that is true of all articles. In short, that is an established policy.

We have necessarily a ruling, however, that we do not press-agent or stand as a medium of propaganda for any commercial enterprise, operated for profit for an individual or group. I might also add that this has been attempted innumberable times, as it is with every magazine.

At the risk of wounding your sensibilities, but with no such desire, and in the same frank manner in which you see fit to take us to task about something that you are most certainly jumping at conclusions about, I would say that the idea of an article on this Arizone crater came to us with certain airplane photographs, given us by an army officer, and one of our own staff set about preparing a brief story for The Magazine. As he worked up the narrative, the trail brought him to Mr. Barringer, in Philadelphia, who was interviewed, courteously gave facts, and offered photographs; also being kind enough to say that he would look over the story after it was completed, for possible error, and at the same time suggested that he be mentioned. As we had found, in vestigating the matter, that Mr. Barringer and his associates had formed a company for the commercial exploitation of this crater and had sold stock in said company, largely in the east, in order to raise money to proceed with the work, it was frankly and clearly explained to him at that time by our representative

that his name could not be used except in crediting one of his pictures - if it was found possible to use any of them with the article and, at that time, the gentleman appeared to be satisfied with the explanation and decision. It was after the publication of the article that he saw fit to bombard the members of the Board of Trustees and cause a number of college professors and scientists to write in protesting against the alleged unfairness - all of which seemed to be an afterthought.

Please understand that I do not question for an instant the entire propriety of anybody organizing a stock company, selling stock bonds, or anything else they have to the public, no matter what the money is intended for, since that is a legitimate business with which we have no concern; moreover, never for one moment has the integrity or ethical procedure of this gentleman been questioned. However, we do reserve the right to carry on our affairs in accordance with rules for guidance which we believe to be sound. One of those rules - necessarily made because issues of The Magazine containing, for example, oil articles, were used as a means of approach and "guarantee" for the sale of oil stocks to members of The Society - is to omit the name of anybody directly and officially connected with a commercial project for the purpose of profit, in connection with an article that could be used as I point out.

My dear Mr. Barbour - there are two things most men think they can do better than the one doing it; to wit, edit a magazine and build a fire, and I wonder what you feeling would be if I should write you asking why you didn't credit Adam and Eve for the discovery of some animal which you had isolated, identified and contributed to the world's knowledge, or if I were to coolly tell you that I didn't think you were making much of a success of the Museum of Comparative Zoology because you didn't spend enough time in it but enjoyed yourself in the field for months on end. I call this simile to your attention on the basis of our pleasant acquaintanceship of fifteen years, with no desire to be acrimonious; but neither you nor anyone else can get by me with a suggestion that the National Geographic Society is being used for a "smoke screen", for in that you are gratuitously attacking an institution which has and is contributing much to the world's knowledge just as you think you are, and has by painstaking and ethical means brought about a complete change in the humanization of the study of geography in this country, as well as winning the respect and support of 1,200,000 people.

I certainly do not object to your writing to inquire about this matter, either as a member or as a friend, but it does occur to me that the manner in which you have seen fit to do it is not becoming to your own position or the effort at helpfulness which we have given to the things which you are interested in.

With the hope that you have had an interesting and happy season in the field, and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James O. LaGorce

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY
AT HARVARD COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DIRECTOR'S ROOM

March 16, 1932

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Dr. Barbour is in Central America and will not return to the Museum until sometime in May.

Your recent paper entitled, "Roosevelt, The Naturalist," which you so kindly sent him, will be brought to his attention immediately upon his return and I know he will read it with great interest.

Sincerely,

Francis M. Wilder

Assistant Secretary
to Dr. Barbour

Natural History, Vol. 27, No. 5. Sept-Oct. 1927.

THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOÖLOGY.—Dr. Thomas Barbour, a distinguished naturalist, well known to all students of vertebrate zoölogy, has just been appointed to the directorship of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University. He succeeds Mr. Samuel Henshaw, who has been director since 1912 of one of America's largest and most complete collections of zoölogical material. Doctor Barbour brings to this office a broad knowledge gained through many years of field work in the East and West Indies, in southern Asia, South America, and particularly in Central America. As one of the organizers and directors of the Barro-Colorado Zoölogical Station in Panama, as one of the leading spirits in the development of the Harvard Institute for Tropical Biology and Medicine, and as a very active curator at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Doctor Barbour has done perhaps more than any other American biologist to open up the animal life of the American tropics to investigation and close study.

Doctor Barbour's recognized ability as an administrator is attested by the great number of offices he holds in scientific institutions and societies. He is a member of the faculties of Harvard University and of the Harvard School of Tropical Medicine, a member of the Library Counsel, and one of the curators of Harvard College Library. Although Doctor Barbour has published papers in many fields of vertebrate zoölogy, his chief interest centers in the distribution and systematics of reptiles and amphibians.

enable a larger number of persons to view the heavenly bodies at night from the lawns of the American Museum. As the membership in the society is rapidly increasing, the loan of telescopes is much appreciated.

ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The new astronomical society, the Amateur Astronomers Association, is fortunate in that the following persons have kindly agreed to serve on its advisory council:

Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, President, American Museum of Natural History.
Dr. Frederick Slocum, Director, Wesleyan University Observatory.
Dr. Caroline E. Furness, Prof. of Astronomy, Vassar College.
Dr. Anne S. Young, Director, Mount Holyoke Observatory.
Dr. S. A. Mitchell, Director, University of Virginia Observatory.
Dr. Asaph Hall, U. S. Naval Observatory.
Dr. Frank Schlesinger, Director, Yale University Observatory.
Dr. Henry Norris Russell, Director, Princeton University Observatory.
Dr. Harlow Shapley, Director, Harvard College Observatory.
Dr. Edwin B. Frost, Director, Yerkes Observatory.
Dr. Heber D. Curtis, Director, Alleghany Observatory, Univ. of Pittsburgh.
Dr. John A. Miller, Director, Swarthmore College Observatory.
Dr. C. H. Abbott, Smithsonian Institution.
Mr. Howard Russell Butler, N. A., formerly of Princeton University.
Mr. Worcester Reed Warner, of Warner & Swasey Co.
Mr. David Pickering, President of the American Association of Variable Star Observers.

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THE RUWENZORI-KIVU EXPEDITION.—Dr. James P. Chapin and Mr. DeWitt L. Sage returned from their African trip on September 25. This expedition was made possible through the generosity of Mr. H. W. Sage, and a further contribution was added by Mr. Childs Frick. Eighteen months were

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he bears, and his own work with the mammals of Utah.

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Ansd. Apr. 5, 1917

March 10 - 1917

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Feb 5th relative to my article in December "Outdoor Life" is at hand. My information relative to the trapping of eight grizzlies in the Sawtell Mts. (20 miles West of Western entrance to Yellowstone) was obtained, if I recall correctly, from Albert Engstrom, Big Springs, Ida., though it may have been from Chris Reber, Trude, Idaho, himself a trapper. I have talked to many. Either Mr Reber or his brother, who can give you much information is at Rea, Idaho.

Others worth writing to are: Frank Peet, Salmon City, Ida, (last address; a trapper from whom I have many facts). "Doc" West, St. Anthony, Idaho is a good man to write to, also.

Being myself a member of the Biological Soc. of Wash. and Associate in the A. O. U. I have your preliminary paper on the grizzlies; and have for some time

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been looking out for specimens. It is somewhat difficult however to obtain them as the sheep herders (who are the men that ordinarily procure them) care nothing for anything but the bounty. By the time information reaches me the skulls are usually lost.

You could hardly find one more keenly interested in the subject than I am myself. I have looked forward eagerly for every word you might write. You will therefore find me willing to assist in any possible way. If I recall aright you have but one "utahensis".

I shall furnish you with new addresses from time to time. It was from Mr Peet that I obtained the information that a young grizzly can climb a horizontal tree.

Very respectfully yours

Claude T. Barnes

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P.S. In preparing a list of the mammals of Utah I find much difficulty in obtaining U.S. lists. Perhaps you will take the time to suggest some papers for me. Dr Hornaday has greatly assisted me in this regard.

C.T.B.

Other names for you:
✓Art Edgington, Island Park, Ida
✓Geo Edgington " " , Ida
✓Wind River Smith, Ashton, Ida
✓Henry Kent, Utida Gun Club, Ashton, Ida.
✓Ralph Edmunds, Idaho Falls, Ida.

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Ansd Apr. 26, 1917

April 11-1917.

Mr. C.Hart Merriam,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I have just learned that Billy George and Rich McMinn of Kemmerer, Wyoming, have two brown bears (cubs) which I suspect are grizzlies. Furthermore these two men are well acquainted with the hunting of that vicinity and frequently have skins on hand, perhaps skulls also. It would well pay, I believe, to communicate with them.

I shall keep you informed of any news concerning grizzlies here, though, as you know, these animals are not at all common in this vicinity.

I thank you for your proffer to assist me in preparing a list of the Utah mammals. It is a great task, especially for one engaged in the practice of law. My natural bent, however, is clearly towards the wilds; and I never tire in working over the data I have on hand. Unfortunately I have not copies of the North American Fauna papers though Mr. Nelson has very kindly given me outlines of very much that they contain. I have the B. Soc of Wash. proceedings from 1911 on. I hope to surmount these difficulties until revision makes them essential.

Very respectfully yours

Claude T. Barnes

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May 8-1917.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,

Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir;

I am very grateful to you for having mailed me from your private stock out-of-print numbers of the Fauna;for without them the making of a Utah list would be most difficult.As I look at number one I marvel at the great number of years you have been the acknowledged leader on this subject;and I often wonder if men like yourself and Mr. Ridgway ever really learn of the happiness your writings produce among thousands of unknown but willing investigators.I seldom see either the word,"mammal" or "bird" without calling to mind both your name and that of Mr. Ridgway.

I have assumed that your interest in grizzly skulls is in no sense confidential;and therefore,in order to procure every skull that is taken in this state I am giving your researches some little publicity in the Salt Lake City papers ,which reach the entire inter-mountain country.I shall forward clippings.

The past winter has been a very hard one on all forms of wild life.Goshawks have been exceptionally numerous.

Respectfully yours

Claude T Barnes

C O P Y

Salt Lake City

May 8, 1917

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington
D. C.

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Respectfully yours,

[Signed] Claude T. Barnes

Rec'd. June 12, 1918

CLAUDE T. BARNES
SALT LAKE CITY

June 2nd, 1918.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor:

I have been very busy since the receipt of your communication relative to the Long-billed Curlew, but I assure you that the curlew is not at all uncommon around Great Salt Lake. There would be no difficulty in getting both eggs and specimens.

In making a check list of the Mammals of Utah I desire very much to know whether you refer all Utah Pumas to Felis Oregonensis Hippolestes.

If you are not too busy I should appreciate from time to time your answering certain inquiries I will necessarily have to make with regard to our mammals of Utah.

I am still on the lookout for grizzly skulls.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Yours truly,

CTB/MH

Claude T. Barnes

Ans. from Laguna Beach, Calif. July 17, 1918.

CLAUDE T. BARNES
SALT LAKE CITY

July 7th, 1918.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I again trouble you to answer a few questions?

Do you refer the Minks of Utah to Lutreola vison energumenos (Bangs) or to Butorius vison lutreocephalus (Harlan)?

In looking over your monograph on the Grizzlies I am quite clear on the distribution of Utahensis; but in making inquiries among very prominent observers I find that the grizzley is found in the Wasatch and the Uinta Mountains in the northern part of the State. Unfortunately, we have no skulls for your examination and hence I am in doubt concerning what species to refer these animals to.

I have records of the Gray Wolf from nearly every County in Utah. Am I correct in referring all of them to Occidentalis?

I have reports of the existence of Wild-cats in every county of Utah, and until better information is at hand, I am referring them all to your Uinta. Have you any records of Baileyi in Utah?

I am pleased to inform you of the discovery of a band of twenty-five mountain goats on a north slope of the Uinta Mountain at the head of Black's Fork. ??

Thanking you very much for this information, I am

Yours truly,

Claude T. Barnes

Barnes, Will C. (Will Croft), 1850 - 1936 1913 - 1935

With U.S. Forest Service. Mainly re bears; some re Indians. Letter of Jan 15, 1930 on behalf of the U.S. Geographic Board

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1913.

G
District 5, Supervision
Timber Wolves.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I enclose herewith carbon copies of letters received by the District Forester, in answer to your request for information as to the prevalence of timber wolves in the Southern Sierra Mountains of California. The Stanislaus Forest has not yet reported, but the District Forester believes that the information so far received is authentic and reliable. As soon as we hear from the Supervisor of the Stanislaus Forest I will be glad to let you hear further.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Burns

Acting Asst Forester.

Enclosures.

Ans'd at Lagunitas, Calif.
July 4, 1913 - Cam

Barnes

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
WASHINGTON

Rec'd. June 7, 1915

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE FORESTER
AND REFER TO:

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June 1, 1915.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Three years ago when I was on the California National Forest which lies partially in Mendocino County, California, one of our Rangers and some of the settlers killed a very large bear on one of the numerous forks of Eel River. I did not see the animal, but they told very interesting stories of its tremendous size. It was generally estimated to have weighed over twelve hundred pounds, and presumably was a grizzly.

A day or two ago Mr. C. Stowell Smith, connected with our San Francisco office, and who is now in the city, was talking about his experiences on the California Forest and I recalled the killing of this large bear. Smith said that he secured the hide and skull and when he sent it to be mounted in San Francisco, the taxidermist would not believe the animal had been killed in California, stating that it was a bear from the far north and a stranger to the California mountains.

Dr.C.H.M.

It at once struck me that you might be greatly interested in this matter and I mentioned your desire to obtain unusual skulls of bears, and Smith stated that he would be very glad indeed to show you the skull, and sell it to you if you desired to acquire it.

Smith will not be back in San Francisco for about three months, but if you are going to be on the coast this summer and will call him up at our San Francisco office any time after August 1st you can probably get in touch with him. I enclose his card.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Enclosure.

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Ans'd. June 23, 1915
Skull recd. Nov. 11, 1915

June 14, 1915.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, California.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I was very glad indeed to know by your letter of June 7 that the bear skull which Smith has will be a welcome addition to your collection.

I seem to be in the skull business somewhat, and now have another one on my hands. When I was in the Wind River mountains, 150 miles north of Rock Springs, Wyo. last October one of our rangers had just killed a very large silver tip. He offered me the hide, but I was there with a pack outfit and had no way to carry it, so I could not take it. It was the silver tip variety which I in common with most other western men have always classed as a grizzly. I incidentally asked the ranger if he kept the skull. He said he did not but he knew right where it was and some day when he had a chance he would bring it in. I told him to do so and when he found it to let me know about it and I would try to see you regarding it.

To my great surprise I received a letter a few days ago informing me that he had managed to find the skull,

Dr.C.H.M.

which had lain under ten feet of snow all winter, and was sending it to me by parcel post with his compliments. The next day the box arrived. He says the skull has a bad hole in the center of the forehead where he hit it with a mushroom bullet, and he boiled it so long that some of the teeth fell out, but he has sent them along in a separate package.

I did not suppose he was going to send it on to me until he knew whether or not you wanted it, but it is here and can remain in the office until you come back in the fall, or if you want it out there it can be forwarded to you, although the parcel post on it cost 71 cents and it may not be worth while going to that expense. Any instructions as to sending it addressed to me here will reach me even if I am away from the office.

I shall certainly try to hunt you up when I am in San Francisco, which will be about the first week in September.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Ans'd. Dec. 9, 1916

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FOREST SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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AND REFER TO:
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December 8, 1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

The man in Utah who owns that bear skull positively refuses to send it without he has some assurance from you that you will take it at some price if in reasonable shape. He has had such assurances from the local men, at my request, but does not seem greatly impressed with our responsibility.

His address is J. M. Riddle, Coyoto, Utah. I guess the best plan will be for you to write him direct, making such promises as you may feel justified in. The local Supervisor says that it is an unusually large and fine specimen of grizzly.

Wrote Dec. 9.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE FORESTER
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December 15, 1919

G
Supervision, Gila
Bear Skulls

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apts,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

If you are still desirous of securing additional bear skulls, Supervisor Winn of the Gila Forest advises this office that Mr. Tom O'Brien of Mimbres, New Mexico, desires to dispose of a number. If you will take the matter up directly with Mr. O'Brien you will undoubtedly hear from him regarding them.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Rec'd. & Ans'd. April 9, 1920

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FOREST SERVICE
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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G
Supervision
California

April 7, 1920

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apts.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Referring to your discussion with Mr. Potter regarding the securing of grazing privileges for some of the Paskenta Indians on the California National Forests:

We took this matter up with the District Forester at San Francisco who advises us as follows:

"However, District Ranger Durham did see Mr. L. W. Warmoth, a merchant of Paskenta, to whom the Paskenta Indians look for any advice regarding their welfare and secured information as follows:

Andrew Freeman, one of the Indians referred to, owns 148 acres of land near Paskenta, on which he makes his home. All the other Indians in that section (except the Jordan family), about four families in all, make their home on Freeman's place and consequently Freeman has no feed for his own horses (he has only two or three) and he is interested in finding another place for his neighbors to live both winter and summer. Mr. Warmoth says that Freeman himself does not seem to want help. Mr. Warmoth also says he was requested some time ago by the Indian Agency to locate a place that could be purchased for about $2500 and used as a home for the Indians now living with Freeman. He has found that the Hoalthe place, just across Thomas Creek from Freeman's can be purchased for $2500 and says the Indians wish to move there and use the Henderson Canon Range both winter and summer for their extra ponies. None of these Indians own any cattle.

Joe Brown is an educated Indian, a kind of chief, among them, but Durham understands he wants no grazing privileges. He owns a house and lot at Tehama.

Dr. Merriam

"District Ranger Durham states that these Indians have about 10 or 12 horses in all to graze: that these are extra saddle stock and colts. These Indians work as ranch hands, sheep shearers, and at odd jobs."

The case of these Indians will be borne in mind and if the Interior Department purchases land sufficient to carry their stock through the winter months, an effort will be made to take care of them for the rest of the season.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Recd. with maps, & acknld. Feby 13, 1920. Comm

Dear Doctor

Shasta &
Calif are the only large scale maps of the forest wanted. Others are out of print & we have not been reprinted till after July 1 when new funds are available

Will C. Adams

Feby 12 - 1920

Ackd. June 2, 1921

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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May 25, 1921.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of May 24, in relation to Grizzly Bears, is received.

Our records do not show any particular species as to bears, the Supervisors simply reporting the number of bears killed during the season and the number they estimate are still on their Forests.

If you are not in a hurry for this information, and can wait until next fall, we shall be very glad indeed to send out a letter to our Supervisors requesting them to report as to the presence of Grizzly Bears on their Forests. This information would come in with the annual reports in December and January, and would probably be all available not later than the middle of January, 1922.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Rec'd. July 18, 1921

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July 11, 1921.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

With further reference to my letter of May 25, in which I promised you that we would undertake to secure all possible information regarding grizzly bears on the National Forests:

Enclosed please find carbon of a letter from the District Forester at Albuquerque, N. M., which is self-explanatory.

I trust you are having a pleasant summer, and are recovering your health under the genial influence of the California climate. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Rec'd & Ans'd
May 23, 1922

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FOREST SERVICE
DISTRICT 3
GAS AND ELECTRIC BUILDING, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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May 18, 1922

EM (G)
Trinity
Names

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
U.S. Geographic Board,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of May 12 reached me at Albuquerque, as I left Washington about two weeks ago on my summer trip.

I am forced to confess that, although I did promise to call to the attention of the Supervisor of the Trinity Forest, the errors in names, I forgot all about it for which I ask forgiveness. I have referred your letter to the Forester's office asking them to take up with the Supervisor of the Trinity Forest this whole matter and advise you as soon as they hear from him.

I expect to be in San Francisco the latter part of June and if I have time, will try to look you up, if you are then on the Coast.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Ogden Utah
Mch 12 1913

Dear Dr Merriam

Your letter of Mch 7 was sent to me here. Sorry for the delay & am hoping you called up the office to see why you didn't get the maps & learned why & got them.

I left Washn Feby 27 & hope to be back about the last of this month. Have asked the office to send the maps.

Was sorry to miss the last meeting for I always enjoy them.

