

START

THE BANCROFT LIBRARY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

MICROFILMED 1994

University of California
Library Photographic Service
Berkeley, California 94720

REPRODUCED FROM ORIGINALS
IN THE MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION
OF THE BANCROFT LIBRARY.
FOR REFERENCE USE ONLY.

COPIES MAY NOT BE DEPOSITED
IN OTHER LIBRARIES OR INSTITUTIONS
WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF
THE BANCROFT LIBRARY.

PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE OR PUBLISH IN WHOLE OR IN PART
MUST BE OBTAINED IN WRITING FROM:

THE DIRECTOR
THE BANCROFT LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720.

MAY BE COVERED BY COPYRIGHT LAW
TITLE 17 U.S. CODE

**THE PROCESSING AND FILMING OF
THE C. HART MERRIAM PAPERS
HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
TITLE II-C,
STRENGTHENING RESEARCH LIBRARY
RESOURCES PROGRAM.**

COLLECTION NAME:

C. HART MERRIAM PAPERS

COLLECTION NUMBER:

BANC MSS 83/129 c

NEGATIVE NUMBER:

BNEG Box 1555 : 37

REEL: 37

CONTENTS:

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming letters

Bell, Louis - Brady, John Green

**FILMED AND PROCESSED BY
LIBRARY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY, CA 94720**

JOB NO.

DATE

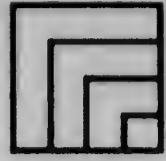
3

9 4

REDUCTION RATIO

1 1

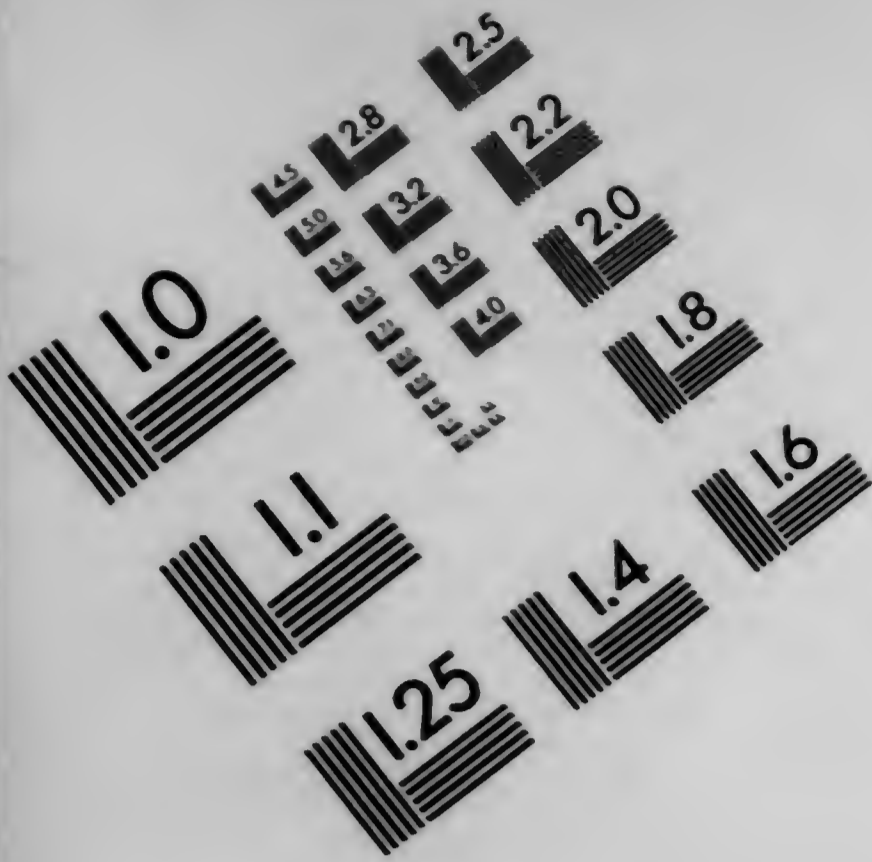
**DOCUMENT
SOURCE**



AIM

Association for Information and Image Management

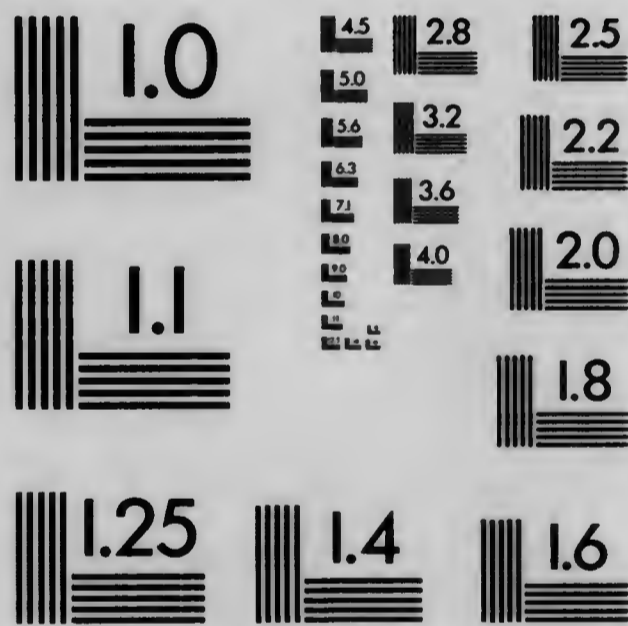
1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1100
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
301/587-8202



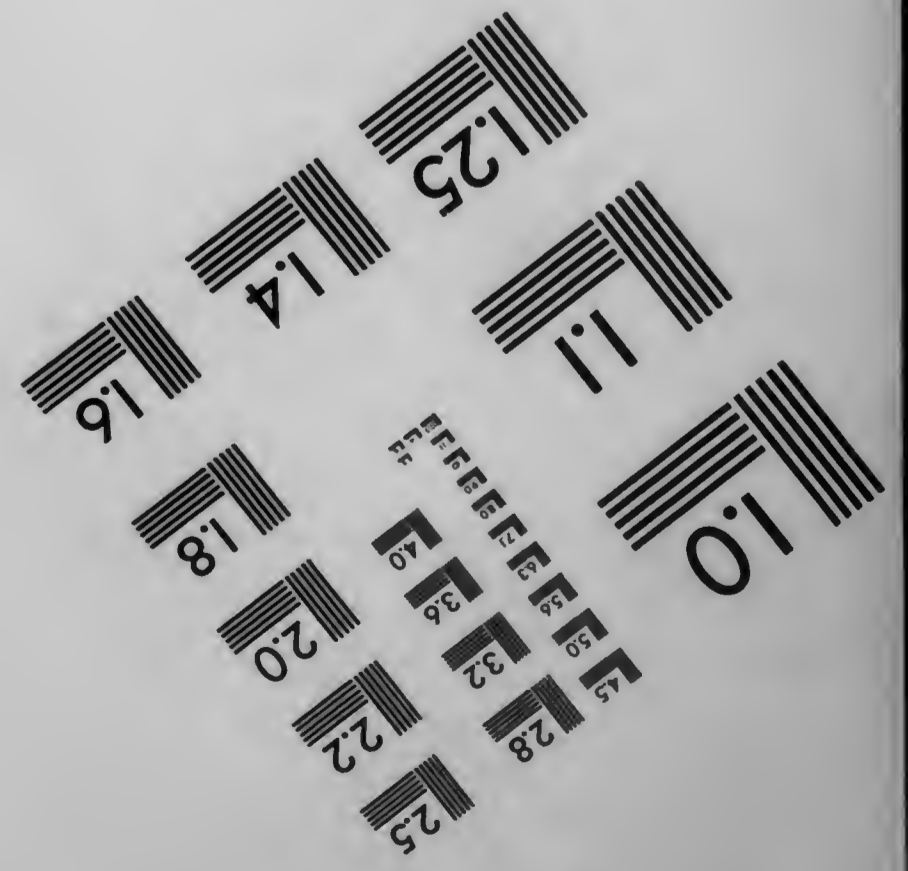
Centimeter

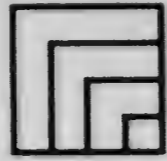


Inches



MANUFACTURED TO AIM STANDARDS
BY APPLIED IMAGE, INC.

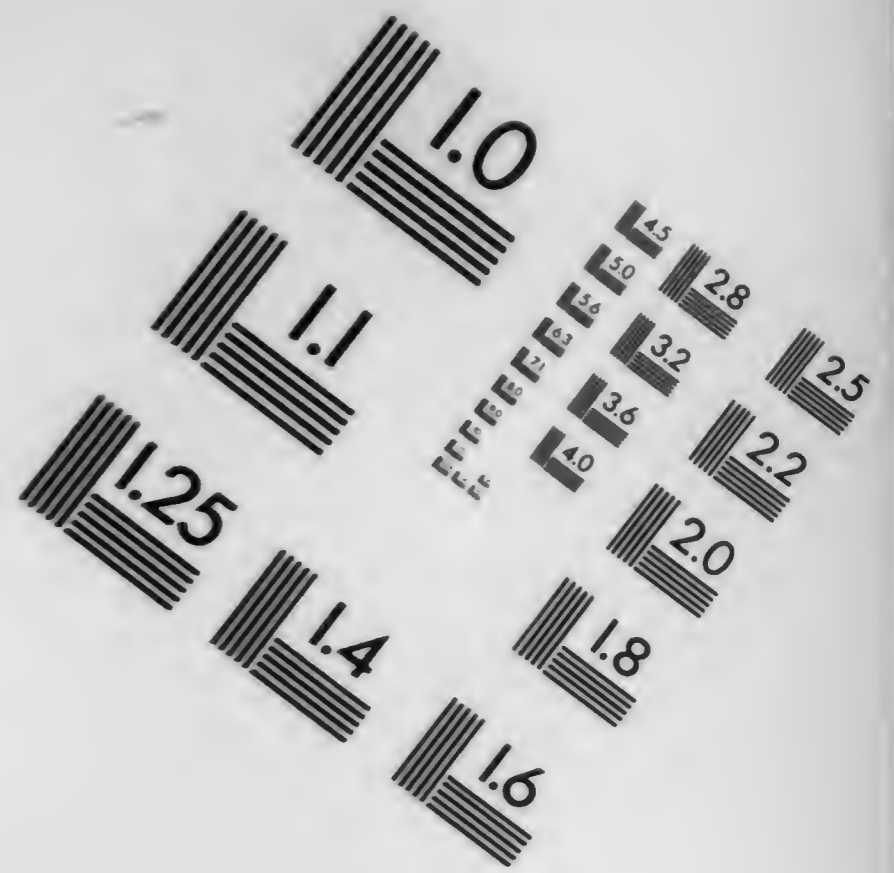
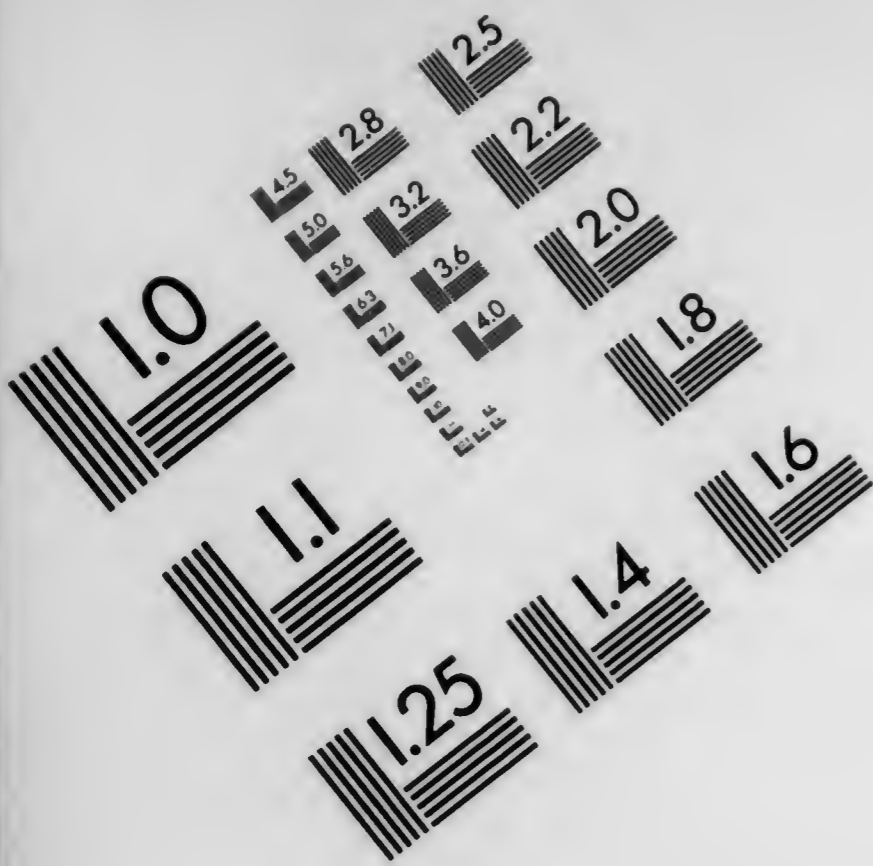