Sincerely
Wm C. Barnes

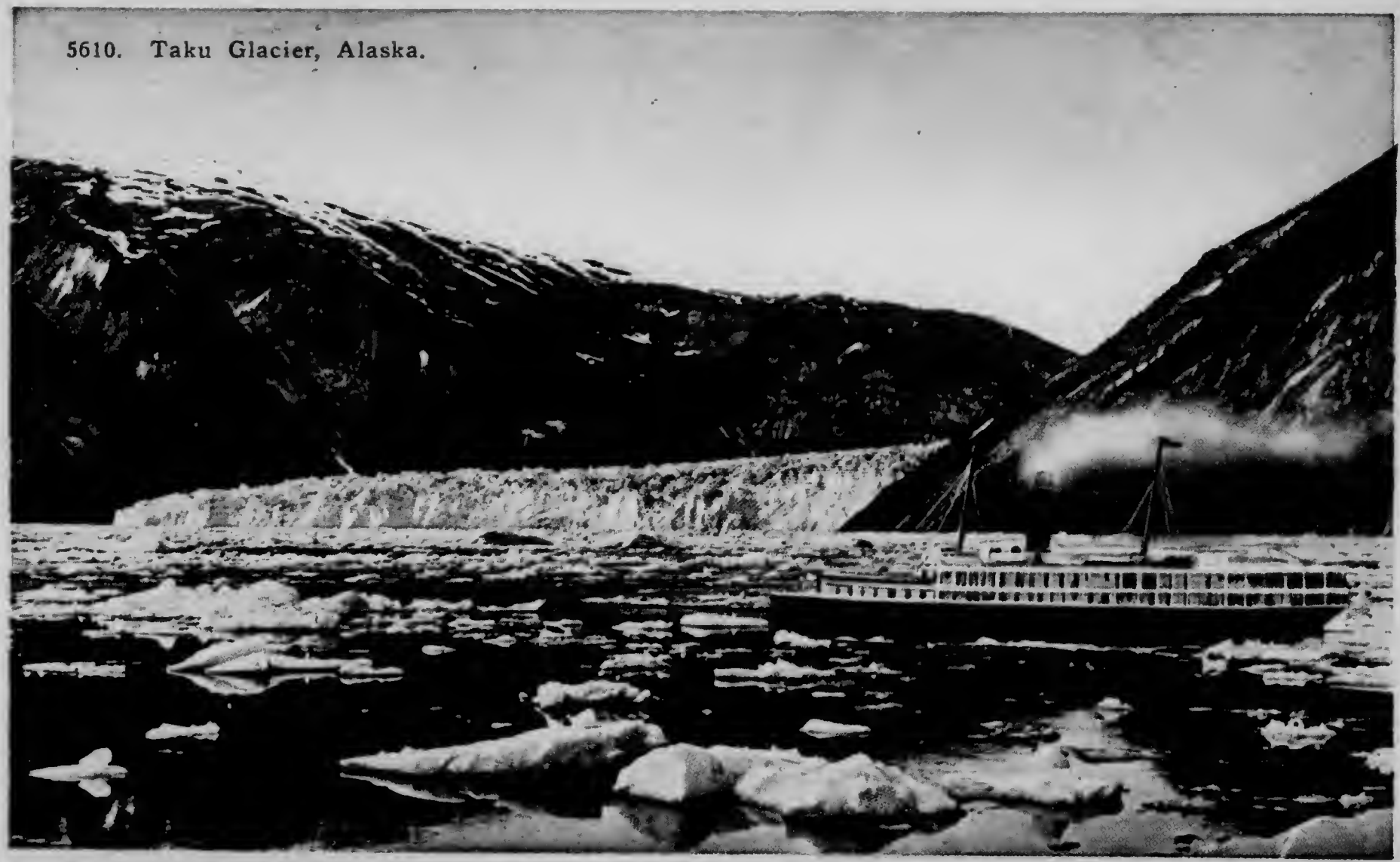
I got the maps OK

Dear Miriam

Of all the men whom I most wanted to have read my story it was you the old 1st Bear of the whole Bear family And you didn't even hear of it Well here it is It is up to you to read it or at least make a way face or tell one you have done So Only one I have ~~so~~ please give it back when you are through

Will C. Barnes

Rec'd from Barnes April 12, 1925 with his Bear article in Eug. Rec'd of Dec. 6 — Clum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TAKU GLACIER

Taku Glacier at the head of Taku Inlet, thirty miles from Juneau, is one of the most picturesque ice fields of the North. Advancing at the rate of eight feet per day and depositing in the deep water channel an ice mass equivalent to its advance, the Taku Glacier presents the same front from year to year.

POSTCARD

SEATTLE & SEWARD
AUG 31 1925
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STR. YUKON

THIS SPACE FOR MESSAGE

Was Dr C H. Merriam taking the Alaska trip So far as Anchorage. Has enjoyed it greatly Some of the finest scenery we have ever seen. Left Seattle Aug 20 Back in Seattle about Sept 8th Weather has been super b + a thrill every day

The Barns

Dr C H Merriam

Lagunitas

Calif

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Ackd. Jan. 28, 1926

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EM (G)
Maps
Geographic Names

January 27, 1926.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am enclosing some mimeographed sheets containing a dictionary compiled by a couple of our men in southern Utah, which includes a large number of common names in the Piute language. I am sure you will find this of no small amount of interest in your work.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

Enclosure.

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AND REFER TO

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WASHINGTON

March 6, 1926.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Merriam:

I do not exactly understand the last paragraph of your letter of March 1. You say "I was surprised to learn that the Forest Service has no map of the part of southeastern Oregon covered by the Klamath Lakes Indian Reservation". You undoubtedly meant southern or southwestern Oregon, but I do not understand your surprise that we have no maps of an Indian Reservation. I do not know whether the Indian Service has such a map, but assume they have, and would be delighted to ask them for one for you unless you yourself want to make the request.

I agree with your comments on the Piute Indian dictionary. It was interesting as a raw effort on the part of non-technical men to get up a vocabulary of words they had checked up among the Indians, but as a dictionary pure and simple of any Indian dialect it lacks a good deal of being of any great value.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Assistant Forester.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

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WASHINGTON

Rec'd. May 19, 1928

May 16th 1928

My Dear Doctor Merriam.

Thank you ever somuch for the copy of your latest book which I have not yet had time to do more than run through very hastily. I feel myself highly favored to have an autographed copy and know I shall enjoy reading it. Its fine that you have been able in your very busy life to take the time to get into print some of these old indian legends and save them from complete loss. Frank Cushing did some of this with the Pueblos of New Mexico but his failure to complete much of his notes lost all or most of his work to the world. Too bad wasnt it.

By the way, from whence came the name Pit.? I see the Boad has decided its spelling but unfortunately there isnt a word in it as to the origin. Id like to get something into our records on this subject if you can furnish it without too much trouble.

I hope you saw the row I got into because of my article in the Producer regarding Antelope. It was lots of fun and I fancy the man who started it was willing to drop it before he got through.

My recent article a short one on Rattlesnakes and Horned Toads in last weeks Post is bringing me a bushel of letters from all over the west especially from Texans some of whom berate me for attempting to question the word of a Texan, others to thank me and some to doubt me. Its odd how some people cling to their early notions of glass snakes hoop snakes and that sort of fancies.

With best regards Sincerely

Will C. Barnes

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

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WASHINGTON

G
Fish & Game
Game Census 1927

June 25, 1928.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of June 21 is received -- my birthday and the day I am retiring from the Forest Service. I intend, of course, to continue on as Secretary of the Geographic Board, having promised General Lord to do so until he can get the secretary of the Board on a salaried basis through legislation and until he can find some one to hold down the job permanently.

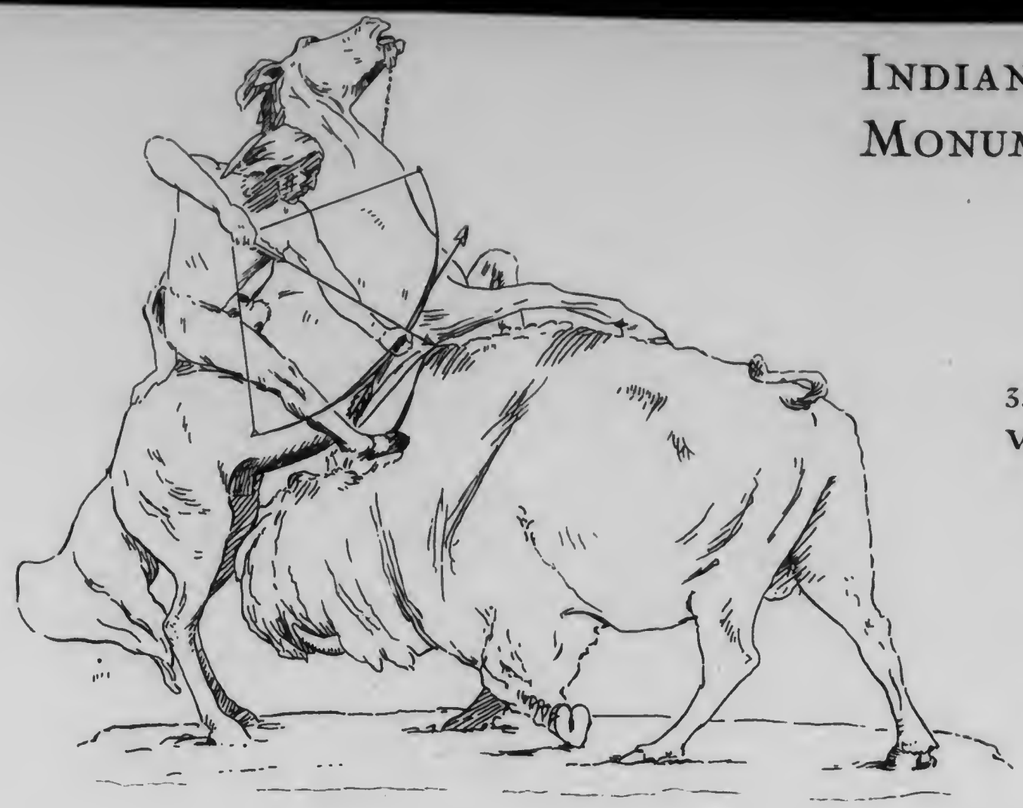
No apologies were necessary for your assumed delay in acknowledging receipt of the big game census. I know you are awfully busy and anyway an acknowledgment of a thing of that kind is not an official matter.

I hope you will have a splendid summer and accomplish a lot of work.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

WILL C. BARNES
Assistant Forester.



INDIAN BUFFALO HUNT MONUMENT COMMITTEE

Executive Office
333 BOND BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Telephone Main 3497

29 June, 1928

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

You have doubtless admired the heroic group depicted on this letterhead in the Union Station in Washington. It is the work of the noted sculptor, Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown.

This Committee, and the Sponsors whose names appear hereon, have noticed that there is no monument in the Nation's Capital which honors and commemorates the First Americans. They are of the opinion that no more fitting tribute could be paid the Indians and our Early Settlers than to have this heroic group set up permanently in a suitable place in Washington.

The Monument must be cast in bronze, and I am requested by the Committee to ask you to be one of two hundred representative American men and women who will subscribe $250. or more each to make up the $50,000. necessary to obtain the statue, and for casting and erection.

This Committee has selected the names of invited subscribers with particular care, as it is intended to place the names of the two hundred subscribers on a bronze tablet attached to the Monument. You will agree, I am sure, that such a list of men and women honoring a Race of Americans which has given our country many distinguished citizens, should be carefully chosen, so as to give increased honor to the project -- in reality, a tribute of representative Americans of today to those who were here before us.

Sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Chairman

WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE A MONUMENT TO THE INDIANS

At the present time there is no monument in the City of Washington to the American Indian. Washington is replete with monuments to soldiers, sailors, statesmen, private citizens and several other classes of individuals, both male and female, but as yet no such recognition has been afforded the American Indian, who is so intimately connected with early American development.

Indians visiting Washington frequently point out that their race, which has given America so many splendid men and women, has no memorial in the capital.

It is now proposed to perpetuate in bronze this heroic group. The Indian, with advancing civilization, is losing rapidly his old-time romantic characteristics of dress and mode of living. The great herds of buffalo that once roamed our Western prairies in millions have disappeared before the settler's plow, although they are saved from complete extermination in national parks, game preserves and zoos.

AN EMINENT AMERICAN INDIAN WRITES APPROVAL

On this subject Francis La Flesche, of the Smithsonian Institution, says:

> **"There is nothing I know of that would be more fitting than the Buffalo Hunt group to serve as a monument of the past life of the American Indian race of this country. It will mark the time when by force of necessity the native people of this continent departed from their ancient mode of living to adopt that of the Europeans who are now filling the land. This monument group will be of historical importance, not only to the remnants of the tribes who once enjoyed with unrestrained freedom all nature's bounties but also to the people who have come from the far east and have here founded a great government."**

It is now proposed to raise $50,000 in order to have this group cast in bronze, properly mounted and placed on some attractive site in Washington where every visitor to our capital may see and enjoy it. This Capital of the United States belongs to all American citizens. It is theirs to adorn and enjoy. It is fitting therefore that the funds needed should be collected by popular subscription from every part of the country.

The Indian Buffalo Hunt Monument

An Outstanding Sculptural Triumph of Henry K. Bush-Brown

STANDING in the great concourse of the Union Station at Washington is a huge plaster cast that represents one of the most picturesque and virile phases of our early pioneer days. An Indian hunter mounted on a rearing horse is in the act of driving a final arrow into the already wounded and maddened buffalo bull. The furious buffalo with lowered head is charging his enemies. The heroic group is pictured vividly and artistically.

The sculptor, Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown, is one of America's most renowned and best beloved sculptors. Mr. Bush-Brown won highest honors with this heroic group at the Chicago World's Fair. None of his many notable works located in various parts of this country has attracted more attention and favorable comment than the "Indian Buffalo Hunt." Thousands of persons pass daily through the great Union Station and the monument is always surrounded by admiring groups. The Western Indians, many of whom make almost annual pilgrimages to the capital city, are invariably attracted to the statue, and their comments as to its originality and accurate detail are uniformly favorable.

Indian Buffalo Hunt Monument Committee

WILL C. BARNES,
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Assistant Forester, U. S. Forest Service

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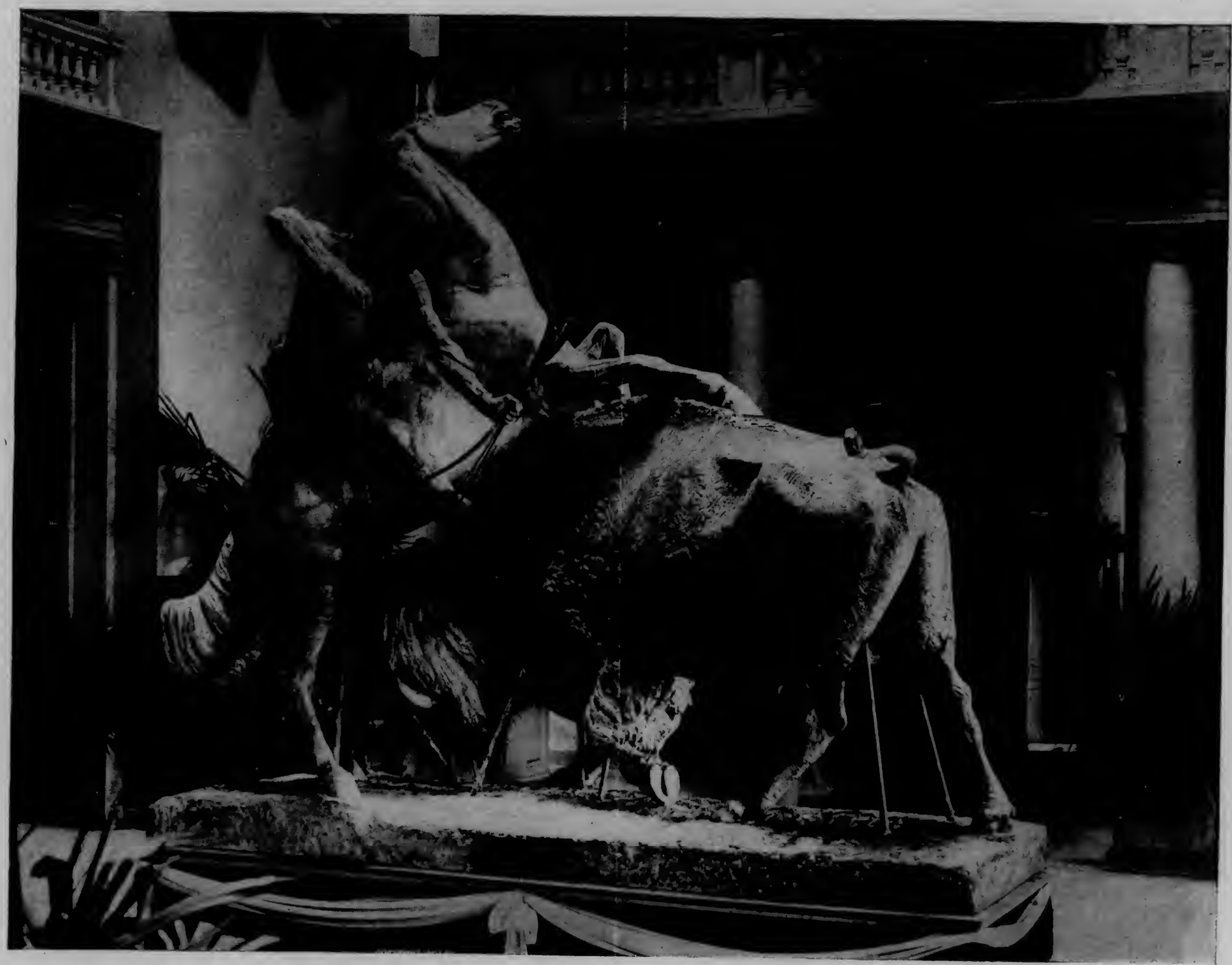

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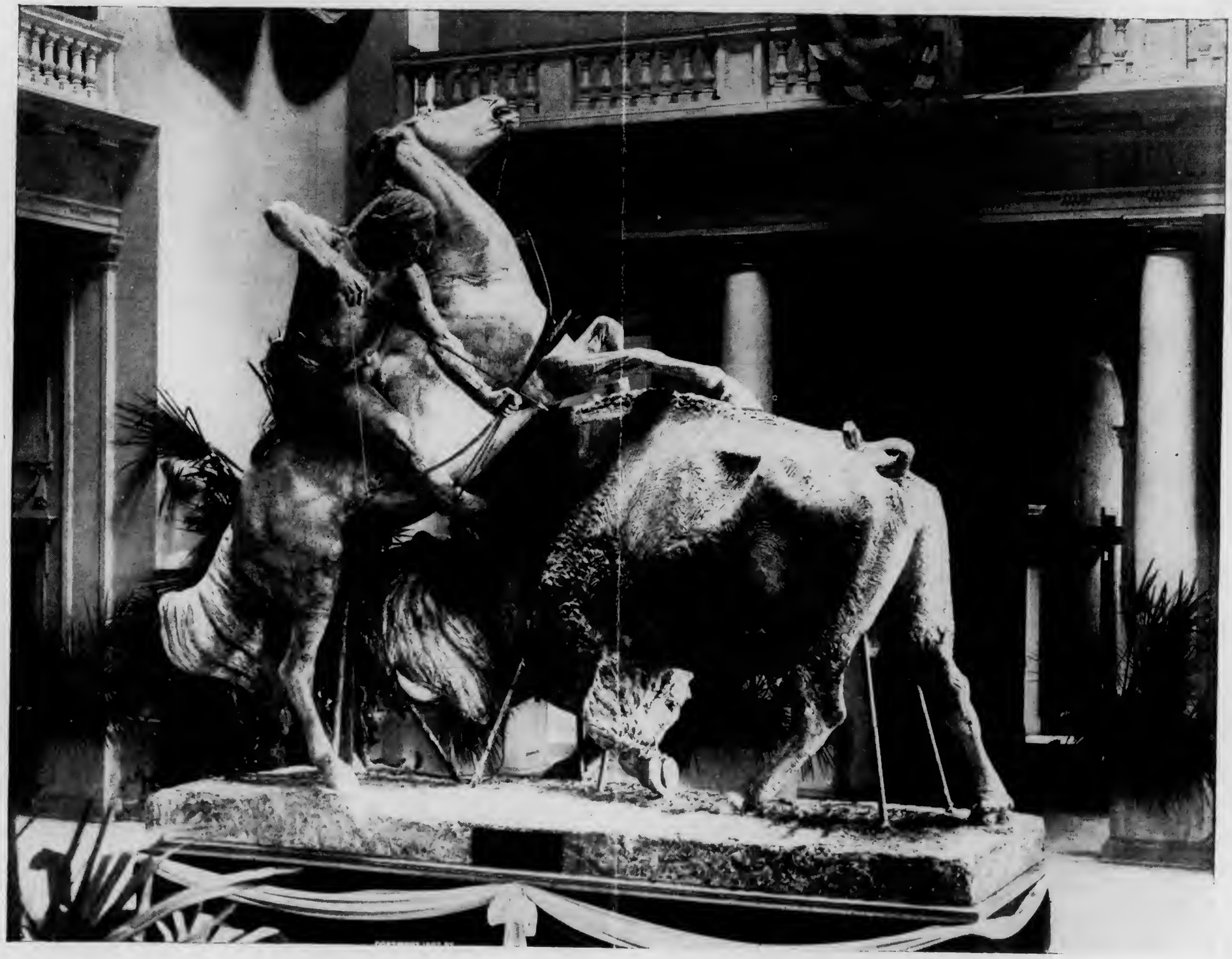

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Rcvd. Jan. 23, 1930

January 15, 1930.

ST
California
Mount Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1616 Sixteenth Street NW.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the United States Geographic Board at its meeting on January 8, 1930, named a peak in your honor, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, near lat. 37° 18 1/2 N., long. 118° 46' W.

Doubtless you have heard of this already, but it pleased us all so much to have the pleasure of giving this mountain your name that I want to congratulate you personally on the board's action.

With best wishes for your continued good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Will C. Barnes

Will C. Barnes,
Secretary.

Rec'd March 29, 1935

808 North Second Ave
Phoenix
March 18th 1935

Dear Doctor and Mrs Merriam.

This is just to let you know we are getting ready to drive back to Washington for a stay of some months Dont know how much longer than that.We simply came out here to stay threeor four momths and have stayed over three years.

Now we have before us the job of deciding where we are to live in the future. However we much get back and do some repairs to our apartment and clean us a lot of matters thereAfter that we will try and make up our minds what to do.

We have been very happy and comfortable here among so many friends and amid so many pleasant surroundings And yet we both look forward to our return to Washington with real pleasure.

One of them is getting acquainted with our old frineds and among them and at the head of the list the Merriams. So look for us one of these days

We shall come by the southern route to miss the cold and snow and take our time meaning to reach there about the 10th of April.

Please try and arrange to have the Cherry blossoms all out when we arrive.

Here the whole country is one great flower bed.It has been a fine rainy winter- much to the disgust of many tourists -but it has made everything grow like weeds. They havent had such a spring in ten years. The whole desert is covered with poppies and other deert flowers -simply acres and acres of them everywhere

The stock men will haveone of the best seasons they have had in many long lean years and are much rejoiced in consequence.

My Arizona Name book will be out before many days-the delays have been awful and At times I felt like tearing out my hair in aginy. Howver Schantz told me yesterday it would be out inside of three or four days now so Im living in hope.

Meanwhile keep your eyes peeled for us meandering down 16th Street one of these days.

With best regards to you both from both of us

Sincerely

Will C. Barnes

Will C Barnes

Hotel Somerton

PRODESSE QUAM CONSPICI

San Francisco

Sunday a.m.

Dear Dr Merriam

Your kind note reached me Friday. That evening I tried to get you over the phone but couldn't. Then yesterday morning I found you had called the office & they told you I had gone to La Guenitas. When I left the day before I told them if I could get you on the phone I'd go over Saturday since this statement. Yesterday - Saturday I tried to get you again & discovered they had to send for you so gave it up. I certainly would enjoy seeing you for a visit but the trains run so that I can't arrive to place better than to leave here on the 3.45 pm train Monday and as near as I can figure we will have an hour with you & then return all too short but still I am so pushed for time that I can't stay longer.

Hotel Somerton

PRODESSE QUAM CONSPICI

San Francisco

I called on him at the Fairmont Hotel, S.F., & brought him & his wife & baby with us to Lagunitas, where they spent the night. — Chas Tay

Mrs Barnes is with me and I should like very much to have her meet Mrs Merriam x

Then for unless you phone me to the contrary we will leave for Lagunitas on Monday - Tomorrow - at 3.45 p.m. must leave on the train that seems to leave there about 6 p.m. -

If you will be away or it is not convenient you can catch me at this hotel to 9 A.M. Monday then I'll be at the office all day until time to take the train. I am assuming this will reach you monday morning

Sincerely Yours

Will C. Barnes

Barnett, L A 1914 - 1932

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DISTRICT 5

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Ackd. May 18, 1914

May 8, 1914.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, California.

Dear Sir:

I quote the following from a special report of the Sequoia National Forest to the State Fish & Game Commission on the subject of wolves, which may be of interest to you:

> "A trapper who spent the winter near the Jordan Hot Springs on the east side of the Kern River brought in the pelts of six gray wolves, one lynx and one wolverine. There had been a great deal of doubt as to the existence of these animals in this region, and this evidence establishes the fact. I have also learned that timber wolves have been killed in the Middle Tule River watershed on Black Mountain and near Hossack Meadows."

You will recall that last year there was considerable correspondence on this subject and you may wish to inquire further as to the pelts of the wolves. Forest Supervisor A. B. Patterson, Hot Springs, California, can probably inform you where they were delivered.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Barrett

Acting District Forester.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Dear Sir:— S.F. 9-13-16

By registered mail I am sending you two sells of the California Forest Timber survey maps as requested

L A Barrett

Ackd. Sept. 14, 1916

Rcvd. Dec. 21, 1924

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FOREST SERVICE
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

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FERRY BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

December 9, 1924

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters of September 4 and October 17:

I regret very much that it will not be possible for us to furnish you copies of the latest maps of the Warner Mountain region on the Modoc Forest and of the California Forest for several months yet. We will, however, send you copies as soon as they are available. The delay is due to the large number of corrections and additions that we have found it necessary to make.

Very truly yours,

PAUL G. REDINGTON, District Forester,

By F. A. Barrett Acting.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Ans'd. July 19, 1925
Oct. 17, 1925

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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July 8, 1925

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, California.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

You are no doubt familiar with what the Commonwealth Club is doing in the line of investigating the condition of the California Indians.

We have secured a lot of the data we need for a final report, and hope to round the subject up by next fall. One of the points raised by some of the parties who have appeared before the Club is that the average California Indian does not make good use of good agricultural land when it is furnished to him. You have had such a large experience among the Indians of California that I am going to ask you if you will not let me have your views on this some time within the next couple of months or at your convenience.

You mentioned a summer trip among a number of the tribes of northern California, and I shall be glad if you will let me know after this trip is completed just what the land condition was of the Indians that you visited.

If it is not convenient for you to write out all of this, perhaps we can have another talk some time along toward fall, and I can get a lot of the data in that way. The main object in writing this letter was to ask you to keep these points in mind and give me the benefit of your experience.

Very sincerely yours,

L. A. Barrett.

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Ackd. Feb. 12, 1926

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Boundaries - Modoc
Lava Beds National Monument

February 1, 1926

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am sending you herewith a print of a small map of the new Lava Beds National Monument, which was prepared by District Ranger Cuff. This shows most of the points of interest. As opportunity offers we shall locate more of them with a view to preparing a large scale up-to-date map.

I hope that you are enjoying the winter in Washington, and that I shall see you out here again next spring.

Very sincerely yours,

F A Barrett

Assistant District Forester

Encl.

San Francisco. 4/9/26

Ans'd. June 11, 1926

Dr C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington D C

Dear Dr Merriam:

I have your letter of April 5 and am very glad to hear from you once more. We had a very interesting Indian Meeting. Wish you might have been present. The proceeding will no doubt be published in the regular manner by the Bul and if you do not get a copy in due time let me know and I will get one for you.

As I am leaving tomorrow for a 4 weeks trip in Southern California I will have no time to see Mr Goodrich or to look into the Indian bills very much. I agree with what Mr Goodrich says in his comparisons of the two bills and believe it would be a sad mistake to pay the Indians off in cash as it would

soon be dissipated. I am sorry Mr Collett was not present at the meeting. I feel sure that we would have given him a bad half hour had he taken the floor.

Col. Larrington was the only speaker for the opposition and he made a poor impression. However he admitted that most all of our complaints were true, especially as to poor land in the allotments and reservations.

We have just had a most wonderful storm. One of the heaviest State wide rains in 25 years. While considerable damage was done to roads, railroads, oil tanks, etc, it means there will be bumper crops and good times.

Well Mr. I hope to see you out this way again next summer. Be sure and drop in occasionally and remember that I shall be very glad to give you any help that I can in your work. Yours truly

F A Barrett

Recd. & Answd.
Jan. 12, 1932

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CALIFORNIA REGION

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January 6, 1932.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

State Forester Pratt has sent me a copy of your letter of December 18 addressed to Mrs. Adeline Merriam Conner, Sacramento.

The story "How the Indians Preserved the Forests" was written as a burlesque directed against the contentions of the "light burners" in California and was not intended to be taken seriously. For a number of years we have been searching for reliable information on the so-called Indian practice of "light burning" the woods, known locally as Piute Forestry, but have been unable to find any reliable data. Our belief is that this "legend" originated largely with the white man and was used by early settlers to cover up depredations caused by their careless or incendiary use of fire.

It is known that the Indians of California did occasionally start fires to drive out game or to harass their enemies, but that this was a common yearly practice is denied by their old chiefs.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

S. B. SHOW, Regional Forester,

By F. A. Barrett
Acting.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Ans. Jan. 13, 1932

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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January 8, 1932

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of January 4 is received.

I have checked over our maps and believe that you have about the latest editions with three exceptions. You do not seem to have a copy of the latest Tahoe map, so I am sending you one, also the latest map of the Trinity and one of the Modoc Lava Beds National Monument.

I expect that you are managing to keep busy back in Washington this winter, and look forward with pleasure to having you call on us again next summer.

Very sincerely yours,

L. A. Barrett

Assistant Regional Forester.

Enclosure.

Barrett, S. A. (Samuel Alfred), 1879-1965

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PUBLIC MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE.
Henry L. Ward, Director.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY.
S. A. Barrett, Curator.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 7, 1910.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Chief of the United States Biological Survey,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:-

I received with great pleasure the other day from your publishers in Cleveland, a copy of your "The Dawn of the World" which I am at the present time reading with much interest. Please accept my most sincere thanks for this favor.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Very sincerely yours,

S. A. Barrett

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
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S. A. BARRETT, DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Acknl. Dec 4, 1933

April
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Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Under separate cover I am forwarding to you in the name of Mr. Gifford and myself our joint paper on the Miwok Material Culture. I know that you are very much interested in this region and I hope that you will find items in this paper which will be of interest to you.

With kindest personal regards, believe me

Very truly yours

S. A. Barrett
Per O. S.

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S. A. Barrett, Director

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
S. A. BARRETT, DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I am in receipt of your favor of December 4 and am at a loss to account for the fact that the copy of "Miwok Material Culture" did not reach you. I am, however, sending another copy and am enclosing in the same package a copy of my "Aztalan" and my "Pomo Myths" thinking that these may be of interest to you.

Trusting that these will reach you safely this time, I remain

Very truly yours,

S. A. Barrett

S. A. Barrett, Director

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S. A. BARRETT, DIRECTOR

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th and wish to say that I appreciate very much your very complimentary observations concerning the publications which we have just sent you. I know precisely how you feel about such unpublished results of one's work. When other matters press so much from day to day, it seems almost a hopeless task to get one's writing done.

I sincerely trust you will have the pleasure of seeing your fine work, which you have done for so many years, in print before long.

May I wish Mrs. Merriam and yourself the best of the season's greetings and express the hope that we shall be able to exchange such greetings for many years to come.

Very truly yours,

S A Barrett

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S. A. Barrett, Director

Barrett-Hamilton, G E H 1897-1904

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Address –
Kildare Street
Club,
Dublin.
11/1/97.

Dear Dr Newton,

I am very much obliged to you for the maps & papers you have kindly sent me. That one on the new Rabbit is of very great interest to me —

Wishing you all

His cordial good wishes
& with kind regards
to Mrs Merriam & to
any of my friends
whom you may meet —

Believe me,

Very truly,

G. E. H Barnett-Hamilt

My Report keeps me so
busy that I hope you will
excuse this very hasty
line —

15 Feb. 04.

BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON: S.W.

Dear Dr Merriam –

Might I please beg for copies of the North American Fauna to be sent to me at this address?

And I should be also very grateful indeed for any back nos. which can be spared. I hardly can receive copies of reviews or papers of N. A. Fauna.

With kind regards

Dear,

Yours very truly,

F. Ch. Barnett-Hamilton

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.,
U. S. A.

Barringer, Daniel Moreau, 1860 — 1916

Letter of Mar. 22 written for him by his secretary.
Re Meteor Crater, Arizona

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Ansd Mar 21, 1916

DANIEL MOREAU BARRINGER
370 BULLITT BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 29,1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I find that I have sent you not only my National Academy paper but on December 10th, 1914, I sent you a copy of my last paper entitled "Further Notes on Meteor Crater, Arizona" read before the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, September 1914. If you have not a copy of this I shall be glad to send you an extra copy of this paper. I also send you, for return to me, since you have been good enough to express such an interest in the matter, an address which I made at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, January 18th, 1916. Dean Magie of Princeton shared the evening with me. I do this with a double purpose. First to assure you that the origin of the crater has long since been proved, any member of the U.S.G.S. to the contrary notwithstanding. Secondly, to ask you whether you think the members of the Boone and Crockett Club would be interested in hearing a talk of this sort, abundantly illustrated by some splendid lantern slides which we have had made. You will remember some years ago at the Washington meeting Osborn made a distinctly scientific talk. The subject is of profound interest, as the paper which I am sending you today brings out. I put the same question up to Grinnell. While he is very much interested,

DANIEL MOREAU BARRINGER
370 BULLITT BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

#2 Dr.C.H.M. 2/29/16

he seems to be in doubt as to whether the other members of the Boone and Crockett Club would be. Of course nothing is further from my desire than to talk to them unless they would be really greatly interested in what I have to say, but having made the discovery, which statement can be verified by men like Elihu Thomson, Magie, Branner, Fairchild, Hovey, George P. Merrill, Gregory, Kuntz and others of scientific attainments and reputation, I have thought that perhaps the members of the Club or a sufficiently large proportion of them might be interested in hearing about it. As I bring out in the paper which I am sending you today, it is of far reaching importance from a scientific point of view, for it is the first tangible evidence on a big scale that we have in corroboration of the theory of Moulton and Chamberlin with regard to world making. The great wonder to me is that these men have not taken the trouble to visit the crater. All the men who still believe in Gilbert's really absurd explanation of the origin of the crater, that of a steam explosion, have never visited the locality, excepting Merrill of the Smithsonian Institution. He not only recanted when he saw the additional evidence which our painstaking work had disclosed in favor of the impact theory but he wrote quite an important monograph "The Meteor Crater of Canyon Diablo, Arizona; its History, Origin, and Associated Meteoric Irons". On the other hand every man of scientific attainment who has visited the crater since I acquired title to it and have done so much exploration work, has pronounced himself in favor of the impact theory of origin. It is really impossible for them to do otherwise.

DANIEL MOREAU BARRINGER
370 BULLITT BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

#3 Dr.C H.M. 2/29/16

I also send you a newspaper clipping describing the big turkey which was killed at Woodmont Club and which, by the by, I took home from the Academy of Natural Sciences only last night. I hope some day to show him to you. The clipping which I send you appeared in a Baltimore paper, but the editor omitted to include what I think, to the public at least, was the most interesting part of my letter to Mr. Bridges. I have attached this portion to the clipping, indicating the place on the clipping where this should be inserted, in case you wish the same for future reference.

It was a great pleasure to see you last Saturday evening.

Very sincerely yours,

D. M. Barringer

Encl's. - copy of address
clipping re turkey
copy of portion omitted
from clipping

...ities. The Rev. D. E. ...
...f the church.

HE SHOOTS GIANT TURKEY

Henry P. Bridges Kills Wild Gobbler Weighing 34 Pounds.

What is thought by many to have been the largest wild turkey on record in the United States was killed during the last season at the Woodmont Rod and Gun Club in Western Maryland. The gobbler weighed 34 pounds. It was shot by Henry P. Bridges, the secretary of the club. Mr. Bridges presented the bird to Daniel Moreau Barringer, of Philadelphia, who had it mounted by an expert from the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

The following extract from a letter written by Mr. Barringer to Mr. Bridges gives some interesting data concerning wild turkeys:

"You wil be interested to know that the big turkey has been mounted by Mr. McCadden, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and is wonderfully lifelike. He is represented as walking, the hindfoot partly raised to take the next step, but with his head thrown up and turned slightly, in an attitude of strict attention, as if he had just heard something suspicious and had stopped before completing the step. I shall have some photographs taken of him and probably have one enlarged to be hung in the clubhouse.

"You will also be interested to know that Dr. Witmer Stone, one of the leading ornithologists of America, if not of the world, immediately recognized the turkey as most closely resembling what is known as Merriam's turkey of New Mexico. He brought down from the museum one of these birds and we compared it feather for feather and there is practically no variation excepting that this turkey is enormously larger than the Mexican specimen. Doctor Stone says there can be no doubt that the bird is descended from this particular variety of Mexican turkey. Doctor Stone also said that he had never seen a wild turkey which approached in size to this great gobbler."

Sailed For The South.

The following passengers sailed last evening on the Merchants and Miners' steamer Merrimack, Capt. S. T. Herbert, bound for the South:

Doctor and Mrs. Cook, J. K. Flick, Pedro Mikaliennas, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cardiff, Miss Cardiff, Mrs. T. J. Malone, A. L. Horner, George M. Gorder, I. J. Jasoeby, the Reverend and Mrs. E. F. Mundy, Dr. Charles T. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Carey, Mrs. J. Malm, W. H. Batchelor, John Hoppin, John H. Robbins and Charles H. Dressel.

Baltimore Sun
Feb 12 1916

portion of extract from Mr. Barringer's letter to Mr.Henry P. Bridges 1/4/1916 which was omitted from clipping in Baltimore Sun of February 12th,1916.

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"He tells me that there are three varieties of Mexican turkey. One inhabits the low lands near Vera Cruz, from which, by the by, he tells me that all the domestic turkeys of the world are descended, since this was the turkey that the early Spanish explorers took back to Spain, Second, a turkey that is found in northern Mexico along the Rio Grande, and third, Merriam's turkey which, as I understand, is found in the Cordillera and ranges into New Mexico and Southern Arizona.

There is no doubt that the plumage of this big gobbler more closely resembles Merriam's turkey than any other. In fact I could see practically no difference between the two skins. Dr. Stone, however, says that the wattles on this big gobbler are very much larger than those which he has ever seen on Merriam's turkey and that in size the bird is enormously larger. He also said that he has never seen a wild turkey which approached in size this great gobbler and he expressed the same doubt which I expressed, namely, that you will never kill another one as big. He had a good chance to look at the bird before it was skinned and was greatly interested in it."

DANIEL MOREAU BARRINGER
370 BULLITT BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 22, 1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In Mr. Barringer's absence I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21st returning the copy of his lecture on Meteor Crater. Mr. Barringer expects to return to his office the latter part of this week at which time I will hand your letter to him.

Yours truly,
Mary Ellis
Secretary

Barrows, Albert Lloyd, 1883-

1914-1916

Written on behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Division, and for the Dept. of Zoology, University of California at Berkeley

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PACIFIC DIVISION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

University of California Library,
March 27, 1914.

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I understand from Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California that the American Ornithologists' Union is to hold its annual meeting in Washington about April 6-9, 1914, and that the Union will then probably take up the matter of its meeting at San Francisco during the Exposition year. Before the Washington meeting occurs I want to present to you the plans which are being made for the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco and vicinity in 1915. The date for this convention has been definitely set for Aug. 2-6.

The committee in general charge of the program for this convention, of which President John Casper Branner of Stanford University is the Chairman, is very desirous that all of the national zoological societies which are planning to hold San Francisco meetings during 1915 should appoint these meetings either at this time of the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, or at a time adjacent to the first week in August.

We believe that the grouping of the meetings of many scientific societies about the convention of the American Association will be very desirable because this plan will bring together at one time a great company of scientists and make of the occasion

a large exchange in scientific matters and because it will both conserve and enrich the time of visiting scientists, and contribute greatly to the enthusiastic success of the general meetings of this convention. At this time, the first week in August, during the interim between the closing of the summer session and the opening of the fall semester, we are able to offer you abundant meeting space either in San Francisco, or in the halls of Stanford University at Palo Alto, or of the University of California at Berkeley.

On behalf of this General Committee on Scientific Program, let me then extend to the American Ornithologists' Union a most cordial invitation to place its San Francisco meeting in 1915 in conjunction with the convention of the American Association early in August. If this suggestion is agreeable to you, may I further suggest that the Union do not attempt to fix the day of its San Francisco meeting but in order to avoid appointments conflicting with those of other related societies it empower an appropriate committee or representative to confer in this regard with a special program committee for zoological societies appointed by President Branner.

This special program committee for zoological societies is composed of the following members:

Professor C. A. Kofoid, Chairman, University of California.
Professor V. L. Kellogg, Stanford University.
Professor C. H. Gilbert, Stanford University.
Professor Harold Heath, Stanford University.
Dr. B. W. Evermann, Director California Academy of Sciences
Dr. Wm. E. Ritter, Director Scripp Foundation for Biological Research.
Dr. Joseph Grinnell, Director Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California.

The relations with the several national zoological socie-

ties have been placed in charge of this committee.

I hope before long to write you more definitely concerning the development of plans for the preparation of general zoological meetings aside from whatever meetings the national zoological societies may choose to hold. Meanwhile I can assure you that such meetings will be held and that we shall be glad of your co-operation in preparing for them.

On account of the short time now remaining before the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, I am also writing along these lines to Dr. F. M. Chapman, President of the American Ornithologists' Union, to Dr. A. K. Fischer and to Mr. Joseph Maillard, San Francisco,

I shall be pleased to carry to the committee here your comment upon this invitation and these suggestions, and I trust that the American Ornithologists' Union will be cordially disposed toward representation in this way in the San Francisco convention of the American Association next year.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert L. Barrows.

Associate Secretary.

Rec'd. returned fully April 2, 1914 - CHM

Recd. & ans. Sept. 11, 1914.

PACIFIC DIVISION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

University of California Library,
September 8, 1914.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
California.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

In the development of the plans for the San Francisco meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, August 2-7, 1915, President John Casper Branner of Stanford University has appointed the following committee to take charge of meetings concerned with zoological matters on that occasion:

Professor C. A. Kofoid, Chairman, University of California
Professor V. L. Kellogg, Stanford University
Professor W. E. Ritter, Scripps Institution for Biological Research, La Jolla
Professor C. H. Gilbert, Stanford University
Professor Joseph Grinnell, University of California
Dr. B. W. Evermann, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco
Professor H. B. Torrey, Reed College, Portland, Ore.

Professor Kofoid, the Chairman of this Committee, is writing to you asking you to accept the chairmanship of a special committee concerned with zoological excursions during the convocation week of the Association next year. I hope that you will consent to undertake this activity.

I am enclosing with this a copy of a circular of invitation which has been extended to several zoological societies asking them to appoint meetings in conjunction with the meetings of the American Association, also a list of the societies

so addressed, a list of the committees concerned with the development of the zoological program and a statement of the tentative plans thus far developed for the meetings in zoology.

I shall be glad to serve you in any way in the committee's preparations for excursions next year.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert L. Barrows.

Associate Secretary.

PACIFIC DIVISION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 17, 1914.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I thank you for your letter of September 11th and for your acceptance of Professor Kofoid's request to assist in making plans concerned with the meetings in Zoology during convocation week of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, August 2-7, 1915, by acting as Chairman of the Zoology Excursion Committee. It is not expected to place any financial obligations upon this Committee, but rather to ask this Committee to advise a general excursion committee in regard to excursions which will be of especial interest to zoologists.

As Professor Kofoid suggested, I believe that you will find Professor Fisher ready to assist in any matters of detail. This office is ready to carry on whatever correspondence can be placed in my hands.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert L. Barrows

ALB/LJ

Associate Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas (Marin Co.),
California.

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Rec'd. July 14, 1915

Dr. C.Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas (Marin County),
California.

My dear Dr.Merriam:

With this is enclosed a memorandum in regard to the excursion for zoologists which you have consented to conduct to Muir Woods and Mt. Tamalpais on Saturday, August 7th.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert L. Barrows

ALB/LJ Secretary, Pacific Division.

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I shall be very appreciative if you can return this to me by an early mail so as to be included in forgam going to press Wed. or Thurs. this week.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, California.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Professor Kofoid suggests that in connection with your paper upon the big bears of Western America that it may be possible for you to bring with you a series of skulls for demonstration. We are arranging for demonstrations in connection with several papers to be presented during the zoological meetings. Mr. Tracy I. Storer of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology will assist you in displaying these skulls, and if you can bring them, may I suggest that you take up the matter directly with Mr. Storer.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert W. Barrows

Secretary, Pacific Division

Ansd Jan. 18, 1916

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

January 11, 1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
Marine County,
California.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

One of the courses given by the Department of Zoology here during the spring semester, Zoology 19, aims to present features of special interest in faunistics. If you should be planning to come to Berkeley at some time during the current semester, we shall be very appreciative if you may be willing to present one of the lectures in this course, perhaps dealing with the results of your long researches on bears of North America, their history, recent distribution and present restricted range. The lectures are given Monday afternoons at 4 P. M. in Room 101 East Hall.