AIM

Association for Information and Image Management

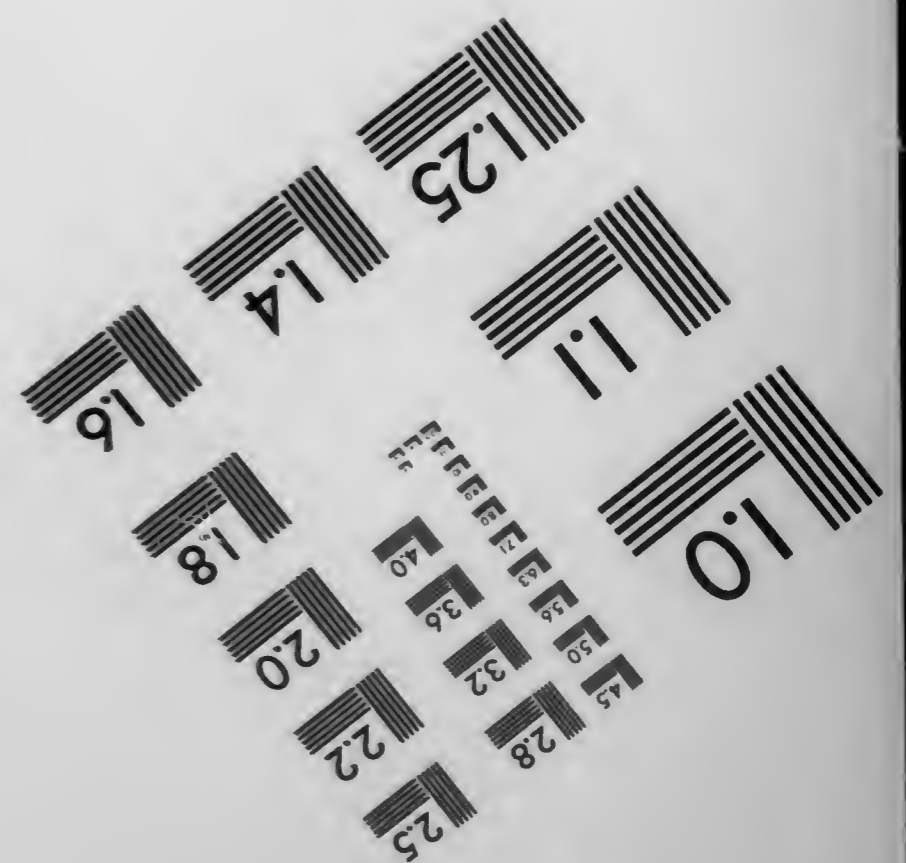
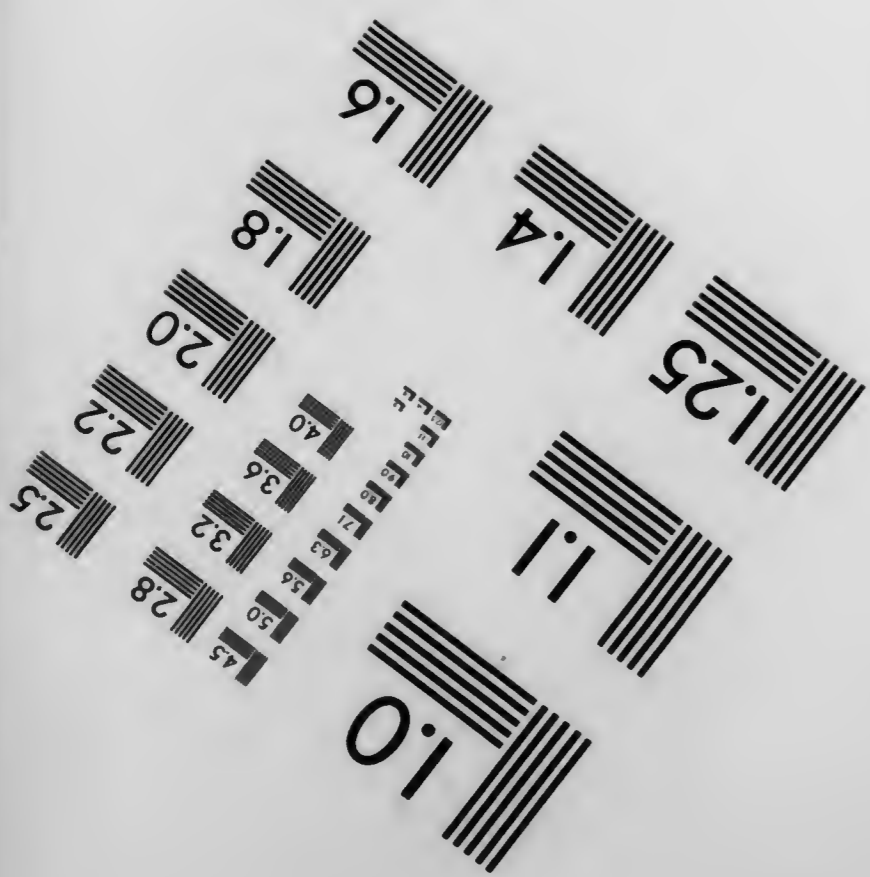
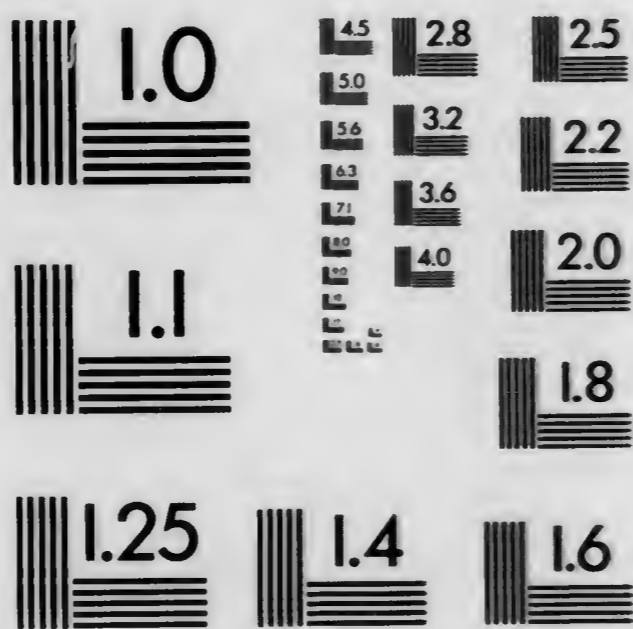
1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1100
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
301/587-8202



Centimeter



Inches



MANUFACTURED TO AIM STANDARDS
BY APPLIED IMAGE, INC.

Bill, Louis

1914-1917

N Alaska Grand

83/124
✓

Ans'd Mar. 14, 1914

Roosevelt-Blaska

Jan 15/1914

Dr. Har. Merriam

Hear Sir I Received
your check U.K. My
thanks But - No better
would you care for
some Black Bear
Skulls there is 14 of
them if so let me
go

Yours truly
Yours

Lawrence Bell

Recd. May 5, 1914

Seward, Alaska

April 12 - / 1914

C. H. Merriam Washington D.C.

Hear Sir I have your ad in
out have Life wanting Grizzly
Skulls I have one you can get
it is a large one 10-17 inch
he was a old fellow his Teeth
is bad other wise in good
Condition We also have the
Big Brown Bear here he is
Larger than the Grizzly quite
a Scrapper if you want any in
that live let me know how you
want this head I shipped

Res Louis. Bell

Licensed Guide
on on Kenai Penn
Louis Bell

Ans. Aug. 27, 1914.

Seward Alaska

June 29/1914

Mr. Merriam Dear Sir -
Received yours of 5 of May will
say I have been told by
Parties that I would have to
get a Permit from Governor of
Alaska before I could ship
heads as I am 50 Miles back
from Seward don't go in
every afternoon if may be some
time before I can find out as
to whether that is write or not - if
so I wouldn't care to bother a
gentleman do you care for other heads
Black Bear or walrusen So Res Louis Bell

Roosevelt - Alaska

Sep 17/1914

Mr Hart - C. Munnion

Dear Sir I have just returned from a 20 days trip in the Game Country with a couple of men from your City Washington D.C. they belong to the Forest Department

Mr Ringland & Mr Binnett we seen some fine Moose Heads & and several Brown Bears as they were on other business we never fired a shot. I am letter of the 30th Sep just received am well pleased with prices. On this trip I located 5 more Brown Bear Heads am trying to get them some are a hundred miles away if I can get them ill ship in Oct - Probly Hatter Part I am sure of 2 of them one a fine Head to give Skelton & a few Black ones

Yours truly
Louis Bell

Roosevelt Alaska

Nov 15/1914

Mr. C. Hart. Museum

Dear Sir

The Bear Skulles that
I spoke of in my last
letter I failed to get
them as I haven't my
very good ones ill Mat-
shipping this fall I
hope some day to see
the Smithsonian Collection
It would be of great
interest to me

Yours truly

Louis Bell

Recd. Dec. 3, 1914

Rosevelt Alaska Oct 15 = 1914

Dear Mr Merriam
I am on my way to Seward the
Part which i will Express to you
3 Bear in Sted of one these heads
have Laid out in the weather and
There Teeth are in Bad Shape But
I hope they will answer your
Purpase you will do me a
favor by letting me if they are
not same as Bear as the States
Grizzly only differ in colour
or size ill number these skulls No 1
was Grizzly Gray Very Large Maile
No 2 more of Redish Brown Maile
No 3 was a Horse Gray also i Put in
Block- Comb Skull it is so small it
is a fake I had just Killed a beare
he had one of finest Set of Teeth
i have seen i had Brought it to Camp
laid it down till morning and did
one of my Malumutes Dogs Carried it
off and hid it I never found it Res Lewis Bell

Ans'd. Feb. 4, '15

Seward Alaska

Dec 29 / 1914

C. Merriam

Dear Sir

Received your letter
to Hay. I have 2 more
Brown Bear skulls
- some Lynx also &
valuable. That I can
send you after a while
Probably first trip to
Seward is there any thing
in Moose or Mountain
Sheep Heads or Hald Carcass
or Brown Bear Carcass
if there is any thing in
that line you want I
think I can fix you up

yours truly

Licensed Guide

Lawrence Bill

Recd. April 29, 1915

Seward Alaska

April 4 1915

Dr G Hart Morrison

Dear Sir

I am on my way to
Seward have a few
Heads for you that
i will Express as soon
as i Reach Port.