This course is open to the public, the registration has usually been large, and the total attendance with auditors not formally registered has frequently reached 100 persons. The lectures have been presented in popular form so as to meet the general interest of those who come to the course who are not professional biologists. We believe that a lecture from you in regard to so characteristically an American animal as the bears will be very appropriate in this series of lectures and we shall feel that this course has been greatly enriched if you may be able to present this discussion.

It would accord well with the calendar for other lectures in this course if you might be able to present this discussion of the bears at the meeting of the class on February twenty-first. If, however, this should not be convenient and you are to be in Berkeley on Monday of some other week we shall be fully as appreciative of your courtesy if you would consent to talk to this class at another time than February twenty-first. If there is another subject than the one suggested in which you are now especially interested and which could be given a popular treatment before a class of this nature, please do not feel confined to the subject of bears.

Very sincerely yours,

Albert W. Barrows

Secretary, Department of Zoology.

Barnes, David Prescott, 1873-1954

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 30, 1926.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
c/o Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Accept my hearty thanks for your kindness in remembering me with copies of your two articles - "The Buffalo in Northeastern California" and "Source of the Name Shasta". I shall read both of these with interest.

Sincerely yours,

David P. Barrows

David P. Barrows.

Bartlett, Robert Abram, 1875

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Concerning data from Newfoundland on seals.

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IN RE

CABLE ADDRESS "MUSEOLOGY NEW YORK"

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
77TH STREET AND CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY

DEPARTMENT OF ICHTHYOLOGY
BASHFORD DEAN, PH.D., HONORARY CURATOR
JOHN T. NICHOLS, A.B., ASSOCIATE CURATOR OF RECENT FISHES

Rec'd. Dec. 18, 1923

October 1st. 1923.

My Dear Doctor Merriam:—

Mr. Lomer (Newfoundland) Mile Merriam a Son of Robert Merriam of the old firm of John Merriam and Company, Harbour Grace. is very knowledge interested in the gathering of Sealing data, both as to habits, and distribution of the Harp, and Hooded seal, that frequents the Newfoundland waters, during the whelping season. He got out of the Transport service about last Christmas, and about the last of January got a moving picture Ansley Camera, and went home. Father is still going to the seal fishery. He has been master for 52 years. His ship now, is the "Viking." my idea of the trip this Spring was to keep my hand in, and to get pictures to make a little money in lecturing while I am getting more funds for my Northern trip. But I fell on a lake of a bad Spring. The most in 50 years. We were bound for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and did not get inside of Cape Ray for the whole Spring. On April 7th. we killed 7000 Braters, out on St. Pierre Bank. The ice was so heavy, and frost bound, that we couldn't follow the old, nor the Bradalburns (Cats.) nor Mr. Merriam asked me to get me the data I need, but not getting among the breeding seals, nor the Bradalburns.

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Honeddit get any information. Altho I have been master of a sealer and went at it very young I was not observing at all. And when I asked Father, and others they said, well! we had been so busy looking for them, and killing them on board, that we gave no thought or study to their habits. So when I asked Doctor Lucas and Dr. Murphy if you had any data published in the museum they said that they turned write and ask you. I am interested myself to know if my birds and ideas are in any way in line with yours. For you have the whole story in your note book. I only saw one family of Hoods this spring I have a movie of the Bick Hood and pup. The dog was in the seals, and turned come near. Captain Dick Pike died the first year myself sealing. He was in the "Pantheon" the same "Pucker," that was out when you were in the "Polaris" my first ship was the little "Pete" then "Lenora." "Algerine" "Leopard." "Neptune" and the big steel Ice Breaker "Bonaventure" Only seven ships prosecute the sealing now. In a few years more all the wooden ships will be gone. And it will be carried on by one or two big steel ships. The men are getting all played out, to soft, and to sensitive. If you have any data to spare and it's not to much trouble, I would consider it a great favor from you to get it. Perhaps you will think me damn impudent in writing, and asking you to let me have anything from your notes. But I just couldn't resist

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taking a chance of displeasing you.
Perhaps later on I may have the
honour of meeting you. Really it would be
lovely to just talk with you.
Forgive me dear Doctor Hermiman
if I have been too anxious to write you.
Write soon please
Very respectfully and sincerely,
R. A. Bartlett.

Batchelder, Charles Foster, 1856-

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U.S. POSTAGE

ONE CENT

Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor.

New Haven

Conn.

Cambridge Mass.
Nov 18th '77

Dear Sirs

Can you write me the price of C. Hart Merriam's "Birds of Conn." lately published by you. Also what firm in Boston have it for sale.

Yrs &c
C. F. Batchelder

Rec'd. & ans. Nov. 19/77.

Cambridge
Nov 21. '77.

Dear Sir

I have just received your Review of the Birds of Connecticut, and hasten to express to you my thanks for the book, which I look forward to reading with much pleasure.

Yours respectfully
C. F. Batchelder.

Answ. Jan. 27/87, & accepted.

Rome, Jan. 4, 1887.

Dear Merriam

I hear that the next A. O. U. meeting is to be held in Boston, and I hasten to write to ask if you cannot be induced to stay with me during it. I only hope that my delay in learning that it is to meet with us, will not make my invitation come too late, and that ~~and that~~ I shall not find that someone else has got ahead of me and secured your company at that time. Cambridge will practically be about as near the place of meeting as most of the Boston

hotels, and I trust a goodly proportion of the members will be staying among us in Cambridge, so that evening gatherings will probably be there rather than in town. Brewster's house is only a few minutes walk from ours, and the Agassiz Museum is but a few steps in the other direction, so that you will find it easy to utilize any odd moments.

My mother joins me most urgently in hoping that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you at that time, and that you will be able to stay with us longer than merely during the meeting.

Very sincerely yours
C. F. Batchelder.

Ans'd. Oct. 4/87.

7 Kirkland St.
Cambridge -
Oct. 1, 1887.

My dear Merriam

I have just landed, and write to remind you that we are expecting to see you before long. I hope you will be able to spend a little more of your precious time with us than merely the busy days of the meeting, so that you will make your appearance as many days beforehand as possible, and will not leave

when the rest do.

If you will notify me the day and train when you will leave Washington or New York, and the route you come, i.e. whether 'New York and New England', via Springfield, or 'Shore Line', I shall be able to meet you at the station.

In great haste

Cordially yours

C. F. Batchelder.

Ans'd. Nov. 5, 1887.

Cambridge, Oct. 24/87.

My dear Merriam

Yours of the 15th was duly received, and I was glad to learn that you found Mrs. Merriam improving when you returned to Washington. I trust by this time her recovery is complete.

I thank you for your very kind invitation to your house next year at the A. O. U. meeting, which I shall greatly enjoy accepting, provided of course that you find it convenient to have me when that time comes.

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You were struck with surprise, I remember, upon realizing that Chadbourne was not an active Member of the Union. I want to take the first step to remedy this, by having him nominated before I forget it, and wish you would send me the proper blank for the purpose. The document would gain greatly in effectiveness, if it came bearing upon it your signature as one of the three proposers that I believe the constitution requires, provided you feel inclined to support his claims to the position.

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With kind regards to Fisher and Barrows,

Sincerely yours,

C. F. Batchelder.

Ansd. Nov. 1/88.

Cambridge
Oct 30, 1888.

Dear Mamam

I am much disappointed that at last I am obliged to give up my trip to Washington, for I had been looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation, especially of my stay with you.

The reason of my not coming is that I am used up by working hard the past month, and my doctor has ordered me to take complete rest, and absolutely forbids any

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I enclose my ballot for active members, and as I don't know whether it should be endorsed with my name or not, I have done so in pencil. By the way I have heard it urged that in future the announcement of candidates when sent to members should bear in addition to the mere names a statement of each candidate's age, his profession or other occupation, and the names of his sponsors. This seems to me

wise. Can't you do something about it's being enacted?

I have two names to propose for Associate membership: R. S. Williams of Great Falls(?), Montana, and Frank Bolles of 5 Berkeley St Cambridge. The former I think you know of. The latter is a good man; as to his general standing it is sufficient to say that he holds the position of Secretary of Harvard College.

With much regret that I cannot accept your kind hospitality,

Cordially yours
C. F. Batchelder.

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Ans'd. Dec. 28/88

Cambridge, Dec. 15/88

My dear Merriam

Haven't the newly elected Associate Members of the A.O.U. been notified yet of their election? Or was my nominee, Mr. Bolles, rejected at the election? If the latter, the Union made a mistake, for he is a man of prominence and great ability, as well as sound ornithologically. Or has his notification miscarried? Something seems to have gone wrong, for I learned today that no news of his election had reached him.

Can you tell me 'officially' whether, when a candidate for <u>Active Membership</u> has failed of election, his nomination continues to hold indefinitely, or whether he must be re-nominated in order to be eligible to be voted on the next year. I should, from an <u>un</u>official point of view, suppose the latter; otherwise your list of nominees will in the course of years grow to enormous proportions. The constitution, as far as I can see, is in this, as in some other matters, discreetly non-committal.

I haven't yet thanked you for the Mississippi Valley migration report. You deserve thanks, unlimited thanks, not merely for your kindness in sending it to me, but for having brought forth such a

Can you tell me 'officially' whether, when a candidate for Active membership has failed of election, his nomination continues to hold indefinitely, or whether he must be re-nominated in order to be eligible to be voted on the next year. I should, from an unofficial point of view, suppose the latter; otherwise your list of nominees will in the course of years grow to enormous proportions. The constitution, as far as I can see, is in this, as in some other matters, directly non-committal. I haven't yet thanked you for the Mississippi Valley Biogra-

tion report. You deserve thanks, unlimited thanks, not merely for your kindness in sending it to me, but for having brought forth such a valuable, useful, indispensable book. Whatever work I may be doing, I seem to have it in my hand half the time, and it seems strange how I got along without it before. Cooke has no doubt occasionally in some small matters jumped to some unwarranted conclusions, but he has done an immense amount of valuable work; and the systematic part, as revised and compiled by yourself, is, I believe, the most neces-

any reference book in my library.

The next question that arises is how soon can you give us a similar one for the Atlantic States? There is nothing now that I feel the want of so much as a list for that region giving the dates for each species of arrival in spring of first birds, of bulk, and departure northward of bulk and of last stragglers, together with what other data on migration, distribution, and abundance might be available. Surely you must have material accumulated for that? And I am sure there is no more useful work than the job of putting it together. You see the more you give us, the more we want.

Sincerely Yours, C. F. Batchelder.

Ans'd. Dec. 28/09.

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Ansd. Feb. 25/91

Cambridge, Feb. 20/91.

Dear Merriam

I am considerably relieved to learn that you expect to be able to leave Washington as early as the first week in March. My plans (at this end of the line) are now settled. I shall be in New York on March 4 to see my mother off, who sails for Europe on that day, and after that I shall be ready to march. What would strike me as the happiest possibility, would be to find that you were going to start on the 5th, though I could perfectly well wait a few days

if necessary. Have you any choice of route between Washington and New Orleans? I should think the Shenandoah Valley, "Queen & Crescent", route would be the most attractive, though I do not particularly care.

Is Mrs. Merriam going too? I trust so. And in that case the daughter may learn to look upon me with a little less suspicion as an objectionable character!

Very truly yours
C. F. Batchelder.

Purdie is much exercised in his mind over Fisher's gun stock and hopes some day to get bottom facts.

Ans. Apr. 12/92.

Cambridge
April 10/92.

Dear Merriam

So you have been increasing the "mammal collection"! My congratulations! But why don't you add some ♂s? That sex is believed to be the more highly specialized, & therefore the more interesting to study; and furthermore girls are not such good material to train up into field-agents, — at least I believe your efforts ~~that~~ way hitherto have not been crowned with success. I trust that Mrs. Merriam and the young lady are both flourishing.

In spite of the fact that under the circumstances you are probably just now busier than ever, I am going to dare to ask some questions. What sizes of glass tubes (internal diameter & length) do you find most useful for

holding skulls of small mammals, and when you have several in one tube how do you keep them apart?

You may be interested to hear that our friend Miller is making another visit to Elizabethtown, N.Y., in zealous pursuit of an enormous series of mice, so you will probably hear more of the length of their tails.

With kind regards to Mrs. Merriam, Yours,

C. F. Batchelder.

Cambridge, March 2/93.

Dear Merriam

I have lately come into possession of a duplicate copy of your famous Connecticut list; and, knowing its scarcity, it occurs to me that you may perhaps be in pressing need of a spare copy. If you are — say the word, and it starts for Washington, like the rest of the world nowadays. If you want it, I shall be more than glad to pay one share of the debt that the community has been owing you for the past fifteen years for writing the 'Review.'

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March 2/93.

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or scientific work of any sort, at present, for I imagine that everyone, down to a special field agent's helper, is wrestling with the great scientific problem of how to put the twisters onto the new boss from Nebraska in such a way that all the Dept'ment's circulation — not to mention the the Treasury's surplus — may be directed into the Division's arteries, where it rightfully belongs.

This letter, by the way, is not to you officially, to be filed in the archives of the Department, but simply for the benefit of C. H. M. in his strictly private capacity. Remember me to Mrs. M.,

Fisher & Mitchell letters, not to mention the damned C. F. Batalden

Received Nov. 13/93.

7 Kirkland Street,
Cambridge.

Mr. C. F. Batchelder
requests the pleasure of
Dr. Merriam's company,
very informally, on
Monday, November 20th,
from six to nine, to
celebrate the twentieth
birthday of the Nuttall
Ornithological Club.

R. S. V. P.

Ansd. June 2/94

Cambridge, May 27/94.

Dear Merriam

Wasn't there a man in Washington a couple of months ago who assured a trustful friend that the northern form of Microtus pinetorum had been described once under the name of scalopsoides; and didn't he say that it was described by Robert Kennicott, and that the type was from Illinois; and wasn't the description he referred to on p. 102, Rep. Commiss. of Patents, 1857; and wasn't said name given by Audubon and Bachman in 1842 (Journ. Phila. Acad. VIII, 299); and
Proc A N S Ph I, 1841, 97
didn't the type come from Long Island; and shouldn't all northern specimens be called Microtus pinetorum scalopsoides Aud & Back.; and shouldn't you call the said man in Washington a _____ liar? Or are you prejudiced in his favor?

I have very little news to tell beyond the important facts that at the present moment — as for the past three days — there are two red screech owls and their two fluffy offspring sitting in a tree outside my window, and that a woodchuck has taken up his quarters the past week in our garden and has accomplished some considerable excavations. No panthers, or moose, or polar bears has appeared as yet.

As might be expected Dr. Foster has yielded to the fascinations of the bear skulls you showed him, & it wouldn't be difficult to tempt him to go bear hunting in Alaska. You may have a call from him this week, for there is an orthopaedic gathering in Washington that he is concerned in.

I suppose you know that Miller is going to Germany to hear some music this summer, & that Bangs is going to play the St. Patrick act on all the mammals in Nova Scotia from one end of that country to the other. My regards to Mrs. Merriam. Yrs. C. F. Batchelder.

Ansd. Nov. 22/94

Cambridge, Nov. 15, 1894.

Dear Merriam

I have just got back this evening from New York & the A.O.U. meeting, and find yours of the 10th and report & map awaiting me. I am very glad to get them. I was sorry, indeed, to hear of your accident which I first learned of on reaching N.Y. I only hope you will be careful & go slowly about getting well. Unload all your routine work on other people, no matter if bibliographies & such things have to wait; & when you are well enough, go off somewhere and lead a quiet, lazy life for a while, if you know how to do that. If you don't know how, learn. At the same time

you might do a little writing when you felt like it. That would be my prescription, if you want to save time in the long run. I don't believe you can afford, after such a shaking up, to lead such a dissipated life of hard work, as you have been doing the last few years, the moment you get onto your feet again.

After giving you such a lot of gratuitous good advice I think I am justified in asking some advice in return. I want some information about colored plates, - cost, best firm, etc, etc. The Nuttall Club is going to publish a monograph of Ammodramus princeps by Dwight, being Memoir II, N.O.C., & uniform in style & size of page with Brewster on Bird

Migration?— This will have a colored plate showing adult and 1st. plumage of the species. We don't want this to be a daub, like some recent things in Auk, but as good a piece of work as can be produced. What I want you to tell me is: (1) who is the man to employ, (2) how to make him do it well, (3) what it ought to cost, & (4) how long it ought to take. You have had a deal of experience, so now bring on your advice! Only, if when my letter comes you don't happen to be feeling well, don't hurry about answering it.

I wish I could accept your kind proposition that I should run down to see you; I should

like nothing better than to come & deluge you with some more gratuitous good advice similar to above sample. Unfortunately — for you — I am expecting to get married before the end of the winter, and my spare time is more than occupied with many preparations for so doing.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam, & tell her to stand over you with a big stick if you attempt to cut your convalescence too short.

If you see Ridgway, ask him if his *Gyascutus corvi* is published yet; and does he know that his genus is preoccupied in entomology? Yours,

Charles F. Batchelder.

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Ansd. Apr. 22/15

Dear Merriam

We have reached home after our wanderings, and I find your welcome note of congratulation awaiting me. I am doubly glad to get it, for I haven't heard from you, or of you, for so long ~~that~~ I wanted greatly to learn how you were. I wish some time, when you have a little leisure (if that doesn't sound too absurd), you would write me a few words, telling me

how your recovery progresses — with some more definiteness than you have done, so that I can have a clearer idea as to how you are getting on. I don't suppose the progress is very rapid, is it?

I was glad to get your Fauna, No. 8. Don't you consider it one of the best pieces of work you have ever done? I don't know much about the subject, but I can see that it is a model of how a thing ought to be done.

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Mrs. Batchelder joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam and yourself and cordial thanks for your good wishes. I trust the time may not be far distant when she will have the pleasure of knowing you both. Meanwhile don't forget that your own welfare is more important than that of the whole Dept. of Agriculture.

Yours sincerely

Charles F. Batchelder.

Cambridge
March 30, 1895.

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Dear Merriam

I trust this is not too long beforehand to remind you that there is to be an A.O.U. Congress in Cambridge next month, which will be a sad fizzle if you are not on hand, and further to remind you that we consider it a matter of course that you will stay with us

while you are here. All of which I take it for granted you have already planned.

Now for an improvement in your plans: Mrs. Batchelder and I are earnestly hoping that you can persuade Mrs. Merriam to accompany you and give us the pleasure of seeing her as well. We are counting on having you both, and should be pretty disappointed if she did not come.

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With best wishes, and with kindest regards from us both to Mrs. Merriam,

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder.

Cambridge,
Oct. 13, 1896.

Acknl. Oct. 30/96. C. Merriam

Cambridge, Mass.,
24th Oct., 1896

Dear Merriam

We are very glad that you are really coming to the A. O. U. meeting, but regret very much that Mrs. Merriam cannot come with you. Mrs. Batchelder is anxious to know you both, and I am feeling that it is a good while since I have had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Merriam.

I am delighted that you can give me "a day" before the A. O. U. business begins, but I want to know why you can't stretch that time

out into several days, and come the middle of the week before – or even earlier if you can get away. The longer you are here the better, for me; and I am sure a few days' rest wouldn't do you any harm. One day wont be half enough to begin to see and do the various things I want to with you. So reconcile yourself to the fact that after Nov. 1 we shall be expecting you any moment.

I am sending you my first attempt at the manual business. If it seems to you a waste of paper and printer's ink, I wish you would tell me. One of a naturalist's greatest difficulties is, or ought to be, to decide what facts are worth publishing, & what are not.

Yours, C. H. Batchelder.

Recd. Nov. 28/96.

Cambridge, Nov. 24/96.

Dear Merriam

Your two letters of yesterday, with drawings and list of species of Sorex, have just come this evening; and the skulls will doubtless put in their appearance tomorrow. I don't know which of your enclosures to be the more grateful for. Each has saved me no end of trouble. I trust the list of specific names was already compiled, and that you did not have it done on purpose. I shall go to work on description at once, and will see about the reproduction of the drawings. I have been drifting myself toward the opinion, that I see you have formed, that for various reasons it would be best to put the figures in the text. In this case there would be no use, I suppose, in sending

MS. to printers before the electros were ready for them, for they would have to be inserted in galley, unless each had the full width of the page allowed it — which hardly would look well.

I have been studying my woodchucks more critically lately, and they seem to show a pretty well marked subspecies, but my Southern material is too defective to give satisfactory conclusions. Could you let me borrow now your Washington specimens (both skins & skulls) for comparison? And do you know of any other material available from anywhere south of New York? If you think I am too checky a beggar, don't hesitate to say so. My only defense is that your amiability tends to encourage such over-checkiness on the part of your friends. Yrs. C. F. Batchelder.

I almost forgot to [illegible] check to pay

Cambridge, Dec. 10/96.

Dear Merriam

The ~~Sciurus~~ Separates and your letter of yesterday came this morning. I never knew anything so expeditious. And the figures came out better than I expected. Altogether I am convinced that Washington is the place to publish, — at least under your regime.

Now to make a nuisance of myself again: In the 'Rodentia', Vol. XI, Hayden Survey, pp. 916-917 and 842-843, Allen assigned the Mus Empetra of Pallas, which had long been considered an Arctomys, to Spermophilus parryi Richardson, displacing the latter name. Has this decision of Allen's generally been accepted and followed? I can find little or no reference to the animal since then, and have no idea whether his ruling stands. It is practically the last point to be

settled before my Woodchuck matter is ready for the printer — or for the Editor, perhaps he will say don't print it. I take it for granted that the present status of Spermophile names is at your fingers' ends, & that you can answer this off-hand, so I don't worry very much at asking the question.

Yours,

C. F. Batchelder.

I have sent money-order direct to Judd & Ortweiler to pay for separates. Hope that is all right.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., N.W.

Washington

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7 KIRKLAND STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 26, March/98

Dear Merriam

Thank you for your half-dozen new spermophiles — how our mammal list grows! Who will undertake the work of giving us an index of names of N.A. mammals before the labor of such a preliminary one becomes too great? Your office ought to issue one soon — a sort of a 'Gray's Handlist,' with type locality added to supposed habitat.

Yr. C. F. B.

Recd. & Ansd. April 15, 1899.

7 Kirkland Street,
Cambridge.

Dear Morrison

I am returning your plan of index, without any comments just now, for it is likely to be a long time before I could give the strength and attention necessary to elaborate any intelligent criticism of it. Most of it I like very much; a few points I may disagree upon; one or two I don't understand. The reason I can't attend to it now, is that I am flat on my back, not permitted to move an inch, my thighs in "coaptive" splints with powerful straps buckled around, and a 10-lb. weight working an "extension" from my ankle. Cause — a busted hip, or something that the Boston experts think looks like it, — probably a crack in the neck of the femur. Whatever it is, I am likely to get used to lying

on my back before I get through. The dreary monotony is varied with occasional momentary pain such a I didn't know was possible. However, they say I shall be all right in the end –

I have had a note from Preble about Zapus, and am amused and hardly surprised that he has tumbled into a hole. I expected your vision would be clearer! According to Preble's note, you have decided that Z. hardyi is indistinguishable from Z. canadensis (or hudsonius if you prefer to refer canadensis to that name) on the strength of having seen 4 skins of hardyi and none of canadensis or hudsonius! I thought I made it plain that the cranial differences between canadensis and hardyi were slight, and only to be seen in series. But the color differences a child would see! Mrs. Battchelder, who doesn't pretend to be a naturalist,

Recd. & Ans. April 15, 1899.

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Well — the thing is going to hold. If Preble burns his fingers it doesn't matter much, but I advise you to save your own if you can. How long before you publish your Zapus paper?

Remember me to Fisher and all. It's likely to be a good while before I see any of you, unless you come this way.

Yours, as ever,

C. F. Batchelder

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Cambridge, Oct. 18, 1900.

Dear Merriam

I ought to have replied before to your note. I am sorry, indeed, that the Dramen got ahead of me with their invitation, for it will seem a very strange A.O.U. meeting with you in any other house than this.

As to your Alaskan talk, anything of the sort from you cannot fail to be welcomed, even if you did not mention a bird. But if you could manage, I could give you a more appropriate opportunity to give it before an audience that would include at least as

large a ~~[illegible]~~ number of the local members of the A.O.U., together with others, naturalists though not ornithologists. My plan is this: you can, I hope, come on here the middle of the week preceding the A.O.U.. You can tell us about Alaska at the meeting of the Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Wednesday evening, Nov. 7. The following three or four days you can overhaul collections, play around outdoors with various of us, and in general get a rest from office duties that will put you in shape to enjoy the A.O.U. That will enable me — I am selfish — to get a better visit from you

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than in the usual way during the height of the A.-O.-U. wave; will enable others of your friends to see you here; will enable the more general scientific public to know you more than merely by reputation; and will give you the satisfaction of gratifying us all. It strikes me this is a pretty good scheme, and I hope you will fix things so as to play the leading rôle therein. All you've got to do is to write and say yes, — and then tell people in Washington that it is too late to get out of it!

Before I forget it, please make a note of it that you are to dine with me, to meet some other visiting bird cranks, on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Ruthven Deane is to come too — so you need have no difficulty on that account.

Trusting that you will be able to do what you ought,

Yours sincerely,

Charles F. Batchelder —

Cambridge
March 19, 1902.

Dear Merriam

I have waited about answering your last in the hope that I might be able to find some way to do at least my share of the Committee's work. But now the prospect, instead of improving, is only growing worse, and I am forced to say that there is no chance of my being able to help in the matter this spring. In addition to routine official work I have had an unusual amount of editing to do, and just now that is rapidly increasing, so that for the next six weeks I do not expect to have, literally, a moment to spare. On top of all, my health this winter is considerably below par, which makes

work the more exhausting.

In order to get time for the Nomenclature Committee work, I have tried every way I could to rearrange my duties; and, that failing, I have finally done, what I had had somewhat under consideration, but did not mean to do at present, — I have tendered my resignation of the Secretaryship of the Boston Society, and urged strongly that my successor be selected and appointed at once. I thought that would set me free, but the right man hasn't yet been found, and it looks as if I should continue chained until May. Then, after the Annual Meeting, the Society will have either a new Secretary or none at all; the moral obligation to hold on isn't binding beyond that. This impending change hasn't

been very widely mentioned, but I thought it best to tell you of it, that you might see how much I really desired to do all I could for the Committee. If they do succeed in filling my place before the Committee meets, of course I am at your disposal.

Have you seen Mrs. Eckstorm's two new bird books? I was so much interested by them that I was moved to write a short review of them for the Auk — but only to find that Allen had already done the same himself, though he was polite enough to say I had done it better! Would you like the notice, by any chance, for "Science"? Having written it, ~~the~~

~~[illegible]~~ I rather hate to see it wasted, and "Science" occurs to me as a good place for it as I discussed the volumes rather from the educational than the strictly ornithological standpoint.

Brewster is back and is said to be in fine condition. I have been too busy to see him yet.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder.

Ans'd. March 31/1901.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,

BERKELEY STREET,

BOSTON, MASS., March 26, 1901.

Dear Merriam

Thanks for your two notes. It is very kind of you and Mrs. Merriam to want us, and we fully appreciate how impossible it it is under the present circumstances for you to carry out your very hospitable desires. There is nothing we should enjoy more, if you were able to have us, and if we could come, than such a visit. It is perhaps fortunate for our peace of mind that you cannot house us this time, for Mrs. Batchelder would at any rate be tied by her flock, and my own chance of getting away is, as I have said,

dubious, at the best. I cannot tell yet just how much my time will be cut up by meetings of Committees, etc.

I enclose the book notice I spoke of. The books promise to be such useful, helpful ones to the beginner, ~~that~~ I think they are well worth noticing in Science — and everywhere else too!

With our cordial regards to Mrs. Merriam.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder.

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Cambridge, Dec. 9, 1906.

My dear Merriam

I was sorry, on getting your letter of the 2d to learn that, upon further consideration, you had not found any grounds for changing your decision to leave the Nomenclature Committee. I had hoped it might be otherwise.

My previous letter was of course necessarily confined to considering the matter from the standpoint of the Union and its interests. Now I want to write personally, and say a word or two on my own account and on yours. I don't believe you have any idea how sorry I should feel to see you, after all these years, leave this Committee, in which you have had such an active share. Apart from the purely personal side of it, it means a breaking up of old traditions that I don't like to contemplate.

I have thought much of your own position in the case, and I don't see

why you need take any such action.
Your attitude in regard to the first special rule is now already fully on record, and your remaining in the Committee cannot possibly lead to any misunderstanding in respect to it. As to the practical work of the Committee, I do not suppose that in one in a hundred of the questions that will come before it, this rule will be involved; so there would rarely be a time when your conscience would prevent your voting. The more I think things over, the less need do I see, from your own standpoint, of your retiring.

There is another side, too, to the whole matter, which it is not right for you to ignore. Those of us who stand near you know what your motives really are, but all the outsiders — and they are many — are liables, and a large proportion of them are likely, to put an incorrect construction on your act, if you resign at the present time. To be perfectly frank, there is no doubt that many

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persons, of all sorts, — and there are too many of them to be wholly ignored — will assume, and then will say, all sorts of untrue and mean things as to why you left the Committee. Now that is a sort of martyrdom that isn't worth while. It doesn't benefit the world in any way, or accomplish any good of any sort. It only encourages in the public mind a pessimism as to the character and motives of men of science. I am convinced that, to yourself and to science, you would do harm by a resignation at this time. In every respect it would be unfortunate. I hope you can be induced to postpone indefinitely your withdrawal; but, if not, do be persuaded to wait until it will not set tongues to wagging. If you leave even then, though, it will never be the same Committee!

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder.

P.S. On reading your letter again I see you misunderstood one expression in my last letter. The meaning I intended to convey was not that you wished to resign because you were defeated in your effort to maintain the elimination rules, but because these principles themselves had been given up. I had supposed my words were clear.

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7 Kirkland Street,
Cambridge.

Dear Merriam

Thanks, very much, for your letter of the 15th. The Bagg nomination I have signed, and am forwarding to Sage for filing. I think there ought to be room in the Membership Class for a man like Bagg.

I appreciate your kindness in posting me about Dr. Allen. I suppose he is

acting wisely in laying aside his practice, but it is a great misfortune for his patients. I can readily believe that you all are justified in having confidence in Dr. Castell, for I don't believe Dr. Allen would turn over his practice to a man he did not respect. Nevertheless, I don't believe he could find a successor whose abilities in any way approached his own genius. That is a

word that I think I am justified in using advisedly.

Hoping to see you next April,

Sincerely

Charles F. Batchelder.

Dec. 18, 1913.

ans. April 17, 1914

7 Kirkland Street,
Cambridge.

Dear Merriam

I was disappointed that the pressure of time and circumstances prevented me from seeing you and Mrs. Merriam again before I left Washington, as I had expected to do. I wanted to tell you what a good week you gave us, and what a pleasure it was to me to

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The meeting of the Union, its seems to me, was an exception: ally good one; and if we did have to do considerable wrangling, I believe it was profitable. The proposed changes in the by-laws, especially your amendment as to the election of Fellows, ought to lead to a great strengthening of the organization in the

Amd. April 17.

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long run. I hope the Californians will appreciate that their cordial invitation was accepted with a cordiality that was none the less for the fact that some of us knew that, in accepting, we were, individually, probably cutting ourselves off from attending any meeting in 1915. Yet I hope many Easterners will succeed in getting there.

I wish you would give my best regards to Mrs. Merriam and the girls, — and to your sister, whom I was extremely sorry not to see again to say goodbye before I left.

With my good wishes for the 1914 bear crop and the early completion of the book,

Yours sincerely

Charles F. Batchelder

April 12, 1914.

POWERSBRIDGE
PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

July 22, 1936

Dear Merriam

One of the best surprises of my birthday was the sight of your handwriting. It was good to have you remember the occasion, especially as I believe it is notorious that I am never aware of other people's anniversaries. Perhaps for that very reason I get the greatest pleasure when my own are celebrated.

I have always been interested in your study of the California Indians, for there is something heroic in a man's laying down, turning over to others, a field of which he is a master, in order to work in another that has been neglected, and that must be cultivated now, or

never at all. It isn't every one that would do it. 'Good hunting'!

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder

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he attacks, provoked and unprovoked, by bears on men in the Seward, Alaska area.

Ackd. May 5, 1914

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

Seward, Alaska, April 16th., 1914

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington D . C .
My Dear Doctor:-

Replying to your favor of March 16th., asking information as to attacks made on whitemen by bear in this vicinity, I would say that in my practice I have been called upon to dress the wounds of two men who were attacked by brown bear in the last five years. In both cases the attacks were absolutely without provocation.

On October 13th., 1913 Otto Bergstrom a farmer living four miles from Seward was returning to his home in the evening when without any warning at all he was charged by a brown bear, a female I believe. Bergstrom was knocked down and chewed up pretty badly especially about the head and shoulders. I was called and dressed over seventy wounds, of which more than sixty were below the neck. His scalp was badly lascerated by the bear trying to crush his head in its mouth and on account of the size of Bergstrom's head this was impossible. Bergstrom was in the hospital for a month or more but has since recovered and is still living in Seward.

On July 20th., 1909 Harry Johnston, a prospector w was attacked by a brown bear on Skeen Mountain, about 25 miles from Seward. Mr Johnston was climbing the mountain and was unarmed , with nothing but a shovel in his hands. The bear charged him from above, but Johnston sidestepped the brute and tried to run away.

The bear soon caught him and after knocking him down and badly chewing and biting him moved away, but when Johnston tried to crawl away, the bear returned and again mangled the wounded man. When the bear finall left, Johnston lay still for a long time and then made his way to the Rialroad track where he was picked up and brought to Seward by the section crew on a hand car and I dressed his wounds. He was badly chewed all over the body, arms, legs, body and shoulders being badly lascerated. Mr Johnston still lived in Seward.

I know these cases well as I attended them and have the story direct from the men who were attacked.

I consider them absolutely reliable and think that you may safely do the same

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

_____, Alaska, _____, 191

In 1911, Chas Ward a prospector was traveling along the Moose Pass Trail, about thirty mioes from Seward when he was attacked by a brown bear and badly injured, so bad in fact that he will be a cripple for life. He was unarmed at the time and did not molest the bear at all, in fact tried to get away but was unable.

In October 1913, while hunting at Port Moller on the Bering Sea, two natives stalked a brown bear and shot and killed it. As soon as they had killed the bear, another bear charged them and knocked both of them down, and killed one. The name of the man killed was Covely McKeilly, and his home was at Port Moller Alaska. His companion was badly wounded but the bear left him, evidently for dead and he was picked up by a party of natives and is alive at this time.

There have been numerous instsnces of brown bear charging hunters when fired upon, or wounded, all well authenticated, but you are not interested in them I believe. Bear hunters in this section stste that the male is the most dangerous in the spring of the year shortly after the bears come out of their holes.

The female will almost always try to get away even when she has cubs with her according to reports but the male brown bear is a dangerous customer in the spring of the year or at any time when he is provoked.

I will try and get you some bear skulls later in the season and will take pleasure in sending them to you. Trusting that this information may be of some slight value to you, and with best wishes, I am,

yours very truly

J. A. Baughman M.D.

Game Warden

Baxter, Charles H

1927-1928

Re bear skulls from the Yukon

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CHAS. H. BAXTER

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Ans'd. Jan 17, 1928

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Dr.C.Hart.Merriam.
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My Dear SIR.

Are you or your Department still in the market for Grizzly Bear Skulls.as i have a few skulls on hand of differnt shape and size,s.thought maby your Department would want them if you do just let me know and i will ship them to the Department at once.

yours very truly.

Chas H Baxter

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Dr C Hart Merriam.
1919 Sixteenth.St.
Washington.D.C.

My Dear Sir.

Your letter of Jan.17th.received today and will say that i have no hand around 20 Grizzly bear skull,s.and all age,s.and size i have some very old male skull,s.also female,s.I have one old male skull that is very old and massive have several other old male skull,s.large but not as massive.also some very nice old female skull,s.and young skull,s. All these bear was killed in the middle and southern end of the Yukon most of them was killed on the Alsak River on the coast slope.In 1917 or 18 i had H.Chambers.of Champaine.Y.T.ship a large skull to you for me and you ~~XXXXXX~~ made a return on the skull of $45.oo.this large skull that i have on hand now is just such a skull as that one was.the next largest male skull that i have was killed on the head water,s.of the Gernic River.in the White River District the past fall.so will be glad to hear from you againe in regards to bear skull or any thing else that you might want from up in this Territory.

yours very truly.

Chas H Baxter

Largest skull received from H. Chambers of Champaigne (221620 U.S. Nat. Mus.) Sold. Labeled as Killed on Kluane River June 1916. Pl. #30.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lander, Wyoming.
December 10, 1915.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Washington D. C.

Dear Dr.:

Your letter of November 15, relative to grizzly bear skulls is received.

I have already located on e, and have written the party this day to find out whether or not he will dispose of it, and will forward it to you as soon as possible, in case it can be purchased.

I infer from your letter that you desire a good many, and special effort will be made to secure them.

Very truly yours,

Chas. J. Bayer

Predatory Animal Inspector.

Rcvd. Dec. 24 1915

Recd. Feb. 16, 1916.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lander, Wyoming.
February 12, 1916.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Regret to state that the party that killed the grizzly bear, and from whom I expected to secure the skull from, failed to bring in the skull upon killing the bear.

However, as soon as the snow goes in the spring, I shall try and see if the skull in question can be found.

Very truly yours,

Chas. J. Bayer

Predatory Animal Inspector.

Rec'd. Oct. 14, 1916

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lander, Wyoming.
October 4, 1916.

Mr. C. Hart Marriam

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed under separate cover, I am sending you 1 grizzly bear skull, but so far have been unable to get in touch with the hunter to find out what the sex of this animal was. However, as soon as this information is received, it will be immediately forwarded to you. 2/6/98 $10.

Mr. Moffat also sent in a huge grizzly skull which was taken at the same time and place, but it was shot thru the brain cavity and disfigures the back end of the skull. Shall I send it to you? I am sorry that it was damaged, as it is certainly a dandy. I think that this was the mother of the one I am sending to you today. $20.

Mr. Moffat is leaving the value of these skulls to your judgement, and as he is a poor man, would like to have their full value.

Very truly yours,

Chas. J. Bayer

Predatory Animal Inspector.

Ans. Nov. 8, 1916

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lander, Wyoming.
November 1, 1916,

Mr. C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 14, is received.

I am sending this day, the grizzly bear skulls by mail in two parcels. The skull when packed weighed over 4 lbs., or I would have made one parcel of it. Sold. Afton, Wyo. Aug. 20, 1916. J. T. Moffat. (base broken) #20

I have been unable to get in touch with Mr. Moffat, as I know it is essential to have the sex of these animals; but I shall keep on trying to secure the information desired.

His initials are: J. T., and his last known address was Afton, Wyoming. However, it might be well to wait about sending the money until we can locate him again.

I shall write you immediately upon hearing from Mr. Moffat; and am sorry that I have been unable to furnish a complete description of these animals.

Very truly yours,

Chas. J. Bayrs

Predatory Animal Inspector.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Lander, Wyoming.
November 27, 1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 8, is received, also the check for $30.00, which amount is being forwarded to J. T. Moffat, for two grizzly bear skulls. I am sure that Mr. Moffat will appreciate getting a good price for these skulls, and it will be an incentive for him to collect more if possible.

These bear were both females, which information will enable you to complete the labeling tags.

I shall keep my eyes open for more grizzly skulls, and if I find any good specimens I shall mail them to you immediately, together with the information desired on the labeling tag.

I am returning the voucher properly signed, to the Disbursing Agent.

I shall be very glad to assist you in collecting any other specimens that we have in this section, so feel at liberty to call on me at any time.

Very truly yours,

Thos. J. Bayer

Predatory Animal Inspector.

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June 28, 1921.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I enclose a copy of an article which I think will interest you. I do not know whether you would care to drop a line to the editor of the Woman's Home Companion, 381 Fourth Aveune, New York City, congratulating her on her courage in permitting the truth to be told. She will lose many subscribers and be subjected to a torrent of abuse from the antivivisectionists, and I want to offset this to a certain extent by letters of approval from sane people whose opinions are worth having.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Harold Baynes.

Beal, F. E. L. (Foster Ellanborough Lascelles), 1840-1916 1903

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Ansd. July 16, 1903 - Chm

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
~~WASHINGTON, D. C.~~

Hayward, Calif. June 29th 1903

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your note of the 27th inst. is just received with the new appointment. While I know of no words that can express my surprise and gratitude at the increase of salary, I will say that the kind words of your note are more precious to me than any financial reward could possibly be. It makes me feel that a life of many hard struggles against opposing forces has met with an abundant reward. My wife is today the happiest woman in California, made so more by your words than by the promotion.

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Again let me say that words cannot express my gratitude for your appreciation, and I trust that my future work may be equally deserving.

I will at once go before a notary and take the oath of office, and will report to you in person if you will tell me where I can meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

F. E. L. Beal.

Bean, Tarleton H. (Tarleton Hoffman), 1846-1916

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11, 1882.

My dear Doctor;

During my absence on leave your valued contribution to the history of The Vertebrates of the Adirondack Region came to me by mail. I congratulate you upon the handsome style of the volume; I wish we could secure some approach to it in our dealings with the Government Printing Office. I thank you very heartily for this Extra and hope I may some day possess the subsequent parts.

Sincerely yours,
T. H. Bean.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Locust Grove,
New York.

Acknd. May 16/92

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No. 318 BROADWAY,

Washington, D. C.,

New York, May 15, 1892.

Dear Doctor Merriam;

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant concerning the migration of young fur seals I would say that I am at present unable to fix the dates of their arrival in the various passes mentioned in my article in Fishery Industries. I have, however, learned from conversation with Capt. E. P. Herendeen that he has seen pups in Unimak Pass Oct. 15th; but they do not appear there in large numbers until much later. At Bucharilla Bay, Capt. H. has seen thousands of the Klawack Indians camped about the middle of December for the capture of young and adult fur seals and in January, as a rule, they find the seals plentiful. Concerning the distribution of the animal the Captain has told me that he has found plenty of adults around the Shumagins in August; while in sailing from San Francisco, in March, for Petropaulski, after passing the Farallones, he has seen fur seals in greater or less numbers, according to weather, every day until past Bering Island. I will try to collect additional data & forward them to you.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Bean.

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OFFICE OF

Forest and Stream,

318 BROADWAY,

U. S. Fish Commission
Washington

New York, Jan. 5, 1893.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Chief of Division of Ornithology,
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,

Dear Doctor;

Events of the past fortnight have snowed me under so completely that I could not make an early reply to your note of 17th ultimo concerning my Kadiak bear.

The animal was killed on the East shore of Karluk Lake, about 1½ mile from the head of Karluk River, Aug. 20, 1889. I supposed it to be about half grown. Unfortunately I made no memorandum of the sex, having been too much exhausted to aid in the skinning. I have the skin, minus the claws, at my house and will gladly lend it to you, together with one of the claws, for study if you desire.

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Forest and Stream,
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New York, ... *189*

Bear were common around the lake at the time of my visit to the salmon beds, and they destroyed a great many fish. I saw an old female with two cubs and tried hard to get a shot at her, but my natives were too noisy and spoiled my chance.

At St. Paul village, Kadiak Island, Wm. J. Fisher had mounted the head of a bear that measured fully 15 inches between the ears. The best ground for bear, however, is around Alitak Bay at the South end of the island.

Very truly yours,
Parleton N. Bean.

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STATE FISH CULTURIST,
1 MADISON AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have just read the editorial announcement in Forest & Stream of June 4 of your change of work, and I am sure you will know that it gives me pleasure to learn that you are to have the opportunity to carry out your high ideals without embarrassment from office routine and, I might add, from Department politics. You have my heartiest congratulations. It has always been my desire to work along similar lines in my own study of the aquatic animals, and you will understand that freedom from political control and exigencies would mean everything to me. If you need my services to round out your plan of investigation, I shall be only too happy to devote the best efforts of my life to the cause and work would become a constant source of delight.

With my best regards to yourself and family.

Yours sincerely,
Tarleton H. Bean.

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June 1910

Beard, Daniel Carter, 1850-1941

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DANIEL CARTER BEARD,
FLUSHING, L.I.