3 Brown one a Cub

3 Black

1 Wolverine

6 Lynx

I also Captured 3 Lynx

This winter do you know

of any place where i

could Dispose of some

if so i would appreciate

Some Bear will be out

soon as i am going out to

have a hunt. Prably i'll have

some more heads for you as ever

Louis Bell

Answered, Aug. 18, 1915

Seward Alaska

July 20/15-

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Doctor

Two & Brown Bear Skulls
were killed on Mike, Cross
Kenai, Peni. & Pablik ^{side} house
& Batches for you. This
year I will Express one
of them the first time
~~in~~ ^{- 90th} Seward all in good
shape except one Brown Bear
The under jaws have been
chewed on by the Porkeys must
be kind if you want

use it - why that is
all write if i dont
here from you before
i Express this Batch
ill bind it a long
Please bind a few
tags as they are verry
handy if there is any ^{thing} X
Else you wont from
this Part - id be glad
to get it for you.

Yours truly

Lewis Bell

Seward, Alaska

Aug 1915

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir

As I am going to
Seward Ill Express
you a Batch of Skulls
3 Browns 3 Blacks & have
5 more down below
here as they havent
come up yet ill Express
them later; there ^{is} a
Fennell's skull in this
Batch that is one of the
Best Head I ever seen

P.S. These
was kept
ill near ship.
These are
Linnell's & Leon
from they are
worth

T-
Teeth are Perfect & Long
She had 3 Cubs which
killed. The other a male
is a Good Head on a cut
side But the fellow
that I leaved it Punched
the Braines out Disfigured
it some if a fellow is
not there to do the work
or look after it they will
do a Botch Job. The other
Brown head is one I picked
up on Savane Lake it
is damaged some as
you will see yours truly
Louis Bell

Seward Aug 14/1865-

Mrs. C. Hart, Merriam
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir
Since I wrote to you
I have bought one of
the finest Old Brown
Bear Heads that I have
ever seen in this Part
it is a Reckard head of
this Part in fine shape
I did think id hold
him a while see if I
couldnt get a good
Price for him as I am in
Seward Ill ship him &
3 Black Bear all in
fine shape, I think you
will be proud of this
Head Please let me know
what your Record Head
measures over

Don What is worlds
Richard. I have a few
heads art yet which I
will ship later I may
grant with a Sport on
a bear hunt this fall
he is from New York
last year i had one
my Sullivan from
Philadelphia on this trip I
may get some more
kulls ill ship this Batch
Tomorrow

Yours truly

Lucas Bell

P.S. This is the 2 Shipmints
Close to Gather

Unsd. Aug 22, 1916

Roosevelt Alaska

July 31 1916

Dr. Hart C. Merriam

Dear Dr
after quite a bit of Rustling
a Round and some Expire
I have Rounded up quite a
Bunch of Skulls which will
Ship a bout 10 of Aug I
have one of the Biggest
Brown Bear Skulls that
I have Shipped yet he is
an old timer some ^{of} others
Females are good ones two
Kerry Nick 2 year olds

as ever your Truly

Louis Bell

Ansrd. Sept. 3, 1916

Roosevelt Alaska

Aug 7/1914

Dr. C. Hart - Inman Dear Sir
I shipped skulls to-day a good
Bunch of Brown Bear Skulls I
paid as high as \$10.00 Dollars for some
of them and quite a Bunch of Black
also 4 Lynx that I had - have time
to tag as the train was to Ready to
leave when I got here they were all
caught on Hike Creek the winter
of 1914 I had had to Pack Skulls
in I am afraid of it But Hoping
they will reach you O.K I Remain

Yours truly

Louis Bell

P.S. Look in Paper for a fine
Specimen of Gald Baring Rock in
Box

Bell

Ans'd. June 5, 1917

Roosevelt Alaska

May 19/17

Dr. C. Murrain

Dear Sir

I have a few Bear Skulls

Black some Brown if you
want them ill send them
in

Louis Bell

Ans'd Aug 20, 1917

Roosevelt Alaska

July 8/1917

Mr Merriam Dear Sir I just
Received your I will Ship them as
Soon as possible as I am working
~~for the~~ at present for the Forest
Service my partner will ship you
The skulls 4 Browns 4 Blowers
His name is Charley Lean.
I hope that will be all right
with you yours truly

Louis Bell

P.S. I'll see that they are tagged
O.K.

Ans'd Aug 20, 1917

Roosevelt July 14/1917

Dear Mr. Museum
Charlie Leane
is sending you some
Bear skulls by Express
as before we had 8 of
them. I could not get 3 that
wasnt very good these
we find an all in
good shape as I am
working for Forest Service
Please make check out
to Charlie Leane as he
owns them yours truly
Louis Bell
[over]

Recd. Aug. 7, 1917: 2 Black ^{♂s} + 3 Brown
1 old ♂ Brown; 1 ad ♀; 1 im ♂

Bell, Mabel Gardiner Hubbard

1898-1899

Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell

ing, she
thano

and Bell

M. G. B.

My dear W. Merriam

It occurred to my
mother that some of my
father's friends might like to
see once more in his own home
some of his engravings which
illustrate the life of Christ.
She has had them arranged,
and if you and W.
Merriam would come in
any time during Saturday

afternoon or evening, she
will be very glad to have
you see them

Sincerely Yours

Matel Gardner Hubbard Bell

April 8th -

We went
Apr. 9/98.

g
A
m
fa
se
sa
it
a
M
a

in
Newark
could
write
simply
not-
if an
is you
has come
another
I should
make
ing Mr.
by
Bell

Am. May 9, 1899
John

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE.

Dear Dr. Merriam
At Mr. Salisbury's
request I write you in
reference to Mr. George
Mac Cudy for whom
she desired a position on
the Hawaiian expedition.
I do not know Mr Mac-
Cudy personally - but
Mr. Salisbury has known
him several years - &
thinks everything of him
Mr Salisbury is for and

Professor of Sanskrit in
Yale College - Reuther
Mr. Bell in I would
care to have you write
Mr. MacCandy simply
as a favor to a W-
Salisbury - but if on
further consideration you
found that there was some
in the expedition for another
author's list - I should
be glad if you could make
inquiries concerning Mr.
MacCandy -

Yours sincerely
Walter G. Bell
May 3^d -

Amad. May 9, 1899

Recd

reg

re

of

is

the

Ja

Am

of

his

the

of

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE.

My dear Mr Merriam

Thank you very much
for your kind note just
received. I appreciate
to the full the delicacy of
your position - and am
only sorry that I helped
in any way to make it more
trying. I hoped that
you would understand that
I would not want you to
take Mr. MacCandy as a
favor but - that would
be putting a responsibility
on me that I would not take,

all I wanted was that if
there was a suitable position
open you would make en-
quiries concerning the gentle-
man whose name I gave you -
and decide yourself on his
fitness - I am more
than satisfied since you
have borne his name in
remembrance - and thank
you - I hope that you will have
a most delightful trip and
that Mr. Hariman will be
thoroughly satisfied with his
company - for then I know
you please will be complete
yet I cannot see how he can
be other than contented in
the society of such men as
Mr. Merriam tells me are going

Yours sincerely
Frank Gardner Pele

Bell, Robert, 1841-1917

1884-1896

83/124
0

5 PARK AVENUE,
OTTAWA.

Canada

19th Nov. 1884.

Prof. C. Hart Merriam M.D.
Locust Grove N.Y.

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure
of acknowledging receipt of your
kind letter of 17th inst. and beg
to return you my sincere thanks
for the valuable information you
have given me as to the
scales I wrote about. I am
also very much obliged by your
kindness in offering to determine
the species if I send you the skulls.
I have one or two which I will
send for this purpose as soon as
I can get my hands on them,
but they are packed away among
so many other things I cannot get
at them at present.

I shall take the liberty to address
Prof. Allen of Cambridge as to the
Atlantic cables.

Again thanking you for your
kindness believe me

Very sincerely yours

Robert Bell

Quebec, March 27, 1887.

Geological Survey
Ottawa

19th - March 1887.

Prof. Merriam & Co.
Forest Grove N.Y.

Dear Sir,

We are making an effort to have a better showing of papers on zoological subjects at the next meeting of the Royal Society of Canada to be held in this city on 28th of next May. At present we have been weak in this line, as you would notice by the "Transactions".

It would encourage matters very much if you would give us a paper for Section IV (geology & biology). Could you not do so? Even a short one from your pen would be very welcome. There are so many appropriate subjects on which you could write (without much labor to yourself I imagine) that I suppose you can find the time to do so. We are pretty ignorant of many things familiar to you and can be easily taught a good deal. Suppose you take "The Birds of North America" or "Notes on some Canadian Rodents" or some such subject and give us a few pages, we should feel much obliged. Of our Secy. Mr. J. G. Bourinot put the title by 1st May & an abstract if possible, it could be announced in the programme for the meeting. With kind regards I remain Very truly yours
100 copies of your paper (being printed) would be sent you free.
P. S. Over

Robert Bell, M.D.

If you would point out to Students of Natural History
in Canada what is being done in the way of
enquiry or research in your own favorite
departments it might be the means of setting some
to work who would do good service - I think, but
knowing what is wanted they might not be induced to
do anything.

As Vice-President of Sect. 14 this year I am cooperating
with the President in the duty & pleasure of trying to
provide an attractive programme & a good meeting.
This is why I take the liberty of asking you to do
something to assist us. P.S.

Ans'd. April 10, 1887.

ROBERT BELL, M.D., LL.D.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA.

OTTAWA.

4th April 1887.

Dear Prof. Merriam

I was very
glad to get your letter of 27th ult.
The day after I received it there was
a meeting of the Council of the
Royal Society, at which I mentioned
your suggestion. It was very
warmly approved of and the
Hon. Secy, Mr. Bowring, who
requested to write the Hon. Secy.
Columan asking him if he
could kindly send you as a
delegate to the R.S.'s next
meeting on May 25th. He will
probably send the letter in a
day or two & we trust it will
have the effect of bringing you
here where you will be made very welcome.

Robert Bell

Your two papers on the interrelation
of birds & agriculture will be highly
acceptable to the Society and
will no doubt be the means of
doing much good. After you
make the proposed explanations as
to your work in the Dept. of Economic
Ornithology & mammalogy we
must try to arrange some
form of co-operation with you
by the ornithologists and the Dominion
Canada is continuous in the U.S. &
the two countries are really one as
to birds &c. There are no doubt
many of any potential boundary.

A good deal more interest is
being taken in mammals in this
country within the last few years than
at any previous time and your
explanations as to what is most
required will no doubt prove
a great stimulus to future
investigations.

He will of course try to take care of you after you
get here. Mr. Bourmont, who has just got into
his new house, wants to have the first chance to
invite you, or Mr. Bell & I should have asked that
pleasure.

Thanking you for the promise of such interesting
papers & trusting that all will go well so that
we will see you here in May, believe me,
with kind regards Very truly yours

Robert Bell

You had better begin on the introduction
of his & general one will be highly
acceptable & Mr. French and
will no doubt be the means of
sending much work: After you
make the proposed experiments as
to you write in the Dept of Economic
Ornithology & mammalogy we
must by & arrange some
plans of cooperation with you
if the ornithologists and the Dominion
Canadian mammalogy in the U.S. &
the two countries are well near
friends or. We are no doubt
concerning any potential boundary.
A good deal more interest is
being taken in mammals in this
country with the last few years than
at any previous time and you
ought to be as to what is most
required will no doubt prove
a great stimulus to local
investigations.

Ans'd. May 11, 1887.

Royal Society
of
Canada

Geol. Survey

Ottawa

7th May 1887.

Prof. Hart Merriam M.D., Sc.
Washington

Dear Professor,

I was very
glad to learn of your letter,
received some time since,
that everything had been
arranged and that you were
coming to our P.S. meeting,
beginning on the 25th inst.

Since that time, our friend
with whom you are to stay,
has had the honor of receiving
from Queen's University the
degree of Sc.D. Dr. Bourne
is much pleased at the prospect
of having you as a guest.

He is getting the abstracts of
the papers to be read, printed
for distribution in advance of the
meeting - Each abstract does
not exceed one page of writing.
When we have no abstracts we
must be content to print merely
the titles of papers as nearly as
we have got them.

You are on our list for the following:

- (1) "The Interrelation of Birds and
Agriculture."
- (2) "The Food-habits of Birds."
- (3) "On Some Canadian Mammals."

If you have time to drop a line
to Dr. Bourinot or myself, you might
let us know if these titles will do,
or if not what they should be.
Or better if you can send us
a few notes on the proposed
contents of the papers as short
abstracts to be printed with the
rest - but this would require to
be soon.

The prospect is that we are going to have a very
interesting meeting -

With kind regards and expecting to have the pleasure
of seeing you soon believe me

Yours sincerely

Robert Bell

He is getting the abstracts of
the papers to be read, printed
for distribution in advance of the
meeting - Each abstract has
not exceed one page of writing.
There are however no abstracts in
amount be content to print among
the titles of papers so nearly as
we have got them.

You are on the list for the following:

(1) "The status relation of Birds and
Aquiculturists."

(2) "The Food - habits of Birds."

(3) "On Some Canadian Mammals."

If you have time to drop a line
to Dr. Bennett or myself, you will
let us know if these titles will do,
and if not what they should be.
By writing you can send in
abstracts of the papers so short
abstracts are printed with the
rest - but this would require to
be soon.

Recd. July 7/87. - Cassin

Genl. Survey
Alaska
1st July 1887

Dear Dr. Merriam,

Would you kindly give
me the name of the enclosed mouse &
return the specimen, & greatly oblige

Yours very truly

Robert Bell

D. C. Hart Museum &c.

Washington D. C.

Specimen is
Zapus hudsonius.

Ans'd. July 23/87.

1.

Address

Geological Survey
Ottawa.

18th July 1887.

Dear Doctor Merriam,

Many thanks for examining
and returning the jumping mouse - It came
safely to hand. I supposed it was Zapus
hudsonius, but thought it better to be sure of it.

We got our grant of \$5,000 from
the Government for printing the "Transactions"
of the Royal Society - and will begin to put
the papers (which have passed the Committee
on publication) into the hands of the printers
on 1st August. I don't know whether you left
any of your MSS in the hands of Dr.
Bourneot, the General Secy. or not. He
was not at home when the Committee
of Sect. IV on publication met & we could
not tell what had become of them. We have,
as you know, plenty of matter to print - in fact we
cannot publish many of the papers at all ^{a number of} and ^{others} only
in abstract. The Fellows of the Society have the
preference in getting their papers into the books.

If you have your papers with you in Washington and would like to have any of them appear in the "Transactions", please send the MSS to J. H. Williams Esq. Geol. Surv. Ottawa, who is Secy. of Sect. 11. Your paper on the "Intercourse of Birds & Agriculture" & on the English Sparrow question are both so important, I would like to see them published at length in the "Transactions". If you have not yet them written out in full, try to send Mr. Williams an abstract of each; i.e. supposing you did not leave the MSS with Dr. Bourneot. If you cannot manage this before the August, let it be as soon after as possible.

A note on the migration of bats would also be very interesting.

My permanent address is Geol. Surv. Ottawa, although I am writing this from the Upper Ottawa country where I am working & am sending it to the office to be forwarded.

I shall run down for a day or two next month.

With kind regards I remain

Very truly yours

Robert Bell.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam &c.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington D.C.



Ottawa, 11-March 1896

Dear Dr. Merriam,

In reply to you of 4th (last) (I send): I saw paper on the Labrador Peninsula "published" in the Scientific Geographical Magazine for July last (95) p. 358, I referred to the existence of the Grizzly bear in N. E. Labrador - You can see this Magazine at the Wellington Street Smith's rooms. Prof. Baird called it the "Barren Ground" bear, but the officers of the H.B. Co. who know the Grizzly well told me it was identical with this bear. Some Indians call it "the blue bear" & say it is a kind of white bear which left off swimming in the sea & took to land on shore - It is a very large animal.

2.

The point which interests me is the possibility that the grizzlies never passed across the great space between our N.W. territories & the N.E. Labrador but that they came to the same from a common source in the far north before the glacial epoch. A high range of mountains with few breaks, extends through the Eastern Labrador & runs north up the W. side of Baffin Bay & the channel, which, under present names, leads toward the north pole.

It is possible that the late Bernard Ross or Captain MacKinnon may have sent a skull of the Labrador Grizzly to the Smithsonian Inst. I once saw some correspondence from Prof. Baird about this bear. We have no skull here. When I have a chance to go N. again I will get you one if I can. Very truly yours
 Robert Bell.

Bendine, Charles Emil,

1836-1897

1883 - 1896

83/124

c

STURTEVANT HOUSE,

BROADWAY,

Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Sts.

HORACE S. & LEWIS LELAND, Proprietors.

New York, Oct 16th 1883

Doct. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir,

Which would be the best train for me to take if I pay you a visit. I would want to take one that would arrive at a reasonable hour in the morning without putting you to too much inconvenience and which would give me time enough to see your collection and admit of my return again in the evening. I find so much to interest me here that I shall not get to Washington for some time to come.

Very truly yours

Chas E. Smith

Sturdevant House
New York City Dec 4th 1883

My dear Doctor

I have just this minute
received your kind letter of the 2^d
I can't come at once have engagements
for every evening in the week, to
be honest about it, I know that I
can see your collection at any time
but some of the Operas which are
given here now I must wait, so
I have to be on hand when they are
given. You will doubtless think
that I have Opera on the brain and
perhaps something else with it
I am perhaps you are right I
promise you faithfully however
that I shall pay you a visit to

love I go West. I presume
you will not be down at the next
meeting of the Linnaean Society
if you go to Washington, I shall
make it a point to be present
at said meeting & wish you
could give us another installment
of papers on the Mobs & Squirrels.
If you see Prof. Baird in
Washington to be inquired where
I am you can tell him that I
shall come on as soon as the
Italian Opera Company gets
through here. With kind regards
to Dr Fisher

Yours very truly
Chas Bentro

I have not had time to read your article
yet, but shall do so with a great deal of
pleasure particularly as I had not seen it before
L B

Were I go Great Britain
you will not be long at the next
meeting of the Linnæan Society
if you go to Washington, I shall
make it a point to be present
at said meeting & wish you
could give us another installment
of papers on the North American
It you see Mr. Baird in
Washington & he inquires where
you can tell him that I
shall come on as soon as the
Italian Opera Company gets
through here. With kind regards
to Dr. Smith
Yours very truly
John Smith

New York Dec 21st 83.

My dear Doctr.

Circumstances over
which I have no control compel
me to leave this evening for
Washington & I can't tell
just what may happen when I
get there. I may be on my way
west by the time you get this.
Don't know what for why I am
wanted, but I had no idea of
it two hours ago. I leave by the
first train after getting the letter
at 9 P. M. You will see therefore
that I cannot come up and see

you when I expected to do
to dont please but come for me.
If things turn up satisfactory
I may have the pleasure yet of
paying you a visit, and I
sincerely hope I may be able to
do so. If I should go West
at once and I can at any time
do anything for you do not
hesitate to ask me, nothing will
afford me greater pleasure than
to serve you.

Sincerely your friend
Chas. D. Pennington

Form No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages, beyond the amount of tolls paid thereon, nor in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after sending the message.

This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
		<i>C. Paul</i>	

Received at *1:30 Pm* *Dec 24* *1888.*

Dated *New York*

To *Dr C. Hart Merriam*

Port Sydney
Will start Wednesday Evening
for Port Sydney

Bendire

STURTEVANT HOUSE,

BROADWAY,
Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Sts.

HORACE S. & LEWIS LELAND, Proprietors.

New York, Jan 4th 1884

My dear Doctor.

I was quite pleased to receive your kind note today, and hope that by the time this reaches you, you will have gotten over the flu. I am not at all surprised that you should miss your sister very much, she is one in a thousand. I have just sent her the humming bird nest or rather the drawing of it, and sincerely hope that I shall be able to get her a good series of the fossil plant duplicates which I collected in Oregon. He met Bennett at Utica and travelled as far as Albany together. Miss Florence met a lady friend of hers while we had to wait at Utica for the

Syracuse train which was nearly an hour late, who was going to Springfield also, so she had company, otherwise I should have gone on with her this far anyhow, if not to Northampton.

I am sorry that I cannot remember anything definite about that specimen of *Stalapha Cinerus* mentioned by Coles. I have not seen the report in question. It is more than probable that this bat was taken in the vicinity of Tucson at my camp on the Pillito Creek, on the present site of Camp Lowell. This is in the southern portion of the territory, but the country about cannot be called a desert region strictly speaking. I am sorry I can't give you the latitude but if you can get at any rate giving that of Tucson, which is the principal town in the territory, you will come

STURTEVANT HOUSE,

BROADWAY,
Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Sts.