Nov 21. 1908

Dear Doctor

Thanks very much for information contained in your note. I have the reports you mention and they contain much of the information I was seeking. I am glad to know about those yellow stone jays, they caused me much trouble of mind and great anxiety, for being ~~finally~~ under the impression that but one jay was represented, I thought that my sight was playing tricks with me as the beamed birds never looked

twice alike, although I
had no opportunity of viewing
them out close quarters

truly yours
Dan Beard

Ackd. July 3, 1931

Office of the National Scout Comm.
Suffern, New York.
Box #218

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

May I take the privilege of extending my hearty congratulations to you upon receiving the award of the Roosevelt Distinquished Service Medal. I am delighted and the news is a source of deep satisfaction to me. The addition of your name to the list adds immeasurably to the value of those received by the rest of us.

I am exceedingly proud to be associated with the men the committee have selected - whether I deserve it or not is not a matter for me to say, but I know that you do deserve it.

Good luck to you.

Cordially yours,
Daniel Carter Beard
Natl. Scout Comm.

Babb, William

1911 – 1919

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304 E. FIFTH STREET
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Ans'd. Jan. 29, 1912.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:-

I am back in my native city once more after a most enjoyable and profitable trip abroad.

I am sorry to say,however, that the mammal collection is not increased one iota. I was in hopes that I might be able to bring some specimens to you men who were so kind to me but my main reason for not doing so was that Mrs.Bebb was not willing to stay in the places where I might have done some collecting.

I dont blame her for this for it was not as attractive to her as it would have been to me.

The only place that I put out any traps at all was in Norway, at Maristune, on the Valders route across the country. Dr.Collett had told me that following a year of the Leming migration that there was almost an entire absence of animal life and I was able to demonstrate the truth of his statement. I saw but very few birds on this 150 mile drive and as for mammals,I did not see one or any signs of one.

I am planning now to make another trip next year to be gone for a year and I promise myself that I will go on a collecting trip which will bear fruit. I want to do something for you and for Dr.Miller too. I know not when I have been so kindly treated

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as the reception which you afforded me while I was in Washington last spring.

I have a few fossil invertibrates which I will send soon if I do not find time to go after more. On some of my collecting trips I have gathered hundreds of them in one day. I have always given them away.

Mr.Grinnell has written to me twice lately regarding the specimens of Phenecomys? which I have and urges me not to let them go out of the state. However,you men have done so much more for me than has the my own state that if I do give them away you shall surely have them.

I feel guilty, in a way, for keeping them for I know that in proper hands they would be of much more value.

Will you please convey my kind regards to Mr.Miller,Mr.Bailey and to those who abide under you home roof,where I spent such an enjoyable evening I send my best wishes.

Nov.27, 1911.

Yours sincerely,

Wm Bebb

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Dr.C.Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington,D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:-

Your letters are always a boon to a struggling young scientist like myself and I feel truly grateful to you for taking the time from your busy life to offer your help and encouragement in this manner.

I know of nothing which I would enjoy more than to spend a day under your hospitable roof at Lagunitas and I will live in anticipation of enjoying that privilege some of these days.

I wish that Mrs.Bebb and myself, some time, might have the pleasure of the compnay of yourself and your family in our little home. I have an ornamental botanical garden,planted exclusively to California natives, which mgiht be of interest to you in planting your new home grounds.

What I am particulary interested in now is in asking if I can not solicit you or some of your assistants in saving for me the crania of such animals ~~which~~ a die in your zoological gardens, those that you do not want. I am particularly interested in the pathological conditions found in the teeth and

Ans'd. Feb 15/12

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bony supports of the domestic and captive animals.

It is not of importance to me that I know the locality from which the specimens came; The only data of value is to know how long the animal was a captive. If the specimen shows any particulary intersting condition it is of additional value to know the character of the food which it was given and the conditions of light air etc. under which it was held captive. I prefer the heads uncleaned, simply preserved in a strong salt brine. A novice in cleaning specimens of this character will often do the work to thoroughly by removing claculus etc. which, to me, are of value.

Prof. Miller spoke to me about saving such specimens for me as they did not want but I am so ashamed of myself that I did not get for him a single specimen in Europe that I have not the heart to trouble him furthur.

I am in hopes some of the specimens which I now have would be value to him or to you in exchange for this effort on your part.

Some of the things which I have which may be of ineterst which I, would exchange are the small weasel which I collected at Mineral King. The one specimen of Applodontia from Mimeral King.

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I have two large black bats from Alhambra which appeal to me to be rare. I have a series of water shrew from Mineral King.

I have a large series of moles from Alhambra, (forty im all.)

These are some of my specimens which seem to me to be good which I would gladly exchange for material from the Zoo.

I also have many other things which might be of service to you.

I expect to go into the field for two months this summer and doubtless will acquire some more good material at that time.

If you can be of any help to me along the lines suggested know that I would be very thankful to you.

Feby.17, 1912,

Yours sincerely,

W. Bebb

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Dr.C.Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.
Washington,D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:-

I am anxious to add to our collection some of the larger animal crania.

May I trouble you to tell me,if you are able to do so,whether the following prices,quoted by a London firm,are right or are they excessive?

African rhinoceros,	Pounds	4-
Indian "	"	5
Tapir,	"	3
Hyena maculata,	"	I-I0
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African elephant (half grown,no tusks)	"	5

Thanking you in advance for any kindness, I am,

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Yours truly,

W. Bebb

Ans'd March 15/12
Dr Wilhelm Schlüter
Halle a/S.
Germany

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Dr.C.Hart Merria m
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:-

I regret very much that your memory has not served you correctly and that I can not have the pleasure of sending you a Grizzly from the Wasatch mountains. I thought that I had a grizzly but you pronounced the specimen that of a very large black bear. However,I take pleasure in making you a present of the specimen,trusting that it may be of some value to you.

The student who brought it to me said that it was taken about ten miles from Manti,Utah.

I talked with him yesterday and he says that it was from a very large animal and supposed by those who saw it to be a grizzly. He said that another large bear had been killed by a hunter from his town the past winter. If this was not a grizzly he said he would not be willing to say whether the one recently killed was one or not.

If you will write to his father,Mr.A.P.Voorhees, Manti,Utah.you can doubtless get into touch with the party who now has it and have the use of it.

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Mr. Voorhees appears to be a wealthy cattle owner from that locality and I doubt not would be of the kind who would be of assistance in obtaining a specimen for you.

If I can be of any service to you know that I would be only too glad to have you command me.

Apr. 12, 1912.

Yours sincerely,

W. O. Bebb

Ans. April 27, 1912

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Ans'd. Oct. 15, 1912

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:-

If you are still interested in the Ursidae perhaps the following bear stories will be of interest to you.

It was just told to me by one of our students that a Mr. Milton Moody (forest ranger) St. George, Utah had killed grizzley bear.

Mr. Ralph Hopping recetly told me that one of his rangers in the King's river canyon, had seen a female black bear with three cubs.

He thought that this was an unusual occurence and one of interest.

Will you tell me have Peroganathus(if that is the manner of spelling the beast) been taken at 6500 altitude among the firs and pines?

I caught one stray specimen this summer the only one I have ever seen in such a locality.

I also caught a flying squirrel at 7500 altitude in the Kings river, counter. Are they rare in that locality. Also can you tell me what the animal is called by the natives' snow

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bear? Described as being the size of a small rabbit living at high altitudes among the rokks and pure white in color.

I never saw them myself.

I had a fine three weeks in the mouhains this summer.

Kind wishes to you.

Oct.3, 1912.

Yours very Truly,

Wm. Bebb

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Rec'd. March 31, 1913

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
c/o The Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:

I have pleasure in complying with your request that I send to you, for examination, the specimen of flying squirrel and Perognathus which I collected last summer.

I regret the imperfection of the specimens and their records for should they prove to be of any value to you I would be pleased to have you accept them as a gift.

The Perognathus was badly mutilated in the trap. One side of the head and the tail being destroyed. For the remainder of the time I was in camp, I kept out a number of traps where I took this one but with no furthur results.

The flying squirrel was one which had been killed and skinned by a Ranger, who expected to make a fur of it and I did the best I could to preserve it. I found part of the skeleton, not enough to measure, but was able to recover the skull.

Referring again to the "snow bear" the man to whom I am indebted for the information sait it was not Ochotona, one of which I displayed to him at the time, nor Lepus campestris, about which I questioned him.

I imagine, from waht you have told me that perhaps it is a large and quite white specimen of Ochotona.

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I have marked the point on the map which will show that they are in a locality little frequented by campers and so far as I know never visited by collectors.

The man is an intelligent cattle man otherwise I would attach no importance to his information.

With kind wishes to you, to your kind family and Mr. Bailey I wish a Happy New Year.

Jany, 24, 1913.

Yours truly,

W. Bebb

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Rec'd. March 31, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Washington. D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:

I doubt that this will be of interest to you but one of our graduates accompanied by a Mr. W. D. Long, of McMinnville. Or. a few years ago- saw an albino cub bear in the High Cascades.

Mr. Hopping a brother of Ralph's says Lepus campestris Texas. appeared last summer, for the first time, in the high range back of Mineral King- He also reports that the large timber wolf is increasing in that district.

Yours sincerely.

3/13. 1913.

W. Bebb

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April 7th, 1913

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:--

Your letter of the 31st ult. in regard to the Flying Squirrel and pocket mouse has just come to hand and I am pleased to have your information regarding them. I am also glad to know that they have proved to be additions to your collection.

Mr. Hopping's brother spends his entire summer in herding cattle in the high Sierras on Clift Creek and from there over to the Kern river side of the main divide. He is so positive that he has seen and heard the large wolves in that section of the country that I hope he may be able to verify the truth of his statement. I will at once communicate with him for I am sure your offer of $25.00 will be of interest to him as an inducement to endeavor to collect a specimen. Would small bunches of hair serve as a means of identification? He says that twice he has found particles of flesh covered with hair where the large wolf has been in combat with a cow defending her calf. He also says that he once shot at one with a revolver. If I am able to obtain any additional information from

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him at any time, I will be pleased to communicate it to you. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. Bebb Secy.

WB/RJ

Ansd March 12, 1915

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DENTAL SCHOOL
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE CURATOR OF
THE MUSEUM

Feby.2,1915

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland.

Washington,D.C.

Dear doctor Merriam:

I have looked over the bear material and find but one specimen answering the description of the Grizzly, which I am sending to you by express today.

It was labelled "a grizzly from Alaska purchased from a taxidermist in Colorado Springs." If this specimen proves to be of any value to you we would be pleased to have you accept it as a gift as I am sure any bear material of value should be in your fine collection. My only regret is that I have not more to send to you. There are three skulls marked "polar bears" in the collections if you are interested in that fellow.

I have accepted a position here, which enables me to give all of my time to museum and library work, which is much more to my liking than to be obliged to devote so much time to administrative work, which my California position demanded. I miss the climate of California but hope ere long to arrange for a long vacation out there each year.

With kind wishes to you and yours I am,

Yours very sincerely,

W. V. Bebb

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DENTAL SCHOOL
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OFFICE OF THE CURATOR OF
THE MUSEUM

Mar,31,1915.

Dear doctor Merriam:

I am glad that the bears skull,which I sent to you,proved to be interesting but sorry that the data is incomplete. It was purchased thirteen years ago from a taxidermist in Colorado Springs and the probability of obtaining the history would be exceedingly doubtful. However,if you think it worth while,I will make the effort. I have a friend in Colorado Springs who could doubtless locate the man who sold it,if he is still in business,but the difficulty then would be, to be sure that he would remember anything about the transaction or where the specimen came from.

Yours very truly,

W. Bebb

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DENTAL SCHOOL
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF CURATOR OF MUSEUM

La Verne. Calif.
Apr. 24. 1919.

Dear doctor Merriam:

Thank you ever so much for keeping me pay my obligation to the Zoological folks.—

I am in California now, but besides making a fine large garden for our host have done little or no work.

Later in the season Mrs Bebb and I will outfit our automobile for camping and start for Chicago via Glacier Park— Will you join us?

Yours sincerely.

W. Y. Bebb.

Becker, G. F. (George Ferdinand), 1847-

n.d.

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1700 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

Mr Becker requests the
pleasure of
Mr Merriam's
company at dinner on
Saturday, April 28,
at half after Seven,
to discuss the feasibility of
an association for the intro-
duction of the Springbok as
a semidomesticated animal
in the United States.

Ap. 18.

Accepted

Bee, Tom E.

1917-1920

Ansd. Jan 12, 1918

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, October 11th 1917
YUKON, CANADA.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919. 16th Street.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir.

I am forwarding to-day by Wells Fargo Express, 1 small box containing one female Grizzly Bear Skull. This bear was killed some ten days ago at the head of the Nisling River a tributary of the White River.

Yours truly
Tom. E. Bee.

Ackn.
Feb. 27, 1918

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER
AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, Jn. 24th 1918
YUKON, CANADA.

C. Hart Merriam Esq

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am shipping you by Wells Fargo Express one package containing I Grizzly Bear Skull, male and killed October on the Upper Little Salmon River.

On October I2th last I shipped you ~~either~~ one ~~or two~~ grizzly Bear skulld, anyway they were in one box, I have heard absolutely nothing from you as to whether this box was ever received? This box was delivered to the Steamer White Horse of the White Pass and Yukon Route with instructions to ship to you collect by Wells Fargo Express. It was thoroughly addressed and in a strong box.

Very truly Yours

Tom. E. Bee.

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

Acknd. May 28, 1918

CARMACKS, March 27th 1918
YUKON, CANADA.

Mr C. Hart Merriam.

Bureau of Biological Survey.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding your department by Wells Fargo Express one male Grizzly Bear Skull, killed at the head of the Nisling River on October 19th 1917. This is a good sized skull and a beauty.

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee.

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER
AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, August 5th 1918
YUKON, CANADA.

Mr C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding you by Wells Fargo Express, two boxes of Bear Skulls, each skull labelled. Invoices of same enclosed

Very truly Yours.

Tom. E. Bee.

$67.00
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Skulls recd Left. 4, 1918

Branches: Big Salmon and Ross River

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Contents of large case.

I Black Bear Lappy River April 10th 1918 Male
Black I ~~Grizzly~~ Bear Lappy River April 15th 1918 Male
Black I ~~Grizzly~~ Bear Lappy River April 12th 1918 Male
I ~~Grizzly~~ Bear Lappy River April 11th 1918 Male
Ok I Grizzly Bear Lappy River October 5th 1917 Male
Ok I Grizzly Bear McMillan River April 1916 Male
Ok I Grizzly Bear Nasutlin River October 1917 Male
Black I ~~Grizzly~~ Bear Nasutlin River October 1917 Male

Contents of small case

I Black Bear Rose Mountains October 1917 Male
I Black Bear Rose Mountains October 1917 Male
I Black Bear Rose Mountains June 1918 Female
Ok I Grizzly Bear Glenlyon Range September 1917 Male

RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 4, 1918, FROM TOM E. BEE.

(All Skulls Labeled my comments in brackets)

Contents of Large Case.

1	Black Bear, [adult male, perfect]	Lappy River	April 10, 1918	Male	2
1	Black Bear, [listed as grizzly) young adult male, perfect]	Lappy River	April 15, 1918.	Male	2
1	Black Bear, [listed as grizzly) adult male, perfect]	Lappy River	April 12, 1918.	Male	2
1	Black Bear, [listed as grizzly) adult male, perfect]	Lappy River	April 11, 1918.	Male	2
1	Grizzly Bear, [perfect, adult, male, short heavy skull with very high brain case]	Lappy River	October 5, 1917.	Male	18
1	Grizzly Bear, [young but nearly adult female, labeled male but I think it is a female; skull and teeth perfect.]	Nasutlin River 12	October 15, 1917.	Male	12
1	Grizzly Bear, [aged male, skull perfect but teeth diseased and much worn, and all incisors and several molars gone.]	McMillan River	April, 1916.	Male	18
1	Black Bear, [listed as grizzly) a peculiar flat topped skull, adult perfect, male.]	Nasutlin River	October 20, 1917.	Male	2

Contents of Small Case.

1	Black Bear [young adult, perfect, female]	Rose Mountains	October, 1917.	Female.	1
1	Black Bear [young adult female, perfect]	Rose Mountains	October, 1917.	Female	1
1	Black Bear [young female, nearly adult]	Rose Mountains	June, 1918.	Female	1
1	Grizzly Bear, [young, crest not formed, somewhat broken and battered about base of skull and zygomata, broken, turbinals cleaned out.]	Glenlyon Range	September, 1917.	Male	6

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TOM E. BEE, MANAGER.

POST OFFICE.

Agent to the Mining Recorder.

Agent to the Crown Timber and Land Agent.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits.

BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

Rec'd. Dec. 10, 1918

CARMACKS, August 21st 1918

YUKON, CANADA.

Mr C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Bureau of Biological Survey.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am this day forwarding you by Wells Fargo Express 1 package containing a Female Grizzly Bear Skull killed on the Nordenskiold River August 10th 1918.

Very truly Yours.

Tom. E. Bee.

Rec'd. Oct. 8, 1918 $10.00

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER
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Acknd. Dec. 10, 1918

CARMACKS, August 30th 1918
YUKON, CANADA.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam.
Bureau of Biological Survey.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding you to-day by Wells Fargo Express a box containing 1 Female Grizzly Bear Skull killed on the Nordenskiold river August 27th 1918.

Very truly Yours.

Tom. E. Bee.

Skull recd. Sept. 27, 1918 $8.00

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Rec'd. Dec. 10, 1918

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, August 30th 1918

YUKON, CANADA.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam.

Bureau of Biological Survey.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 28th of May last, I beg to inform you that the cheque for $25.00 you mentioned as forwarding in a few days has not yet arrived, and if mailed when stated in your letter , must have gone astray.

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee.

By accident overlooked & not paid. Added to Nov. a/c of 18 making $43.00

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Acknd. Dec. 10, 1918.

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, Oct. 28th 1918

YUKON, CANADA.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding you on the first stage by Express one box containing 6 Grizzly Bear Skulls, these are all labelled and marked as to locality where killed etc.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, and note that some of my August 5th shipment were Black bear skulls instead of Grizzly's. These were collected by my man at Ross River, & and were marked according to his invoice but at the time I packed them I thought myself they were not all Grizzly's but with my limited knowledge of Skulls could not be sure and I knew that you would know as soon as you saw them what they were.

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee.

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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, Jan. 6th. 1919
YUKON, CANADA.

Rec'd Jan. 30, 1919.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am shipping on the first stage by express a box containing I Male Grizzly Bear Skull killed on the Nordenskield River last September.

Referring to your letter of Dec. 10th received in the last mail, I may say that I am always sure of the locality where these grizzlies are killed but I could not always vouch as to whether they are male or female, but I presume you know what they are when you examine them.

Very truly Yours.

Tom. E. Bee.

Ans'd. Sept. 6, 1919.

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POST OFFICE.

Agent to the Mining Recorder.

Agent to the Crown Timber and Land Agent.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits.

BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER AND BIG SALMON.

CARMACKS, June 2nd 1919
YUKON, CANADA.

Mr C. Hart Merriam.
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Biological Survey
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am shipping you by express to morrow a box by Express containing one large Grizzly Male Bear Skull killed last fall on the Pelly River and in the neighbourhood of the Glenlyon Range of Mountains.

$20.
Ary. a/c

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee

Recd June 30, 1919
See also letter of June 21

Ansd. Sept. 6, 1919.

Carmacks. Y. T.

June 21st 1919

Mr. C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Department of Agriculture

Bureau of Biological Survey.

Washington. D. C.

Recd. Jul 10, 1919

Dear Sir:-

I am shipping you to day by express a box containing two Bear Skulls, one a female Grizzly and the smaller one a male black skull, these were both killed this spring on the Big Salmon River.

10
2
12
Ayr. aft

Yours truly.

Tom. E. Bee.

See also letter of June 2
20+12 = 32

Ans'd. Feb. 19, 1920

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Agent to the Crown Timber and Land Agent
Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER
AND BIG SALMON

Dec. 20th. 1919

CARMACKS
YUKON, CANADA

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Biological Survey.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding you to-day by American Railway Express Co. I box containing three Grizzly Bear Skulls from the Upper Pelly River.

Recd Jan. 30, 1920

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee.

Ansd. June 11, 1920

CARMACKS TRADING POST

TOM E. BEE, MANAGER

POST OFFICE

Furs Bought and Sold
Agent to the Mining Recorder
Agent to the Crown Timber and Land Agent
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BRANCHES AT ROSS RIVER
AND BIG SALMON

CARMACKS April 23rd 1920.
YUKON, CANADA

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:-

I am forwarding you to day by American Railway Express Co. a box containing a grizzly bear skull from the Yukon River.

Yours truly

Tom. E. Bee

Beebe, William, 1877-1962

1900-1914

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Recd. Feb. 28, 1900
+ sent $1.50 for the slides

New York Zoological Society,
Department of Ornithology.
C. William Beebe.

Residence:
33 West 124th Street.

New York City, Feb. 21 1900.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Merriam,—

Your letter of Feb 13th was received a few days ago. I could not spare an evening at present to make the slides you wish, but I have ordered them made and hope to be able to send them to you this week. Thank you for your kind advice. I enjoy the work so much, that I intend to devote all my spare time to it, although I am at a loss, as to any way of making my results at all profitable to myself, and, what is more important, helpful to others. But the first thing is to get the photographs, and this spring I have plans for new methods & fields of work which I am sure will yield better results than I have so far attained.

You are welcome to the Zapus photo. Hope you can make some use of it, as that is my only desire in taking these photographs. Can you tell me what subspecies it is? Or, as I have the specimen, how the subspecies are distinguishable in this genus?

Very sincerely,
C. William Beebe.

New York Zoological Park

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

185th St. & Southern Boulevard

WILLIAM T. HORNADAY, Sc. D.,
DIRECTOR

New York, Jan 3 *1914*

Dear Dr. Merriam, -

Is the following a correct list of American

Bears:

Thalarctos (Ursus) maritimus – Polar.
Ursus (") middendorffi – Kadiak
Ursus (") dalli – Dall's
Ursus (Danis) horribilis – Grizzly
Ursus (") richardsoni – ?
Ursus (Euarctus) americanus – Black
Ursus (") luteolus – Louisiana
Ursus (") floridanus – Florida
Ursus (") eurmonsi – Glacier

Rec'd Jan. 7, 1914 – Merriam

Faithfully yours
C. William Beebe.