HORACE S. & LEWIS LELAND, Proprietors.

New York,

188

pretty near it. I have not the slightest
idea of the time of the year the specimen
was taken, will look through my notebooks
but doubt if I recorded anything in the
shape of *Alcoholic Specimens*. I was thinking
of nothing but eggs in those days. There
are good sized mountain ranges not more
than twenty miles from Tucson both to the
south & east, where the climate is not nearly
so warm as in the valley & the fat in question
came in all probability from there. Mr.
Cannett & myself shall remain here till
about the 8th of the month & perhaps
go on to Washington first from here.
If I do not stop at the latter place
you may rest assured that I shall
hereafter take more interest in fats

and I shall try hard to send you a good
series from Oregon. Please remember
me kindly to Mr & Mrs Merriam
and believe me that it was not idle
talk when I stated that I had never
enjoyed a visit so much, as I did this
one to your home. I shall always re-
member it with pleasure and I hope
that some day, not far distant I may
be able to return the compliment, in a
measure. I will write to you about
my future movements from Washington.
My friend joins me in sending his
kindest regards to Mr & Mrs Merriam
as well as to yourself.

Sincerely your friend,
Chas E Dumbro

The
Ebbitt:

C. C. WILLARD, PROF.

Washington, D. C., Jan 15th 1884

My dear Doctor.

I have just unpacked my boxes which I sent east just before starting myself, and before passing them over to the Smithsonian I selected a few skins for you in the presence of Mr. Ridgway. I also sent you very many mammal skins & all the skulls I have. I presume Baird would not like it but I don't care. All the hare skins are there & it may be Baird instead of Washington & there may be a new one I hope that this will be the case and in such an event please describe it and let me name it after yourself. There is also a jar containing all the moles rats etc that I found

in the Alcohol bank and I hope you
may find something interesting
in it. The box which is quite a good
sized one I ordered sent by express
charges prepaid & I suppose it will
start for Locust Grove to morrow
and I hope that it may arrive in
good order. You can after selecting
what you want out of the mammal
skins, give a few to the National
Museum or keep them all for yourself
just as you please. To morrow
I presume I shall know if I remain
here any length of time or not
& will let you know. I have not
been able to see Mr. Ford who
has charge of my fossil plants
as yet, but as soon as I can I
shall try to get a series for Miss
Reynolds & if they don't give them
to me they shall not get anything
else from me. I was afraid that
Prof. Baird might come in while
I was packing the things for you

The
Hibitt:

C. C. WILLARD, PRINTER.

Washington, D. C.,

but the result would have been
all the same. I did not lose any
time about getting the box packed
and it is just as well that he did
not come in while I was at it.
I shall be here for several days
yet even if I go West at once.
I please remember me kindly to
Mr & Mrs Merriam & also
to Miss Greene when you write
to her. I suppose you are plenty
of snow now and are hard at work.
I was sorry not to be able to send
you a good skin of Swainson's
Hawk, but I found only one other
in the lot & that was no better
than the one sent.

Yours very truly
Chas. Bendire

The
Blitt:

C. C. WILLARD, PROP.

Washington, D. C., Jan 18th 1884

My dear Doctor.

I find that the box was shipped promptly on the same day I packed it and I hope that it has reached you by the time you get this. I was in a hurry when I wrote you about it, and forgot to tell you that I can give you dates to locality of any of the Alcoholic specimens if you give me the numbers to localities nearly the date of all those that have no tags on them. The latter all come from Fort Klamath. I think the skins & skulls are all marked & I know that the birds are. Some of the latter will be new to you I know. I was mighty glad I got all the mammal skins away without their knowing any thing about it, they will do more good

in your hands than in theirs. I guess it
will be a good idea for you to send some
of the rabbit skins to Allen for examination
I guess he is about as well posted on them
as anyone. I have tried for the past two
days to get a series of the fossil plants
for to send to Miss Florence, but have not
got them yet, but I will get them or else
there will be a row. I had a time to
find out where they were kept, but I finally
did find them, the balance of the collection
sent on at the same time however in 81, is
still unpacked & I have not been able
to find the boxes even. Perhaps it is as well.
I mean to hunt them up, as soon as I
return here & she will get a better series
of specimens if I have the unpacking &
selecting to do, than if someone else did
it. I presume I shall go to work
here, after I return. At any rate
I have everything arranged in a satis-
factory way & am to have all the
help I want & my own way entirely.

11

The
Hibitt:

C. C. WILLARD, PROP.

Washington, D. C.,

I leave on the night of the 20th for
Madville stay perhaps a week there
with Bennett and then go to Decatur
Illinois where I shall be about two weeks
with a Mr. George R. Bacon a former
officer in my company who resigned
it is now in business there. From there
I go to St Louis to repair my
boas there & then return here. So
if you want to know anything about any
of the specimens sent you, you know
where a letter will find me. In St Louis
my address will be "Haystack house".

Please remember me kindly to Mr
& Mrs. Merriam & believe me

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Willard

GEO. R. BACON.

OFFICE OF

J. E. SAXTON.

Manila,
Express,
Bakers'
Straw
and
Rag
Papers.

BACON & SAXTON,
PAPER DEALERS AND FINE JOB PRINTERS,
No. 503 North Main Street.

Cards,
Envelopes,
Circulars,
Statements,
Packet
and
Note Heads.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 29th 1884.

My dear Doctor.

Your letter of the 19th written on receipt of the box of specimens reached me last night on my arrival here. I am right glad to hear that you found something interesting in the box in question, and I am satisfied that the material is in much better hands than it would have fallen into had it remained at the Museum. This applies particularly to the mammals, as there is no one there at present who takes any particular interest in them, Mr. True being away. I was satisfied that the mammals would interest you so I concluded to send the entire lot to you and I am glad I did, and you need not at all mind about sending any series to the National Museum. The moles came from Stella Waller, the shrews from Sprague River, Klamath Co Oregon, I got this while constructing a telegraph line between Ft. Klamath Cr. to Fort Bidwell

Cal. The bats all come from the vicinity of
Fort Klamath. I left my note books at Washing-
ton & when I return there which will be
about the 12th proximo I will give you the
balance of the information. I may be entirely
at sea about the names but I hope not
& I really should if there is any thing new
there like to have it named after you,
and should that fail & the shrew prove to
be new, were then let that be named after
you. I am satisfied that no one does
such a thing better than you do.

I shall remain in Washington for
a couple of months anyhow & letters directed
to the National Museum there will reach
me for the present. From here I go to St.
Louis & bring my collection east from
there. With kindest regards to Mr & Mrs.
Merriam

Believe me sincerely yours
Chas E Bendire

The
Hbitt:

C. G. WILLARD, PROP.

Washington, D. C. Nov. 11th 1884

My dear Doctor

I have returned to
this place again & I expect now
to remain here for some time.
I got out my notes from Ft. Klamath
today & hunted up the data for No
544, *Calliope Hummingbird*
♂, taken May 18th 83 near Fort
Klamath Oregon. Now you also
want to know what is No 387 the
young of. If it is a bird it is *Cyanocitta*
stelleri but I think it must be
some Acrotic specimen let me know
& I will hunt it up, that is if I can
find it. No 394 Acrotic is I presume
Dipodomys phillipsi ♀ taken June 4th
83 Ft. Klamath Oregon.

Just ask, whatever questions you want
now & I shall try to answer them
as well as I can. By the way.
Mr Julius Sturte, 2346 Buhl
Street St Louis Mo. who has quite
a good local collection of birds,
could easily be made to interest
himself in the collection of small
mammals etc, provided the
alcohol is furnished to him. He
is a poor man but a mighty
good worker & does it for the
love of the thing. He wants to
collect reptiles not for pay simply
to get the material furnished to
preserve them in and a few books
on the subject if they can be had.
He would be a good man for
you to help you in that region.
Otto Hildman knows him well
I saw him also. I go to work
at the Smithsonian tomorrow
Yours sincerely Chas E. Hendon



2/21/84.

Clitt House
Washington D. C.

My dear Miss Herriman,

I have finally obtained a series of the fossil leaves, I promised you, which at Locust Grove. Prof. Ward who has had them in charge tried very hard to prevent me getting any, as he wanted to work them up first and determine the species, but as he has already had them for over two years without doing anything, I thought that life was too short to wait any longer and I obtained an order in writing from Prof. Baird to let me have anything in that line

which I might select out of my own collection. You may rest assured I took what I wanted, & had to listen to some late growling however.

I only await now your instructions where I shall send the specimens. That I forward them to Smith College or Locust Grove. I have some for 8 more boxes of fossils, amongst them some fine fish impressions, laying around loose somewhere, which I hope to get ^{at} and unpack within a day or two, and if you wish any of these, I will send them at the same time. All you write have to do, is to say so and you shall have them. Since my return here from the West I have been very busy overhauling the entire egg collection

My dear Anna
P. S. 1849

and have a
a heap as you all

at the Museum as well as my own. It will take some
time to put everything in order, as there are something
like 15,000 eggs to be handled and arranged. I should
you like to see how pretty eggs can be made to look, I
will send you a box of 3 small ones, showing how mine
are put up. This morning's mail brought me your in-
vitation to your reception this evening. I am sure you
will have a nice time and I am sorry I can't take
a peep at you all.

Very truly yours
Chs. D. Dorr

which I might steal out of my own
collection. You may not get tired of
that what I wanted, I had to listen
to some late grunting however.

I only await now your instructions
where I shall send the specimens. Shall
I forward them to Smith College or
would you have some for &
more boxes of birds, amongst them
some fine fish impressions, saying
a word about some others, which I
hope to get ^{out} and unpack within a
day or two, and if you wish any
of these, I will send them at the
same time. All you write has to
do, is to say to and how shall have
them. I give my return here from
the post I have been very lucky
overhauling the entire egg collection

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

March 22^d 1884

My dear Doctor.

Your letter of the 19th has just been received and I went at once to the young man in charge of the Mammals & had him pick me out such skins as he could find of *Lepus Washingtoni*. Mr True the Curator is not here at present. The skins shown to me were in the normal summer pelage, and very poor ones at that. In comparing the labels you will find a grey water

if I met
over there
with I should
keep in the
in in Alaska
as kindly
give me

Send to

a white one shot on the same day In
and in the same place. In fact they the
were both shot within 10 minutes of seem
each other as well as I can remember. that
The skins I sent you came all from but the
the immediate vicinity of Fort Klamath The
were all obtained in thickets in the order
valley & the ground was at all times about
covered with snow. The snow fall in I was
Klamath basin is usually from 3. just
to 4 feet deep. In the winter in sister
question it was somewhat less say learn
1 1/2 to 2 feet and lasted till about I will
March 10th there was continuous to the
snow on the ground from about reg
Dec 1st when

the same day In regard to *Arctomys flaviventris*
In fact they the few skins that I have seen here
10 minutes of seem to have rounded tails, those
I remember. that are mounted certainly have
came all from but this does not prove any thing.
of Fort Klamath The skins are all in such miserable
thickness in the order that you can feel little or nothing
over at all times about them, still those I saw here
the snow fall in I would say had flat tails. I have
usually from 3. just received a letter from your
the winter in sister about the fossils. As soon as I
what has say learn that she goes to Locust Grove
I will send them on. I see a Mr
was continuous to Mrs De Camp's family
from about required at the Elliott House
where I am stopping, from you

falls. I am not sure if I met
Mrs De Camp White over there
with your father otherwise I should
call on them. I am deep in the
eggs & am getting them in tolerable
order. Please remember me kindly
to your parents & believe me
Sincerely yours

Chas. E. Purdie

UNI

My dear
has just had
at once to
of the Ma
me out of
of Lepus
the Curator
The skins
Normal
from one a
labels for

The
Hbitt:

G. C. WILLARD, PROP.

Washington, D. C., April 8th 1884

My dear Doctor.

Your letter has
been on hand for several days and
I presume that your & Mr. Allen's
conclusions about the change of color
in *Lepus Washingtoni* is the correct
one and I have nothing further to
say on the subject. As I told you
that *L. campestris* changed to pure
white in the Blue mountains, had
a mixed pelage along the foothills
and retained its normal color on
the Sage plains some few miles away
from the mountains, where there is little
snow during the winter.

I am sorry that I can tell you
nothing very definite about H. G.
Graham, Fort Cummings, New Mexico.
He has also written to me, wanting
to exchange to get addresses of Western
Collectors. As soon as you let me know
that your list has returned I
will pack to ship the specimens.
Dr. Merritt will be here in a couple
of days with his Texas collection.
I have just finished with the arts.
which takes me considerably more
than half way through the catalogue.
With kind regards to your parents
Yours sincerely
Chas. B. Andrews

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

May 21st 84

My dear Doctor.

I have just received your letter of the 18th in which you write me that you received one specimen each of *N. navigator* & *N. palustris* from Dr. Coues. The former is the type specimen & only one here & we have hunted for it for several days not knowing that Coues had it. You have now all the specimens of *Neosorex* we could find excepting three of *N. palustris* from the ten

England States. I have just set the
young man in charge of that De-
partment to work hunting for shells
of Neosorex, but he thinks that there
are none, unless Coues has them
or he is gone. I believe, I know he
sails on Saturday for Europe.
If he finds any I will send
them right away.

Yours sincerely
Chas C. Andrews

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

Nov 29th 1884

My dear Doct^r.

I have just received your letter of the 25th and am glad to hear that the box of shrews turned up all right. There is nothing new here, I expect to get through with the arrangement of our North American eggs in an other week and propose then to pay you a visit for a few days. The board on which I am on military duty

Write me on the 16th of June at
the Watervliet Arsenal near Troy
N. York & go from there to the
Springfield Arsenal at Spring-
field Mass. I shall pay you that
visit first & make sure of it
by going before our board meets
& will let you know in time when
I start. I think I shall go direct
from here, if I go via New York
I might have to stay there for
several days. I have just re-
packed that box of fossils & it
is ready now for shipment
& will go some time today.
Please tell your sister that

any
firm
mat
Com
etc
orig
to
dit
Mrs
I
now

anything not labeled, I will
furnish her the necessary infor-
mation as far as locality is
concerned. I put in parts of Crania
etc to show how they are found
originally. The lot is directed
to you & goes by express.

With kind regards to Mr &
Mrs Merriam & Miss Florence,
I remain

Sincerely yours,
C. E. Bendire

It is everything else but not here
now, an overcoat is quite acceptable

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

July 19th 84 -

My dear Doctor.

Have just received

your letter respecting the eggs.

Amongst those mentioned aside from
Geothlypis Philadelphica good sets of the
following will not come amiss, or even
single eggs.

Carpodacus purpureus

Picus pubescens

Icterus galbula

Dendroica pennsylvanica

Vireosylva olivacea

me with
to go for
I think
as time
I would
knowledge
at.
to the
believe
Pender

Scitophaga rudicilla

Chaetura pelagica

Passerina cyanea

Ampelis cedrorum

Empidonax minimus

Helminthophila ruficapilla

& *Litta carolinensis*.

I shall be here yet for two
or three weeks I think

Weather up to today has been
cool & pleasant, but today

it is getting hot. I shall leave

for Fort Monroe, Old Point at Little

Comfort Va in an hour

to stay there two or three

days.

much

have

is the

I know

will

last long

Some

for the

party

out of

when it

saying

has

Had a

How

Much to my surprise, as you will
have seen by this time Lt Greely
is the only one of the 4 Officers left
I know Lockwood & Kiblingbury
were & thought they would both
last longer than Greely.

Phillips

for two

months

has been

today

shall have

Old Point

in hours

three

Some one here is much to blame
for the loss of three fourths of that
party & I hope it will be brought
out yet to the responsibility fixed
where it belongs. The idea of Hayes
saying that if the stores had been left
at Littleton Island the result would
have been just the same is absurd
Had a party been left there with
stores means could have been found

to cross that narrow channel with
a boat. I hope some one will go for
Hagen to show that up to I think
if will all come out in good time
If I was not in the Army I would
do it myself although my knowledge
of Arctic matters is but slight.

Please remember me kindly to the
members of your family & believe
me

Sincerely yours

Chas E. Peck

My a

four to

Amongst

Geothlypis

following

single egg

Carphoc

Picus

Teterus

Dendro

Vireosyl

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

July 24th 1884.

My dear Doctor,

Your letter to the package containing eggs & the specimens of *Scorpa* have been received & I thought it well in the absence of Prof Baird, Dr Coues & Mr True to take a receipt for all & return it to you. I gave a receipt for those turned over to me which I sent you & had yours fr Dr. Coues receipted for on same memorandum.

Which I enclose herewith. I
think our board will get through
by the end of the month and I shall
leave shortly after that for my
post at Fort Custer. The eggs
came in good order & I received
a lot from Doctor Merritt at
the same time, those which he
collected in Montana. This is
the hottest day we have had yet
but up to this it has been pleasant.

Yours very truly
Chas. Bendire

United States National Museum.

MEMORANDUM

Sent to Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Nos 5051. *Boreas concolor*. C. B. Kenneney
One not numbered Middlefork Colorado Hayden
No 11319 *Neosorex* Arctic America
No 6276 do Ft. Bay Fort Howard Lake
Turned over to Capt. Gendron

Received the within
and also one package
of two skins and one
skull of *Neosorex*
(including the type of *N.*
micrigator from Dr.
O. Hartt Merriam to
Captain Bendire.

J. W. Bone
per W. G. Stimpson
Assistant in Charge.

July, 23, 1884.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

UNDER DIRECTION OF

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON

August 6th 84

My dear Doctor.

I leave tomorrow for the West, and expect to reach Fort Custer Montana sometime near the end of the month. I shall pay Capt. G. F. Goss at Perreault Wisconsin a visit & stay there about a week and also stop a St. Paul Minnesota for some 10 days. I will try and send you some mammals

from the country about Custer
after I got once settled here.
Please remember me kindly
to Miss Merriam & your parents
As if you are not too busy
please let me hear from you
occasionally.

Sincerely yours
Chas. E. Dendie



WEST HOTEL

JOHN T. WEST, Proprietor

C. W. SHEPHERD,
Manager

ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF.
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 1200 GUESTS.
OPEN JULY 1884.

Minneapolis, Minn.

August 27th 1884

My dear Doctor. I have reached this far on my way west, and leave for Custer this evening. While here, I hunted up Penner and Roberts and also met a Dr. Patton who is interested in Nat. History. My object in writing you now is to inform you that Roberts besides quite a good collection of birds & eggs, has also some small mammal skins, shrews mice etc & a lot of alcoholics. I, as soon as I saw them thought of you & told him how much you were interested in the small mammals & as he does not intend to do anything with them at present I suggested the idea that you were the very man that should have them. He took to it readily and promised me that he would let you have the whole lot. Amongst the shrews

are some very small ones *N. cooperi* perhaps
at any rate I do not remember seeing any-
thing like it in your collection. I had thought
that I would write to you of me & Sam
doing it. He leaves for Philadelphia in about
a week to finish his studies in a Medical
College. He says if possible that he will come
to New York to the meeting of the Ornithological
Union and wants to meet you, because I gave
you such a favorable reputation. I stopped for a
few days with G's in Tenauchen to see some
of Dean, Cole & Markham in Chicago.
Please remember me kindly to your
father & mother and Miss Merriam
& believe me sincerely yours
Chas. C. DeKay

Fort Custer Montana
Sept 5th 84

My dear Doctor,

I have just received your letter of 31st ult. Arrived here on the 29th of last month, & I can't say that I like the look of the place. Since I got here I have been very fussy, in fact I have not fixed my house up at all. The officer in charge of my company it seems took things very easy and let it take care of itself with the natural consequences. I found it was about last in everything and I have never seen there before. I take some pride in my men and they know it. In fact practice they were particularly far behind the balance of the companies serving here but I have already changed that

but I have been out as long as nine
hours a day with them besides attending
to other things. It comes rather a little
hard at first but I will soon be
used to it and by the end of September
I mean to let up. Everything about
my house is unfinished yet, I am scarcely
in it in the day time and when night
comes I feel like going to sleep as I
start in at 5 A.M. every day. I have
no other office with me just now,
the one in charge of my company has
left yesterday but I am glad of it
as he would be but little help to me
anyhow. Now to answering your letter.
I should have liked to meet Mr. Jew-
ell but I suppose I won't.

About the Moles I am not sure about
noticing metallic reflections. I remember
that the hairs varied in shades as you
viewed them from different points showing
a silvery lustre but I noticed no
other colors, because I did not look

very far
Keep an eye
Butter, feel
near the p
What our
of our
for me to
of the A
I can be done
anybody
of mind
I expect. I
When I have
as soon as
a little
that I
I have pr
I've gotten
The four

as nine
attending
this a letter
from the
September
writing about
Lynn Scarsy
then might
help as I
I have
at now
many has
of it
to me
letter.
Mr. J. C.
mont.
are about
I remember
ades as low
into having
noticed no
at look

very particular at them. I shall
keep an eye on the Actonys about
Cutter, but doubt if any are found
near the post. I am pleased to hear
what our European Ornithologists think
of our E. C. It will be impossible
for me to be present at the Sept. meeting
of the A. O. U. this time. If voting
can be done by proxy for anything or
anybody you can have full control
of mine and I enclose a note to that
effect. I will write you further
when I have a little more time and
as soon as I get things straight
a little, please tell your sister
that I will send her the fossil specimens
I have promised her. I have not
forgotten it. With kindest regards
to your parents to Miss Merriam
Yours sincerely
Chas. E. Jencks

high plateau
above river
river bottom
on the side
pendicular
as you count
for miles.
altitude of timber
kind, so
birds the
distance from
Do you want
skins & skulls.
Plenty about
open about
red pits
them before
boundry
a pile a five
the same

Fort Gustav Montana
Sept 23rd 1884

My dear Doctor.