New York Zoological Park

WILLIAM T. HORNADAY, DIRECTOR

185th Street & Southern Boulevard,

New York, Feb. 12 1914

Dear Dr. Merriam.-

It is mighty good of you to ask me to dinner. I shall reach Washington Friday morning, & will call you up during the morning. I am to lecture at Takoma Park Seminary on Saturday night & return at once to New York.

Faithfully yours

C. William Beebe

He came & dined with us Friday afternoon Feb. 13, 1914 before lecture - C. H. M.

Belding, Lyman

1883–1886

California ornithologist

HORTON HOUSE.

W. E. HADLEY,
Proprietor.

San Diego, Cal. Dec 28 1883

To Hart Merriam M D
Port Leyden Lewis Co - N Y

Dear Sir
Your letter of the 19th inst came to hand a few hours ago having been forwarded from Stockton
I have telegraphed my willingness to accept the Superintendancy of this district - although appreciating the difficulties of the position - at least - the difficulty of performing all the work that is laid out —
I will do as well as I can & I can assure you it will be a labor of love for I have no steady employment or position & time drags —
I expect to remain here or in this neighborhood until Feb. 1st if not later
Please address as above & oblige
Yours Very truly
L Belding

San Diego Jan 18 1884

C Hart Merriam M.D
Lowest Grom Lewis Co. N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your letters of the 5th & 6th inst with map showing migration Districts are at hand

I would like to know the Superintendents of adjacent districts British Columbia & Rocky Mt districts where convenient, with a view to cooperating with them in establishing parallell lines for I suppose that is the right thing to do wherever practicable — however it is not possible in much of Nevada & hardly so in S.E. Cal I have yet to learn of any Ornithologist in Washington Terr & the fact is there are very few in Cal & those are mostly gathered near San Francisco Bay

I intend to set out & hunt up observers as soon as I receive Circulars I think I can get the line between Cal & Lower Cal well worked perhaps excepting the higher Mts & the desert region will go to the Sierras in a few days & establish Stations wherever I can. Fort Yuma is an important point but belongs properly to Arizona

Do you wish observations made in former recent years I have some records not published — I presume C A Allen of Riverside — W E Bryant Oakland — Dr J G Cooper & others have unpublished records

I suppose I can identify any of the West coast land birds & shore birds, but when in doubt can send specimens to Prof Ridgway for identification or do you wish to examine doubtful specimens

I wish to be accurate as far as any work is done in this dist & knowing the small general knowledge of birds & confusion of common names owing to cosmopolitan population, I have some doubt of the propriety of inviting unknown observers as you suggested or rather of calling for observers through the press

I will probably be able to run several lines across the district — at intervals of one or two degrees of lat & making the acquaintance of the most capable persons for observers at stations — This will necessitate much travel & perhaps require too much time to say nothing of cost but will perhaps produce the best results — I would like your opinion on this & also wish to know your plans of operations in the interior

I shall lose no time in requesting some collectors & some of to note the presence or absence of a few important species I have already done something in that direction

There are two species of Polioptila here at present — namely P. cærulea & P. californica? — I see none with full black crowns but have no doubt some of these individuals now here will later on the black cap about breeding time

I have no description of the nesting habits of the black capped or black tailed gnat-catcher — probably some of the boys of San Diego could give the desired information or will do it — It must breed here in shrubs

I will interest as many light-house keepers as I can but doubt if as many birds fly against the light-houses on this coast as on the Eastern Coast

I have never met Capt. Bendire but some of my friends have & all pronounce him a pleasant gentleman & an accomplished Ornithologist — I have been enquiring for him hoping he could give me W Jeff assistants — have requested Prof Baird to do the same

I enclose Photo — Mine taken ten years ago — before I got gray, was then 44 year old shall be glad to receive your Photographs

Yours very truly — L Belding

Orange trees have been in flower & fruit, all of this month & tender plants as Monkey flowers, Violets, Dodecatheons, Buttercups, Wild Pea (Lathyrus) etc etc have been in flower uninjured by frost during the same time

Day before yesterday I got from Leypsebus taxatilis the same number of Grass finches, Beccalis, & a Parkesmans Wren & Aedon parkesmani, but I cannot find Leamply Lorhynchus —

please excuse bad penmanship

Ans'd. Feb. 13/84.

San Diego Feb 2nd, 1884

C. Hart Merriam M.D.
Locust Grove N.Y.

Dear Sir

I received ~~I received~~ a few days ago about 100 circulars on Bird Migration, have distributed them all but a few. I have resumed & having made out a list of the newspapers of this Dist still unsupplied, having sent a copy to all of the Nevada papers, I believe I can use 300 more copies which if convenient please forward to San Diego as I have decided to make this my head quarters —

It has as many advantages perhaps for the head Station as any other

I intend to remain here most of the time until the bird movement is over — will probably go to San Francisco in a few days with a view to getting the Light House keepers interested not only there but along the entire coast.

My original idea was to visit the most important localities & select the most suitable observers, going north in advance of the birds, but having distributed circulars I now hope for a

large correspondence which I also hope will keep me busy & I also hope to be able to discriminate between capable & incapable observers or those who offer to take stations refusing, of course, the aid of none

The birds named in the circular which are likely to make confusion on this coast are <u>Catbird</u> - a name applied to the Ground Robin or Pipilo Mac - & Oregonus <u>Bluebird</u> — our two species are not separated unless by a few collectors

<u>Yellow Rumped Warbler</u> D Coronata winters at least as far south as Stockton

<u>Yellow Bird</u> — not often distinguished from A pealtria or A lawrenci

<u>Red Shouldered Blackbird</u> our 3 species are <u>generally</u> considered identical

<u>King bird Bacmanins</u> here covers nearly all the Tyrant flycatchers — The Night-Hawk is I believe almost invariably called Whippoorwill but does not count for much as it is rarely seen in the inhabited districts

The species which winter entirely south of our line & cross <u>in part</u> entirely across to British Columbia are the important species for this <u>dist</u> — I will give them much attention & <u>cooperate with you</u> <u>to the best of my ability</u> —

Yours truly

L Belding

B

San Diego apr 8th 1884

C Hart Merriam M D
Locust Grove N. Y.

Dear Sir I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. also letter of Wm Pound of Celico

I have seen only the Keeper on Point Loma twelve miles from San D. I saw him soon after I began work & have been there once since the storms began & he was absent — When the roads get passable I will go again — Dr Finch has promised to see the Light Keeper at Santa Barbara & I have tried to reach the Keepers at Monterey & Santa Cruz without apparent success — I enclose item written for the papers of San Diego — have had several items published with a view of interesting the public in the birds

I yesterday shot the first Poliöptila leal? I have been able to get this year but it may have been here some time

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I will contribute the $5 sent upon Council paying expenses. & when I owe the Minor please notify me

I shall be glad to receive Mr Brown's Photographs — Send upon my own to day. which, please forward to him

Yours Very Truly
L Belding

P. S. Mr I said sent me word two days ago that no birds had been killed yet this Spring —

L B

Apr 8th 1884 3

Observers to be added to those already given

E L Ballou Igo Shasta Co Cal
Fred Harvey San Rafael Marin Co "
E M Preston Nevada City "

Mrs Bidwell wife of Gen John Bidwell, who is a good botanist wrote March 22nd that she would note the migrations through her gardener "who is quite an Ornithologist & the best taxidermist I know of"

Perhaps the gardener is the writer of the letter of Mar 17th —

I will enquire of Mrs Bidwell if her gardener's name is William Pound

Other persons have offered assistance but so many of those who are enrolled amount to little or nothing as observers that I will send no more names at present — I devote all my time to the migration business but am not confident of any considerable success this year for almost every thing is to be learned — good will certainly result from our work, but I have concluded

that it is useless to try to trace the birds & keep the run of them all the time, so that I do not care whether I get frequent reports or not.

Where are you likely to want reports from the Pacific District & am I to put them in shape for publication? I am just now feeling disheartened because F Stephens instead of observing at San Bernardino has gone or is going to Arizona & Mr Emerson of Ballena has got discouraged by constant almost, storms & quit that important locality — and I can get no report from Mr Gaskill of Lompoc also a very important station — but as an offset, Capt H S Gass & Bros are in the habit of this Co & will give me the benefit of their observations — My work here has been of little value since the storms set in for I could not get out in the country

I purposely refrained from sending out many circulars in Central California as I intended to visit all parts of it but storms came, prevented travel & nearly shut off correspondence

Yours truly
L Ro

Pacific District,
L. BELDING, Supt.

American Ornithologists' Union.
Committee on Migration.
Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

Stockton, Cal., May 22nd 1884

Dr Merriam
Locust Grove N Y

Dear Sir I arrived at this place this morning & hasten to notify you of my change of base

I am indebted to you for two or three letters which are still unanswered & which I have not now time to answer in detail, will try & refer to the leading points as far as I remember them

One letter contained no of stations of a second instalment not yet received. Another contained two circulars to Light house keepers & asked if I knew of any having been received.

I also a few days ago rec'd a photograph of Carrie Brown? or some one which was sent me by you — am in some doubt for the photo was stamped N B on the back

I sent one of the circulars for light-house keepers to Mr Israel at Point Loma & wrote requesting him to inform me by letter if he had rec'd a like circular but got no response from him

I was absent from San Diego from the 5th inst to the 16th on a collecting trip

in Lower Leal & this accounts partly for delay in answering your letter or letters & I was waiting in hope of hearing from Mr Israel

I did not get as far in the bush as I expected to for a storm set in & I hurried out of the bush when travelling was already difficult

I hope to have the ~~by~~ returns all in & put in some sort of shape by July 1st

I am not very sanguine as to results —

Yours Very Truly
L Belding

Gridley Butte Cos Cal oct 16th 1884

C Hart Merriam M D

Locust Grove N Y

Dear Sir – I sent you by Mail Registered all the migration notes which have come into my possession of any possible use as I thought – sent them by this mornings mail –

If they had been forwarded to you just as I received them you could not have spared time to get them in the shape I have done, especially if those from other districts have been of like character & forwarded to you in the form in which different superintendents sent them –

I mention this as explanation for not sending them sooner – not because I consider there is any merit in what I have done –

I should have retained them – I think, but did not feel justified in keeping them longer –

The notes contain a pretty full list of the species of Southern Cal & this constitutes in my mind their chief value – I could have added to the species from my own observations in Central Cal but I had no desire to do so any more than I have done

hoping that you will get them in due season & that this explanation is satisfactory —

You will see I did not copy any of Mr Humfrey's notes — some of them are no doubt correct but I can elucidate every thing I think valuable in his notes by observations of my own at Campo in Jan & may if I have not already done so & I saw no reason for using any of his information — I do not know whether he is ignorant or whether he thought he would make a sensation by introducing several new species into Cal — My connection with one or more other observers has been unsatisfactory in a measure, without unfriendliness as far as I know but the most of the observers who did much or little were willing to help & if they had any unreasonable aspirations any selfishness in any shape I never saw any manifested —

I hope you will pardon the composition of this letter I came in from a hunt a while ago, took a nap & thought I had better inform you of the mailing of the notes, started to do so before I got awake — —

Yours truly

L Belding

Recd. Oct 24, 1884

Santa Cruz
Oct 14 1884

L. Belding Esq:— Dear Sir:—

Your letters both received, also "Proceedings of the United States museum" for which please except my thanks. I would have answered sooner but have been extremely busy in the last two weeks.

On Sunday (to-morrow) I will try and get out, and shoot two or three of J. Gambeli, there is no doubt in my mind of their being the true J. Gambeli although I may be mistaken.

On the first I was out hunting ~~and~~ in the thick woods, and on two or three pines, I observed about twenty of Sitta pygmaea, flying around among the branches they were quite tame and allowed one to approach within ten feet of them, I shot one to be sure of their identity, Also observed quite a number of hylocichla alascae in the brush on the hillsides Columba fasciata are also numerous

here, they feed principally upon the Madrona berries which are now ripe, they are remarkably wild, and a person can hardly approach within gun shot.

If you would be kind enough to furnish me with the necessary blanks, I would be pleased to make observations from now on.

If it would not be any trouble to you, and you are through with the articles I sent you, I would be glad to have them back again, but of course, if it will put you to any inconvenience of course do not send them.

I have commenced making a collection of skins and by this time next year, hope to have something worth looking at.

I have been trying for the last two years, to get a Cal Vulture but they are remarkably wild and always keep out of gun shot, one was shot about two weeks ago by one of the ranchers, but before I could get word to him he had cut both of the wings off, and it was worthless to me.

Very truly, S. Skinner

518 Second St. S. San Jose
Oct 17 1884.

Mr L. Belding
Gridleys Butte Co Cal.

My Dear Sir:- Your package or rather papers arrived a few days ago. I am very much obbliged to you for them. Is your "Birds of Lower California" on the market in book form. If so, who or where can I obtain a copy? I do not remember whether I answered your last letter or not. I was at Crows Landing when I received it. I am very greatly obliged to you for identifying the skins I sent, and for your kind offer to "meet me half way" but I cannot accept the latter and retain a clear conscience. It is enough that I should infringe upon your valuable

times. As to notes on migration I dont find very many. I have but one day in the week at best <Saturday> to make regular excursions but for the past few weeks I have been so busy on that day that I could not go out.

By the way are there any papers on the avi-fauna of this valley that you wish me to send you, such as a list of the birds known to occur and a list of those known to breed?

Have the stations of Pacific Coast observers been numbered yet? Who, if I may ask is the observer at Los Gatos?

Hoping this will find you well I am

As ever

A. L. Parkhurst.

I informed Mr P of his number but I do not know that that is the one you will use as so many of those recorded as observers did no work & do not deserve a place or number

I think Mr P a conscientious observer, although Calleles's Point is the most-

times (as to notes on migration) I don't find very many. I have but yesday in this week at least (Saturday) to make regular excursions for the last few weeks I have been so busy on that day that I could not go out.

By the way are there any papers on this wri-fauna of the Pacific Coast really that you would use to send? Who, if I may of the birds, such as a list of those stations and a list of those stations? Have the observers been numbers? Hoping this will find you well I am (in ever)

A. L. Parkhurst.

I informed Mr P of his number but I do not Know that it is the one you will use as so many of these reported as observers chief no work I do not claim a number

I think Mr P — a conscientious discriminating Collector & I think the most of the observers here also conscientious although I have met only two or three of them

The trouble is they have not time to devote to observing — This was the trouble with Mr Hatchkoff as I Know by being near him — He is quite capable but a little too eager to get into print & the only item he had the luck to get was his Calamospiza & that he made the most of he was able to.

interrupted by dinner call

L B

Pacific District,

L. BELDING, Supt.

American Ornithologists' Union.

Committee on Migration.

Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

Tridley Butte Co.

Stockton, Cal., oct 23d 1884

C Hart Merriam M D

Locust Grove N York

Dear Sir

This morning I had not time to get a greenback & I accordingly enclose it in this letter $5 for annual dues —

I also enclose a letter from Mr Parkhurst & one from Mr Emerson Skinner & have underlined parts to which I wish to call your attention —

I have records of fall arrivals which I do not wish to mix with observations which are incorrect & consequently misleading — I find migrants a few days early this fall in accordance with early storms — I believe Pipilo mac- megalonyx a migrant in part in this section

on the 20th Spizella arizonae was still here or in this part of Cal — this was unexpected to me —

Yours truly

L Belding

Pacific District,

L. BELDING, Supt.

American Ornithologists' Union.

Committee on Migration.

Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

Gridley Stockton, Cal., oct 29 1884

Dear Dr Merriam

Your Mammals of the Adirondacks came to hand last night — I am much pleased with the book as well as with your kind generosity — I have read to page 40 and run through the other pages including the description of the new genus & species of Soricidæ —

I might have known although I did not that you like myself are fond of the woods with all that that implies hunt fishing included

I congratulate you upon the matter & appearance of your work

I have <u>heard</u> a panther scream or howl upon two occasions — I did not see it or <u>them</u> in the act but afterward saw their tracks & have no doubt of the origin of the sounds — which were unlike anything I have ever heard —

Yours truly

L Belding

Gridley Butte Co Cal nov 6 1884

Dear Dr Merriam

Prof Cooke may possibly find some of my Nebraska records of service to him & not knowing his present address I send them to you

A. D. 1879 from Sep 22nd to Nov 20th at Papillion

Micropus Sphagni (?) Sep 30th rare to about oct 15th (L)

Zonotrichia querula " oct 2nd com oct 9 1882 (?)

Coccyzus erythrophthalmus (L) " 3d rare

Zonotrichia intermedia (?) " 8 " in Cayuga orange Neb.

Passerella iliaca (?) " 8

Junco hyemalis (?) " 8

Spizella monticola (?) " 18 oct 6 Spizella pusillus rare

Colurnis borealis (?) " 18

Columnulus leconti (L) nov 16 common in Sep & part of oct

Same locality 1882

Vireo belli aug 16 rare

I name only a few of the species I collected in Nebraska

Sep 19. Centronyx bairdi rare

Micropus sphagni sep 26 (?) "

Columnulus leconti (?) common soon after sep 26

C henslowi oct 9 (?) rare probably migrant stormy & cool,

The above & other species were correctly identified but for fear of error I sent specs to the Smithsonian & got Prof Ridgways endorsement

Yours truly

L Belding

Cistothorus stellaris oct 12 1882 (?) rare

please excuse imperfect & hasty arrangement

P S I had not seen
B B & Ps water birds when I
sent my notes on water Birds
& therefore do not know how the
species compare — I wrote notes
on a few West-Coast-Water Birds for that
work — do not know if they have been
published

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Pacific District,

L. BELDING, Supt.

American Ornithologists' Union.

Committee on Migration.

Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

Quillebey, Butte Co.,
Stockton, Cal., Nov 8 188 4

Dear Dr Merriam

I send by mail to day a pair of Otocoys strigata
" " " " rufa rubens
" " Passerculus beldingi

which Prof Ridgway proposed to name for me & I have no doubt he has done so & will probably publish them in Proc N S that Nuts — if he has not — my announcing them may possibly be premature but as no description accompanies them it does not count for anything — I mention them by name because you can supply it in the report which I sent you — The known habitat extends from San Quentin Bay Lower Cal to Port Harford Cal a distance of about three hundred miles along the coast

The spec of Passerculus that here last now fairly represents those which I said I had shot here at Stockton & San Diego & differed but slightly from a spec from Alaska which Mr Ridgway sent me excepting that the bill of the Alaska bird is much the larger (see my note on P alaudinus in Report

I got some birds south, about 60 miles of Campo

last may which I think I did not mention in my notes — among others

Gymnoscitta cyanocephala abundant in Pinones I think not previously known from Lower Cal

Sitta atricapillus Col Coue S.R of central Cal alt 4150 ft — " I sent part of a jar to the Smithsonian some years ago & I have from time to time sent specimens of valuable species to the same valuable as showing distribution etc in order to make an unequivocal reference

The Uts south of Campo as a rule or generally stating it rise gradually until at ~~an alt of~~ a distance of 50 miles south of Campo an alt of from 6000 to 7000 ft is attained — — I am informed that the Ut holds about this alt to about 100 miles south of Campo when they decrease in height — Main eastern face is very precipitous — The birds are principally those of the Sierra Nevada in Southern Cal however you can best determine that by comparing catalogues of California birds

I would have gone much farther south had the roads not been boggy & it was plain a storm was brewing

(I first found Ⓞ shrizalis here this fall ~~on~~ Oct 9th) I have not yet secured a skele or skulls of any of our animals for you as I promised but will remember your wish — I got the skull of a "long tailed Wild Cat" at San Diego did not see the animal — It may be something unknown from San Diego tho & I want it to go into the Ins records

Yours truly L Belding

Birds of Cerros continued

Empidonax alnicola alnicola com
Tyrannus verticalis "
Myiarchus cinerascens "
Sayornis nigricans "
Contopus richardsoni rare
Empidonax pusillus pusillus com
Salpinctes obsoletus rare
G. annae com
Catherpes mexicanus 3 seen during shower on 14th
Troglodytes mutabilis abund
Chordeiles acutipennis texensis com
Picoides nuttallii " rare
Chlorospiza sinuata mexicana (one pair)
Melanerpes formicivorus bairdi com
Colaptes auratus mexicanus com no hybrids seen
Spatula cyanoptera septentrionalium com
Tringa melanoleuca rare
Rallus longirostris obsoletus "
Catharus aurea
Pseudogryphus californianus heard from but not
seen
Tringa semipalmata com in Jan & May
Oreortyx pictus ? rare
Dendragapus obscurus "
Oreoscoptes montanus rare

Half of Cerros about 2500 ft
on bottom extension of Sierra Nevada
the birds on the north broad plain are
rare on the south gradually

Cerros is on the summit of hills between colorado
desert & the Mojave

The only Jays seen on the north
side of ——? 30 miles of R. of San
Diego bay & Sweetwater — it may have been
3 Cerros things — here two kinds of Cerros jay lived
there was forested — the birds inhabiting a wholly
treeless

L Belding

Come to

Camp. May 7th 6, 9th & 14th
Hydrocotyle ustulata 3 ♂
Mazuela prolifera 9th (one)
Trichia polygalles rare
Camptorhynchus trochiformis "
Stylidia tenuifolia common
Phaiocephala nitens rare
Polypilia atrocilla common, nest & fresh eggs 14th
Leptophasma viridatis tol common rare
Paltrifanus nanninus rare
~~Pellicula [illegible] tol common~~ (2)
Trogloglyta Tectum pedicellatum very common
Dendrocoa tectiva common
Gastrolypis triolus rare
Veleria vivus longicauda rare
Vivinaylia gilva trimacula common
Lamiana solitarius arcadius rare
Vivo vicinior a frai
Lamia linnoriana [illegible] rare
Petrochilidon lunifrons abund
Rimula erythrogaster rare
Tachycineta thalassina abundant
Pyranga hepatica ♂ & ♀ common
Leptodacnus formicarius thoracalis common
Tetragnathus pacifica common
& lamiana tol
Chondrostoma grammica atrigata "
Spizella domestica atrigata rare
Melospiza fasciata heermanni?
Pipilo maculatus megalonyx tol common
Zonotrichia melanocephala common
Junco oreganus ♂ & ♀ rare tol common dorsa dom
Passerina amoena common
~~Calamospiza melanocorys~~
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus large flock 14
Otocoris rufifrons tol common
Zetes bulbrekei
Sorlucephalus cyanocephalus tol common
Corvus corax carnivorus "
Aphelocoma californica "

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Committee on Migration.

Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

Gridley Butte Cos

Stockton, Cal., nov 18 1884

Dr C Hart Merriam
Locust Grove N Y

Dear Sir I send you to day by mail a few bird skins which may be acceptable to you

I also send my original list of Campo specimens & a full report on all I saw from Campo southward. May 1864

I am tempted to send you winter observations in the Sierra Nevada's but as I do not know your plan of publication whether you will make a separate paper of Pacific coast observations including British Columbia & Alaska or whether a single volume of all observations will be issued — I suppose some time will be required to decide your plan, so I will wait until I hear from you again. I was gratified to know that you were pleased with the report from this Dist — I may as well say I could have excluded some unimportant matter had I felt at liberty to do so although I did something in that direction — I send a pair of the Passerculus I did not — naming — Prof Ridgway two weeks or more ago with that he proposed to name it P beldingi & I said that would be satisfactory to me (I think

have said eminently satisfactory & that it should be named for me but the little of the much remnant of modesty within my I do not know where, prohibited that, — That is a mixed sentence

It is nearly mail time & I will send only list of Camps so you can compare it with Mr Menefee's list if you wish —
I also send a few Nebraska notes

I believe Lower Leal is no longer in my farmed area — am I right?

I will soon tell you whether I can act as Supt of Mig & if not the reasons why — I may resign from Corn on farmed area — something I had not until recently contemplated & still I approve of the combination of the two committees

Yours Very Truly
L Balding

Specimens tomorrow

North American Market
foot hills of Calaveras Co
jan 19th 1885

Dear Dr Merriam.

Your very satisfactory letter of the 6 instant is at hand

I presume you have Rec'd the registered M S S are now as well as the Spring migrants of 1885 — I will have a few pages on fall migration of 1885 and a few odds and ends. ~~including~~

I have used some of the Reports of the light-houses on the N W coast in Correlating phenomena, have saved all I thought worth saving —

I am here on a hunt with some friends — Quails are abundant — deer are quite common but this is the close season for deer — Rabbits we never shoot — I hope this will find you and Dr Fisher in good health and perhaps you will suggest some improvement in my method of compiling & arranging

notes — My first attempt to get nearly all notes from the observers into the Schedule was a failure — I am not pleased to have so many repetitions of names, especially of my own but when I came to copy authors I was compelled to give name & then as a consequence must treat the others in the same manner — really I wish that every one who has sent in the least bit of information shall have credit for it & that glory is all our observers are working for —

I must not neglect to say that I would not have sent you the notes so soon had I known, as I have recently learned from the Forest & Stream, that there has been an entire change in the order of arrangement that the lower forms have given precedence — I used the common names following Smithsonian Check List of 1882 and supposed you would only have to insert the Latin name & thought the majority of the names would stand —

With kindest wishes

Yours truly

L Belding

San Diego Cal apr 8th 1885

C Hart Merriam M D
Locust Grove N Y

Dear Dr Merriam

I suppose this will find you at your home & I write to inform you that this will be mine for two or three months or my head quarters at least

Do you intend to publish the report already rec'd or do you intend to wait until observations of this year are added thus making one paper instead of two

I left in care of my Brother Chas. Belding of Stockton my fall & winter observations & some good notes, as I think, on the birds of the upper Sierra Nevada which are subject to your order but really I should go over them again & correct phraseology & otherwise

arrange & prepare them for the printer — I intended to get a necer to re write them for my penmanship is seemingly a puzzle to the average compositor

My nice was not at home & my notes remain as I wrote them

Some old notes on nesting habits of Sierra birds are crude but there is a certain value attached to them although no specimens or few specimens remain in my hands they having been sent to the S I & will perhaps be described by Capt Bendire ——— I have felt that I was threatened with Pneumonia for some weeks & this leads me to mention some things I would not otherwise mention — I have had cold & low fever — am gaining on the cold but the fever is very persistent & Quinine does not check it — so much for living in a malarial region last fall & winter — I think I will be all right soon but have some doubts & realize my danger having

Yours Truly
C. E. Bendire

San Diego apr 29th 85

Dear Dr Merriam

I have been undecided & have held the letter of the 3d until I consider myself a sound man again & I think of going on the trip to Lower Cal as soon as I can make preparations

I may go but about 125 miles toward the Gulf in a S.E. direction —

I hope you had a satisfactory trip to Europe —

I may return by May 15th & shall then probably go north & locate in a healthy locality long enough to gather in the notes in hands of observers — I am worried to see so much of it given away in the O & O some of which gave me much trouble in copying it. —

My little friend C. H. Comstock got his note on my Olive tided fly catchers eggs because he climbed the tree for them — Some three years ago — but I have never since shown the nest or eggs & I wonder if the Editor of the O & O did not make up a part of the article

I suspect his honesty in that I gave some information to Chas Dunn hoping to deter him from publishing notes on Spizella atrigularis & he finally used my information — You have not time to listen to these details more than once a year — I know — so I close

Yours truly
S. Belding

Please write to San Diego soon after receiving this & excuse haste

Amd. May 21, 1885.

Calaveras Big Tree Grove
June 4th 1885

C Hart Merriam M D
Locust Grove N Y

Dear Sir Your letter of the 21st ult came to hand last night—
I approve of the plan you have outlined — Please return M.S.S to Gridley Butte Co Calif—

I will get all the information on food I can but fear it will be rather meagre — I did not know of the appropriation — It had occurred to me that the question of benefit or injury to the agricultural from birds was important & I got the head of the Viticultural association to give me names of persons he thought competent to give information on the subject — & also requested some of the observers to pay especial attention to the food question

I did not accomplish much on my lower leaf trip of 12 days travelled about 360 miles in all & went nearly to the Gulf of Cal probably found a species or sub-species new — I get a rodent for you if one a Dipodomys Harrisii can be counted as such & lost a Perognathus — I will get skulls of the squirrels here before I go down

I met I Harrisii & a few other desert species much nearer Chase Diego than I expected

I endured the hard trip in inclement weather as well as any one could have done — Thank you for kind expression concerning my health — I rode 70 miles on horse yesterday & caught 15 lbs fine trout — Yours Truly
S Belding

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Ansd. Aug. 11, 1885.

Fridley Calif July 21st 1885
to Capt Merriam Wn D
Sing Sing N Y

Dear Sir I have concluded to send you the few skulls I have for you as I soon start for the Utes
I hope to add to them at the summit of the Sierra — I hope among others to get you the large Porcupine, a weasel or two — the Fisher — Woodchuck — & possibly a Glutton, which I think resides in the high peaks

The Mountain Hare is rare I think as I have never seen but three or four & shot but one —

I have never shot a Dwarf Beaver but have seen several — The true Beaver — Martin — Mink — Otter — in fact nearly all the large & medium sized animals of the coast I have shot — have seen one large Wolf only —

I send pkg by mail Yours Truly
L Belding

July 20th [1885]

1. Sciurus fossor ♀ - weight 2 lbs 2 oz
2. S douglassii
5. Spermophile beechey -

3 Tamias quadrivittatus Summit Donner Pass July 1 1885
4 Tamias harrisi - 40 miles S E San Diego May 10th
6 Tamias ~~[illegible]~~ I had supposed but it does not
Interesting agree with the description in Baird's Beechey

This Spec is from Summit Donner Pass July
7 Spermophilus suppose is the western "Prairie Dog"
but I have no description of it
8 Skull of "Long tailed Wild Cat" shot 12
miles East of San Diego by Mr Geo Gaddes
9 Leather Rat (?), taken from a hawk 75
miles S E of San Diego May 20
~~10 Mouse or Mole from Gridley~~ ~~not what or where~~ ~~not forwarded~~
11 Small bat shot at mid day at Red
Bluff Feb 3d 1885 - Weather hot
it was probably frightened from
its hiding place by myself &
other Quail hunters -

The skulls are O K I believe but
the skins do not count for much
but will assist you in identifying
Please let me know what the
species are where I do not name them
Yours Truly J Belding

Donner Placer Co Calif
Aug 20th 85

Dear Dr Merriam.

Your letter of the 11th inst. covering letters of Mr Tamin & Alex Sampson & Schedule or Circular no 20 came to hand this morning — I informed you some days ago of receipt of several schedules from the Or & W T & British Columbia Coast which you mailed to me at Gridley

The specs of Tamias lateralis I sent you is I think an average adult of Donner — The Sciurus fossor & S douglassi were from Big Trees Calaveras Co — The Spermophile you wish several specimens of I got here where it is at least common but is not readily obtained, however I can no doubt send you about 3 skins & skulls — I shot one a few days ago & tried

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of Spermophilus beechyi sent you
but think I got it at Lealamas
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I have skull of Porcupine, Wonderk
-neck, skull & skin of weasel
for you & came near getting
a mink this morning
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is hard to get by shooting but I think Trapper Smith of Big Trees could get it for you as I have seen skins in his possession

I think this is too high up on not the right ground for it — If you wish to write to Trapper Smith address care Jas L Sperry Big Trees Calif

I will work over the British Columbia schedules & incorporate them in the work of the Pacific Dist — I say work over because I suppose they are mostly of doubtful value, got that idea from a letter I got from Mr Fannin last year

Of course his own notes are OK — Some of those you sent me via Gridley are much mixed & I hardly know what to use & what to discard but it seems to me that I

can copy notes literally where common and uncertain names are used & no harm will be done

The fact really is though. There are but few common names in use on this coast perhaps not over a dozen in general use if there are half that many

With best wishes for Dr Fisher & yourself not forgetting the twins

Yours truly
L Belding

Rec'd Sept 4 1885.

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Dunnigan Placer Co Sept 11th 1885

Dear Dr Merriam

Your letter of the 1st inst & the Stephens very valuable notes came duly to hand

Mr Fasnings Rept not yet rec'd — presume it will soon arrive — will promptly notify you of its receipt

I have spent a good part of the last four or five days in looking for that Spermophile & found it not — in fact — have not seen one for two weeks or more & think it has gone into winter quarters

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if not unusually large. I shot two more about the time I sent you the, females I believe, & they were greyer — Still I think others similar to yours can be obtained here or at Woods & Hermit Valley on Big Tree & Cactus Road — Certainly you are at liberty to make any use you think proper as to name & description — I am not posted on the animals as you have already discovered — I studied them so far as to compare a few with descriptions some years ago & have done nothing since — I have vol x P.R.R. Repts at home, perhaps Sporophile town & I latrali's are described therein

Arthur Audouin's & other winter birds arrived recently 8th and 9th rain in W & S Cr cool here for some time, frosty nights — The Woodchuck says

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I will try & remain here until Oct 1st although too cold to sit in a room without fire much of the time

excuse long letter

With best wishes & regards to Dr Fisher & yourself

Yours truly
L Belding

Donner Lake Sept 12 '85

Dear Dr Merriam.

I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of Mr Tomis list of B C birds & arrivals of 1885 also Meteorological Rept - letters etc all in two separate envelopes

Please send me about 25 schedules for noting migration addressed as above

Zonotrichia intermedia was found to day - beach flowers is nearly gone - Coronata must come soon - Yours truly

I Beldwin

To G. Brown Goode
Washington D C

Guilford Dec 2 1885

Dear Dr Goode

Your letter of the 13th ult duly rec'd — I was afraid my letter of Sep — had miscarried — I have no doubt you are crowded by work, still it is such work as you like and now at Washington you & Dr Fisher are rightly fixed for enjoying life — If time drags just call on John Ridgway to help you out — he knows where the nice pictures are and where they have good music and perhaps some other nice things

I spent some very pleasant hours at Robert Ridgways house too & his pleasant family still leaves a strong impression on me — I found many things in the Smithsonian & Nat Mus to interest me & I did not spend near the

time I should have spent & this brings me where I should have commenced to you with that I might look in upon you — thank you for the wish but the undertaking is great in cold weather, — I would much like to do so and again meet the Ridgways, Mr Henshaw, Mr Tree, Rathbun & others and although last not least Dr Fisher & yourself

I hope to send you my report in a couple of months at least & I would like to be near the printer when it goes through for I can see a defect much quicker when in type than when in MS. I am afraid I am getting the paper too bulky as the boys say of birds nests when sticks and other things are mixed up in and around the nest proper — Tell Dr Fisher I can improve on that comparison if I have a plenty of time — How soon is it likely be

published ——— If there is no hurry about it I can put in all winter on it and make light work of it or put in all the time I can as I am now doing — My health is more or less injured by close confinement ——— In any event I shall have enough (if I should die - get shipwrecked -) to ~~put upon~~ enable you to save all there is worth saving ——— I say this because I think some of going down the coast ——— I could learn something of the water birds by so doing ——— I can retain mates on water birds until they are wanted with a view to adding to them or had I better send all as soon as convenient

If you need land birds in two months I will forward them sure

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afterward I found I had a broken rib
the next to the lower left rib — I still
survive but the broken rib is not growing
together though I do not expect much
trouble from it — I have much pain some
nights — get along very well in the day.
My ~~general~~ health otherwise is good

I return herewith all the
circulars or answers to circulars you sent
you sent me — having copied all —

The boys are slow in answering
questions and John Tamin of B C is also
slow though I would like to ask if he will
endorse certain all of the birds in the list sent — I
am putting down the last one of them as I have
no liberty to omit any — but — I will so call
attention to them as will prevent harm
With best wishes for yourself. Yours D. Dr Fisher
To C Hart Merriam Esq Washington D.C. Yours Truly L Belding

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Fridley & Butler Leo dec 29 1885

C Hart Merriam M D

Washington D C.

Dear Dr Merriam

I send to your address to day by mail, perhaps by Wells & Fargo, can tell better when I get down town, the bulk of the notes on Migration and distribution which have come into my hands, a few scattering notes only remain and I will forward them, but if I keep these notes here & go on interlining I shall have to rewrite the notes again, so I forward them & close out business as far as I can, as soon as I can — The Water Bds will be forwarded in a month or two and much sooner if wanted as I can put them through in short metre if necessary — I intended to keep all until I got the new check list but it does not come and

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I have just been seized with the impulse to turn them over to you after spending half a day in interlining and adding unimportant matter and there is more left of the same sort —

We have accomplished all we are likely to on this coast except to get knowledge on food and a few accidental occurrences —

There is still some work to be done in Water birds

Any explanation I can make in connection with the notes I forward to day I will be glad to give you promptly please address Care Chas Belding Stockton

I will send list of observers " " localities of importance and where proper altitude etc etc also co relative phenomena soon as I can arrange it —

I have waited for items on food until I am

tired — still expect a few good ones which I will forward —

The boys must be tired for I do not get answers to one half my letters and I write only to old correspondent

I S Palmer of Berkeley has some Stomachs and Schedules I sent him and he has asked <u>where</u> they should go and <u>how</u> go — I advised him to send them to you, will do the same by others

I will send some ~~proof~~ proofs in the shape of Specimens to the Smithsonian in a day or two, have been putting it off until receipt of Check List, will now send them soon, I want Mr Ridgway to see a Hawk, a Carpodacus and some others besides the Shadot-upe flicker —

Wishing you a happy New Year, also Dr Fisher, also the twins — perhaps, oh its only four or five months —

Yours truly
L Belding

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Dear Dr Merriam

I suppose it is my duty to say I will be unable to attend to the duties of Superintendent during the coming spring migration, which is near. Several of the observers have lately enquired about future operations & as I cannot properly attend to it for want of time, and as I do not see much need of further work except as to food, I wish you would appoint some one to take the position — I did not go down the coast, but came here on a hunt & stayed until I got the jan Auk some time in feb & finding that the water birds are to provide land birds

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him & asked him about this
last october, or earlier but got no
reply — I would rather skip him
& B C & go to Alaska for Dall &
Bannisters & others notes.
The most of Mr Fannins observations
were in South West B C on the
same ground substantially as those of
Leaper & Buckley — I suppose you

I went to Gridley where my books are & set about compiling from a few writings to add to the little matter I have in hand & now all I have to do to finish is to copy what I have written or compiled — I will try & send everything in by the middle of apr

The value of the Rep^t on water birds will be a few items adding to knowledge of distribution — Except for this I would have advised non publishment of Report on Water birds — I shall feel that my work is done when I hand in my report for although I have maps Prof Allens Buffalo maps, I do not care to use them, believing that there is no particular occasion for farther work —

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hope he is well & happy —

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With best wishes to you & Dr Fisher —

Yours truly
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1331 Connecticut Avenue.

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell
request the pleasure of the company
of Dr. and Mrs. Merriam
on Thursday evening April sixth
at half past seven o'clock
to meet Professor Brewer of
Yale College
April 4th 1893.

Declined on account
of Mrs Merriam's death

Recd. Jan. 28, 1898

1331 Connecticut Avenue.

Jan. 22 1898

Dear C. Merriam

I send you some of my notes from the (1760) History of Cape Breton — Nova Scotia. Letter VI (Card 6) gives a description of the animals found upon the island including the "quincajou".

I also send some notes from "Atala" (written probably about the close of the last century) concerning "carcajous" at Niagara Falls, "hanging by their flexible tails to the ends of the fallen branches" — and watching to seize in the abyss "the crushed bodies of bears and elks."

Kindly return my notes on cards and oblige

Yours truly

Alexander Graham Bell

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1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 25th. 1898.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam.
Agricultural Department.
City.

Dear Dr.Merriam :--

I presume that Mr.Hyde has called a meeting of the Editorial Committee for tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at my house, here, at eight o'clock.

Allow me most cordially to second his invitation, and to express the hope that you may be able to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander Graham Bell

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 8th. 1898.

Dr. Hart Merriam.
Agricultural Department.
City.

Dear Dr. Merriam :--

The name of Mr. Willis Moore does not appear among the members of the Washington Academy of Sciences. It seems strange that so well qualified a man should have been so little known by the members of the Joint Commission that he failed to secure the necessary number of votes. I venture to bring this matter to your attention because I believe you are on the committee to extend the list of the Academy. The omission of his name would be a reflection upon his scientific abilities as head of a scientific bureau of the Government.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 15th. 1898.

My Dear Dr. Merriam :--

I would be very much obliged if you could be present at the Reception tomorrow evening not later than 7.45 to make final arrangements for receiving our guests.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell

President.

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 5, 1900.

My dear Dr. Merriam: --

Don't forget tomorrow, Saturday evening, at eight P.M. I have invited a few gentlemen to meet President Dabney for "an informal interchange of views relating to the utilization of the departments of the government for the purposes of research, through the agency of the Smithsonian Institution". I have not invited Mrs. Sweat, or any ladies, as I thought we would be more free if we could smoke our cigars and chat informally.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell

Write Dabney
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meeting.

1331 Connecticut Avenue.

March 18 –

Dear Mr Merriam

I am so sorry Mr Graham Bell & I had to leave your lecture rather over. Mr Graham Bell enjoyed it so much – it was so fine in every way – the slides so beautiful – Unfortunately his secretary made an engagement for him this evening & though he kept the gentleman waiting half an hour he had finally to go.

Yours very cordially
M Abel G Graham Bell

He was so glad the pictures were so successful

Recd. & Acknd.
March 19, 1904.

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 23, 1903.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell would be very glad to have you come to his house, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, tomorrow afternoon, March 24th, at 4: 30 o'clock, to meet Mr. Bailey Willis in an informal conference on a matter of interest to the National Geographic Society.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
City.

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 6, 1904.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am glad to know from your note of April 5 that you have not forgotten the promised slide talk. As you have left the date for me to settle, I would suggest the 13th unless the 20th will be more convenient for you. Kindly let me know if I may expect you on the 13th.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Graham Bell

Rec'd. April 8, 1904.

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 7, 1906.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

You may remember that I spoke to you some time ago about a case of conscience regarding a silver fox. I purchased this fox from Mr. Rory A. McDonald, Boulardarie, Cape Breton, for $100.00 on the chance that it might really be a silver fox and worth the money. Mr. McDonald asked $300.00 but gave it to me for $100.00 on the understanding that I would make inquiries in Washington regarding its value and if I found it worth more than I gave, I was to pay him the difference, and if it was worth less than I gave, he wanted to work for me to make up the difference.

Now please help me out. I enclose a note from this Mr. McDonald and also the fox skin.

Is it a silver fox and should I pay him anything more than I have already paid him namely $100.00? The decision is in your hands. Kindly reply.

Yours sincerely,
Alexander Graham Bell

Rec'd. same day

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 18, 1907.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I told you the other evening, that your name, among others, has been suggested for consideration by the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the vacant Secretaryship.

The Board will meet on the 23rd instant, and it would be well to have some member authorized to state your attitude towards the Secretaryship when the matter comes up for consideration.

I should be much obliged, if you would kindly let me know whether in the event of the Secretaryship being offered to you, you would accept it. After our recent experience with Prof. Osborn, it is not likely that the Board will again elect a Secretary without having definite assurances beforehand that he will accept.

An early answer will much oblige, and your reply will be considered as confidential and only for the information of members of the Board.

Yours sincerely,
Alexander Graham Bell
Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Jan. 22, 1907 - C.H.M.

To meet the President of the
National Geographic Society

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell

requests the pleasure of

Dr. C. Hart Merriam's

company at dinner

Friday evening May the ninth

at eight o'clock.

1331 Connecticut Avenue.

accepted May 31, 1916

To meet Sir Douglas Mawson

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell

requests the pleasure of

Dr. Merriam's

company at dinner

Thursday evening January 14

at eight o'clock.

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1331 Connecticut Avenue.

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Mr. Graham Bell
requests the pleasure of
Mr. Merriam's
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at seven o'clock to meet
Professor Brewer of Yale College

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1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell
requests the pleasure
of Mr. C. Hart Merriam's
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