I have been on hand some days at the
entrances on the shore. How nicely
they are gotten up, but what made
you send me such a number, when
I would have been enough say four.
I will return you the balance
at any time, if you should want
them to send around. I am glad
Roberts has not forgotten his promise
to me to send you his Sparrow
mammals, you may find some-
thing quite interesting amongst them.
I have not been able to do anything
fit in the way of collecting as I
had plenty work of an official
nature on my hands to keep me quite

fussy. I found my company in rather from one
bad shape when I arrived particularly or any
in target shooting, in which it was I have
may behind every other in the regiment. Two occa
I have been out everyday from six to in fact
eight hours on the target range came to
starting at 6 o'clock and keeping month
at it whenever I could and have but the
pulled up considerably at any rate for me
the figure of merit has been advanced seen at
by more than 100 percent during my doubt
this month. Then there were lots I look
of other things to be done, everything not com
I seemed to come all at once and have this time
no officer as yet to help me, but away. I
will have one very shortly. I have just an
taken three marks, two which I take I dislike
to be Hierodons' and the other I don't if write
know where to put it. Then I picked collect
up going and coming from the target cant go
range. Also got a turtle soft-shelled a dish
and on

in rather from one of my men. But got a bird
particulars or anything of in the shape of mammals.
which it was I have seen small rodents on one or
in the region. Two occasions, but had no shotgun
from side to in fact I have not used one since I
+ range came here. About the 10th of next
and keeping month I shall have more time
and have but then it will be too late
any rate for rodents. Bats I have not
been advanced seen about here as yet, but I have
no doubt about finding some when
I look after them once. No I shall
not come east this winter, but about
this time next year I hope to get
away. I can't say that I like the
post any better than I did, in fact
I dislike it very much, quite I believe
it will be but a poor field for
collecting situated as it is. You
can't get away without crossing
a deep stream on either side
and one of them is now fordable.

The post is built on a high plateau
between the Big & Little Horn rivers
close to the junction. The river bottoms
are on the opposite side, on the side
of the post there are perpendicular
bluffs 2-300 feet high & you can't
get down them in places for miles.
The plateau itself is destitute of timber
or even shrubbery of any kind, so
the prospect for many birds etc
without going some distance from
the post is very poor. Do you want
any good? prairie dog skins & skulls.
There seems to be plenty about
here. I have not forgotten about
the specimens I promised Mits
I'll come to the Grille get them before
a great while. That scoundrel
who set four fathers I was with a five
must be a contemptible specimen

My
seen on
entras or
they are
you find
would be
I will
at any
thing for
Roberts
to me
mamm
thing qu
I have
fit in
had plent
nature of

of the genus *Lepus*. It would not
surprise me a bit if it did not turn
out to be the same man who came
to the house with some lawyer while
I was there, and who had some words
with your father. He looks mean
enough to do such a thing.

Much to my surprise I find that
the large game about this region
has already been all killed off.
There is scarcely anything left about
the Big Horn mountains, the Elk
Buffalo Antelope and even the
Mule deer are all gone and the
very few of the latter that may
be left are being rapidly exterminated
also by the Indians & Whites.

The Crow agency has been moved
to within 11 miles of the fort
and as they do not get rations
enough to live on, parties of them
are constantly hunting and drive

the game away. Sharp tail grouse
and a few ducks are about all
that you can get here in the way
of game. I suppose that by the
time you get this low I will have
returned from the A O U meeting
in New York. Let me know please
how things prospered. What has
E. C. to say about the Brown? I
suppose he thinks that you should
have consulted him first before committing
yourself in such an audacious manner
and instituting even a new genus with-
out his permission. With kindest
regards to Mr & Mrs Merriam and
your sister I remain
Sincerely yours
Chas L Bendire

egg from
write to him
B. B.

Fort Custer Montana
Oct 10th 1884.

My dear Doctor.

Yours of the 9th received, sorry to hear that so few of you got together at the meeting. I had not seen any reports yet about as I do not get Forest & Stream very regularly, I believe they keep sending it to Kamath. Since I have written to you last I have secured a couple of small mammals not sure whether *Tamias asiaticus* *quatrivittatus* or *palidus*. I put them in alcohol. There will be no trouble about getting the prairie dogs, lots of them about here. I don't like this place any better than I did, but am very nicely fixed now, and

have my quarters about as well
furnished as any at the post.
I have just got a Lieutenant
yesterday & now I shall have
a little more time. I have been
picking up a few fowls around
here and shall show sent Miss
Florence a small box of them.
I enclose \$30.00 in 4 per cent
coupons on account of their small
size and you will please consider
\$25.00 of this as my contribution
to the A. O. U. I won't go any higher
than you do and the remaining
I please invest in a pair of
the same kind of shoes you
have & send them to me by express
when convenient. Please have the
leather fastenings put on, also for
which you saddle the feet as I
do not remember positively how

they are
kept for
I know
it looks
particular
it. Can
Mole care
of yours
I have one
have others
seen no
Doctor just
and says
fect I was
all on the
There were
to be killed
more but
him but
kindest re
to sister

Roll
out.
ant
are
our
round
fits
them.
er cent
ir small
consider
tution
any higher
lining
of
bes you
express
be the
also for
as I
y how

They are put on. The climate
here so far has been very fine.
From what we learn this morning
it looks as if Ohio would go re-
publican by 15,000 & I am glad of
it. Can you send me one of these
mole catching arrangements
of yours with the show shoes, if
I have one for a sample I can
have others made after it. I have
seen no bats about here yet. Our
Doctor yesterday was out driving
and says that he ran into a per-
fect swarm of rattle snakes
fall on their way to a hole in a cliff.
There were hundreds of them he says
& he killed 14 & would have killed
more but his wife who was with
him put a stop on it. With
kindest regards to your parents
& sister
Yours sincerely
O. E. Dutton

I received that box of eggs from
your friend & will write to him
shortly.

C. B.

My

received
of you
I had
about a
to them
they keep
Since
I have
mamma
asiaticus
I put
to no
pairs
here.
any
very

to the Coast
of these
with how
it came
printed
four parents
four
Gendro
as saw you

Fort Custer Montana
Oct 20th 1884.

My dear Doctor.

By yesterday's Mail
I received your work on the
mammals of the Fairmont
and you know beforehand that
I shall be delighted with it
I have just shipped you a few
pages in the latter part of the
work and know that it will
give me a great many new
ideas about some of the species
and help me in securing allied
ones out here. I have made
several additions since I got
the Chipmunks through outside
assistance. I left a small
alcohol tank in the gardens
and was there yesterday when

I found that it contained a gopher
and a mouse besides other things
in the reptile line. I have sent
to St. Paul for traps and when
I get them I hope to catch a
number of things. I wrote you on
the 15th enclosing three ten dollar
coupons which I hope you received
all right. Up to last night
we had most delightful weather
but on getting up this morning
I found it raining & it is keeping
it up, but does not lay on
the ground. Geese passed over
last night in large numbers &
I suppose the storm is general
in the north. This should drive
the game down the mountains

if there
every body
is about
Although
hang about
I have not
had any
It is real
east now
to the
fact. I
even to
Drows had
skin this
more a
be quite
By the

and a dozen
other things
have sent
and when
catch a
the you on
ten dollar
received
night
all weather
morning
it is raining
lay on
and over
numbers, to
general
old drive
mountains

if there is any left, from what
everybody tells me however it
is about all killed off already.
Although numbers of Crow Indians
hang about the pits constantly
I have not seen a single one who
had any venison for sale as yet.
It is really funny. Traders but
eat now for buffalo robes to sell
to the Indians, it is an actual
fact. They are about all gone
even to the north of us. The
Crows have not taken a single
skin this year. In a few years
more a fine buffalo robe will
be quite an article of interest.
By the way can you give me

The address of a firm on the Coast
where I can get a pair of these
Seal skin boots to use with snow
shoes. I think they will come
in very handy this winter.
With kind regards to your parents
and sister.

Sincerely yours
Chas. E. Dendro

By the way did Dr Roberts send you
these mammals yet?

My a
I recd
mann
and fo
I shall
I have
pages in
work an
give me
ideas g
and help
me ou
several
the Chip
assistant
alcohol
and wa

Fort Custer Montana
Oct. 28th 1884

My dear Doctor.

Yours of the 22^d came to hand yesterday. I did not exactly expect that you should dispose of my contribution in the way you did, but as long as I get the snow shoes we won't quarrel about it, and I am extremely obliged to you for them. I think in the matter of fastenings I would prefer the regular broad toe strap of your fathers as I do not expect to make such very long tramps. I had two more of these chipmunk *S. pallidus* I presume and after skinning I washed them, but if they do not look any better after they get thoroughly dry they are the hardest looking

Specimens in their present con-
dition, the washing will not be
an improvement, at least not in
my eyes. Yesterday I sat for
over an hour close to a gopher
hole expecting him to come out
but he did not even show his head.
We have had a little snow already
but it did not stay long. The
coldest night we had on the 26-27th
+ 22°. Sharp-tailed Grouse I
see is the only game bird we have
here besides Sage-fowl, the former
are plenty but very wild, the
latter are rather scarce. I have
run out several times now to
quite a distance away from the
post without seeing anything
else, and I am satisfied from

What I know
sons Grouse
mountain
like the 30
Idaho, & the
I hear of
Pighorn
questionably
and I have
for them,
specimens
Gray did
make from
Has the
out yet, if
it is worth
I think to
be elected
to your p

com-
not be
not in
at for
gopher
out
his head.
ready
The
the 26-27th
we have
the former
the
I have
from the
thing
a from

What Indians say that the Richard-
sons Grouse does not leave the
mountains, & comes in the valleys
like the Sooty Grouse does in Oregon
Idaho, & Washington Territory.
I hear of an animal near the
Bighorn mountains which is un-
questionably the blackfooted porcupine.
and I have offered \$200 a piece
for them, and hope in getting a
specimen or two for you. By the
way did you get Roberts mam-
mals from Minneapolis.
Has the Oct. 10 of the Auk come
out yet, if it has I have not got
it & must write to the publishers.
I think to hope that Claime will
be elected. With kind regards
to your parents. Yours sincerely
Chas E Bendire

Fort Custer Montana
Nov 10th 1884.

My dear Doctor.

Permit me you here-
with a blank to be filled in as you like
for the next place of meeting of the
Union. Please use your own preferences
in the matter. I have just about finished
four mammals of the Siron ducks and
learned a great deal in it in the way of
own information. It is very interesting
and I am glad to be able to say that
I am slowly but surely making
additions in the way of specimens and
I shall send you a small package
as soon as the weather gets cold.
I found quite a good sized gopher
huck on a ball ferry just the other
day, a rather large animal for a shrike
to manage. But I guess it was his
nest, don't know what else could have

domit. A couple of days ago, one of
my men brought me a very small shrew
it, measured about $1\frac{60}{100}$ of an inch, the
tail is I think a trifle longer than head
and body. I have sent to St. Paul
for a few mouse & rat traps and as
soon as they come I shall do better
yet, but I have already some 15
specimens of small mammals, all
alcoholic, send two skins Did you get
those from Waters in Minneapolis?
He dont know yet out here who
is president although it is rumored
that Cleveland is elected. I shall
be very sorry if this should prove
true, more so as the backsliding
republicans in such a case elect him.
I hope that they will get enough
of it during the next four years
so that by '88 they will know enough
to stay on their own side of the fence.

We are, have
and have had
If it keeps
have but
I hope I
footed Ter
word over
Hyoming
here to a
some intel
out for the
You can in
must be
are still
yesterday.
or I shall
grieve
I am so
regards
Miss Mer

one of
smallish
inch, they
than head
I have
out as
do better
some 15
miles, all
and you get
apolis?
who
removed
I shall
a piece
daring
lected him.
enough
years
enough
of the fences

We are having most delightful weather
and have had such now for some time.
If it keeps on in this way I shall
have but little use for the snow shoes.
I hope I will be able to get a Hack
footed Ferret for you, I have sent
word over to Fort Mc Kenney in
Wyoming about 123 miles south of
here to a friend who I know takes
some interest in these things to look
out for them animals here as well.
You can imagine how pleasant it
must be here yet when rattle snakes
are still out, one was killed
yesterday. Birds of all kinds large
or small excepting sharp tailed
grouse are very scarce. I never
saw so few any where. With kindest
regards to your parents and
Miss Merriam I remain
Sincerely yours
Chas E. D. Jencks

Since writing I got another
fine *Sorex volongus* 65
Tail with a fine ferris 62
seems smaller than plate
of *S. cooperi* after mouse
color, sides slightly paler
belly silvery gray. Tail
slightly thicker in center
than about root of tail
Both specimens are evidently
same species, have put them
in alcohol
Bastin

Fort Custer, Montana
Nov 16th 1884.

My dear Doct^r.

Since I have written
to you last, I have added another
specimen which corresponds in size
with *Thomomys Chasius* (Cous.) but
not exactly in color. The under parts
are not white neither is the tail but it
is tipped with pure white making
a quite noticeable pencil & it is about
1 1/2 inches long. The animal corresponds
pretty closely to the plate if any thing
is somewhat smaller. I think I
have others of the same species in my
large tank already. I have sent
my traps to St. Paul & they should
be here by this time, but packages
sent by freight are very slow.
I looked up the small *Sorex* for
and suppose it must be *Sorex heaneyi*

costly
to come
over, I may
see of them
every
day

Up to last night we have had most
delightful weather, but this morning
it is trying to snow. I suspected a
change, as I found a mass flock
of *Leucosticte tephrocotis* yesterday
out of which I shot six. I shall
have a careful look out for *atrata*
and *australis* & *littoralis* as well.
As soon as the weather gets cold
and is likely to stay so I shall
send you all the specimens I got
up to date and I am glad that
I am getting at least something
in this line. The supposed *Thomomys*
clivius I found suspended on a
twig of a sage bush or rather hung
between & in the fork of it. I suppose
I am indebted to a *Lanius borealis*
for it. I see one occasionally
in my rides, but they are not
plentyful. I expect scarcity of

birds com
rodents. I
found just
fresh. I
dogs get
believe they
winter.
Mr. Glas
now to g
of New
him to
the state
I hope the
that helps
will get
during the
I have to
shells etc
may look
things to
are rather
here is C

had most
this morning
inspected a
flock
yesterday
I shall
or atrata
as well.
quite cold
I shall
news I got
had that
something
Thomson,
led on by
rather hang
I suppose
animals fossils
ionally
are not
scarcity of

birds compels them to catch small
rodents. This is the second one I have
found suspended to both specimens were
fresh. I have not shot any prairie
dogs yet but will before long as I
believe they remain active all
winter. I am sorry to see that
Mr. Flaines chances are very poor
now to get the Electoral vote
of New York, it is disgusting for
him to come so near it to lose
the state by just about 5000 majority.
I hope the Arch-headed Republicans
that helped to elect Mr. Cleveland
will get enough of his administration
during the next four years.
I have been picking up a few fossil
shells etc about here and your sister
may look for a small box of such
things before long. Some of the specimens
are rather pretty, the formation
here is Cretaceous.

Do you want a few Leucosticte
skins provided the birds become
plenty during the winter. I may
have to get a good many of them
or I may not.

Yours sincerely
Chas. E. Bendire

My
to you last
specimen
with them
not exact
are not
is tipped
a quite
1 1/2 inches
pretty close
is some
have others
large tank
for traps
be here
sent by
I looked
and suffi

Fort Custer Montana
April 16th 1885.

My dear Doctor,

I have just received your letter of the 29th ult. It was a long time en route & seems to me and as you are to be at Washington on the 20th I shall direct there. I am about to pack up a box of bird skins for the Nat. Museum and I believe I will pack a box separately for you and direct it there also with instructions to forward it to you. Things are very uncertain with us just now on account of the border trouble and it is more than likely that I shall spend the summer on the Northern frontier watching our Indians & trying to keep them from going over the line. I've don't move at once which is not likely. I shall probably have time to hear from you before I ship the box and if you prefer to have yours sent direct

I will do so. I have a number of things
for you from a nice Wild cat skin &
skull down to some very small shrews.
Did not forget the Prairie dogs either.
You must have had a fine time white
abroad, but I suppose you are glad
to get back to this Country again.
It is better after all than anything in
Europe. I wrote twice to you while
you were in Europe, but as you
don't mention getting any of my
letters I suppose you failed to receive
them. Now if you want me to look
after anything especially for you
let me know. With kind regards
to your parents

Sincerely yours
Chas. E. Smith

List of Alcoholic specimens put up
for Dr. C. Hart Merriam Feb. 21 '85.

No 632 [♂] Lepus sylvaticus Nuttalli
Dec 9th 84. Shot on an island in the Big
horn river near Fort Custer Montana has a
horny growth on end of nose. Skin badly
torn & exceedingly tender. Measurements before
skinning Length to tail 14⁰⁰ Tail to end of hair
2⁹⁰ Tail vertebrae 2¹²

No 634 [♂] Lepus sylvaticus Nuttalli same
locality as 632. Length 13⁰⁰ Tail 2⁶⁰
Vertebrae of tail 1⁹⁰ & soft tumor on hind
foot. Badly shot. Dec 10th 84. Not common
frequent the densest willow thickets on river
bottoms.

No ⁶²⁶ 624 [♂] Sturnus longicauda. Shot from
a Cottonwood tree on the Little horn river
near Fort Custer Mont. Nov 24th 84.

Nos 627, 628, 629, 630. [♂] Spermophilus lutescens
caught under an old far red Dec 5th 84 with
nest, which is composed out of Asclepias down.

→ No 638 to 643 *Lepheromys leucopus*
 caught at different times during month
 of Feb 85 in the post garden on Little Horn
 River 3 miles from Ft Buster. I kept
 some of these alive for several days till they
 commenced eating each other.

→ No 616 ^{nest of young} *Mastomys* Sept 12th 84

→ 618 ^{mus musculus} another specimen not marked from
 Gardens Oct 13th 84.

→ No 609 & 610. *Tamias asiaticus pallidus*
 Oct 11th 84. Found in a ravine two miles
 south of Fort Busters near Big Horn river.
 appear to be living in crevices in the
 steep banks of the ravines or coulees as
 they are called here. Note a sharp chirp
 they are shy and not common about here.

→ No 631 *Neotoma cinereus* caught in a
 trap in post garden. length to root of
 tail 8⁰⁰ inches tail to end of vertebrae
 5 inches to end of hairs 5⁹⁵ ♂ Dec
 6th 84.

→ No 637 *Neotoma cinereus*
Apr. 18th 85 post garden

→ No 636 *Dipodomys phillipsi ordii*
July 4th 85 caught by my dog while
hunting on little horn river Mont.

→ No 618 ^{arvicola} Sept 28th 84 } from post

^{Thomomys} { 619 Oct 3^d 84 } Gardens

620 " 8th 84

→ 621 ^{arvicola} " 15th 84

→ 622 ^{arvicola} *Thomomys clarius*? found
pinned on a full ferry bush 4 miles
south of post on the Big Horn river
north of ^{date about Nov 1st 84} *Lanius borealis* I presume

^{arvicola} 625 ^{arvicola} *Thomomys clarius*? found hanging
in a small fork of a sagetuck Nov 11th 84
about 3 1/2 miles from the post in one
of the ravines running into the little
horn river Tip of tail white

^{arvicola} No 633 *Thomomys clarius*? *Thomomys*
during day - 16° during night - 27°
Shot a *Syctale acadica* which had

No 633. Just captured a ^{arizonae} *Thomomys*
clunius ♀ ant was flying through a
Willow thicket with him near the Little
horn river. Shows that *Thomomys* is out
in very cold weather and does not hibernate
Both badly torn by large shot as I was
very close to had to shoot or let them
escape.

No 623 A very small shrew caught
alive in Pot's garden Nov 7th 84.

No 624. Nov 10th 84. *Boreia haydeni*?
Length to root of tail 165 tail to end
of hairs 162. Mink brown above, silver grey
below. Tail slightly larger & bevelled in
the centre Garden.

No 635. Dec 26th 84 *Boreia haydeni*?
Little horn river near Fort Custer Mont.
Color different and much more flushed
than in the two other specimens
2 large Pocket gophers forgot to take
down the numbers & can't give date
unless I have them

A small frog was also put in
by accident. This was taken April 14th
185 in one of the shallow ponds found
on the up land prairies near the pond.

Chas. C. Purdy

To Doctor C. Hart Merriam

List of specimens sent by

Chas. E. Dreyer

Fort Custer Montana
April 21st 1885.

Dear Doctor.

I have just finished packing
a small box for you, containing all the Men-
mets both alcoholic & skins which I have
been able to obtain since I came here. I
answered your letter from London and as
mine had just time to catch you in Washington
on the 20th I sent it in care of Mr. Ridgway.
I hope that the lot will contain something
at least of some interest to you. The black
footed Terrell however I have not been able
to get yet, I presume they are rather scarce
at least that is what the Indians say, but
I still hope to obtain a specimen for you.
Amongst the skins are two Chipmunks
without any labels, and they are rather new &

looking specimens, having been washed and not
properly dried afterwards. They come both
from the same locality the alcoholic ones came
from, and were shot about a couple of weeks
later. After skinning & washing them I put
them away & forgot all about them, but they
can be fixed up alright. If anything further
in the way of information is wanted about
any of the specimens dont hesitate to ask
and I will try and give it to you as well
as I can. A number of the alcoholic things
were collected for me by one of my men in the
garden about 3 miles from here and put
in an alcohol tank. I left with him, other wise
I would have skinned more of them although
I dont fancy that kind of work. What do
you make out of the Wild cat, it does not
fit any of the different species exactly. The
skulls I hope will prove of interest, two of
them evidently belong to one species although
they differ considerably in color, but the
smallest one, unless it should be a young one
seems to me to be something else. The ears
are larger than in the other two. I have baited
mouse traps for them with meat, but they dont

them to care to go into the traps for some
reason or another. Oats if there are any seem
to be very scarce. I have not been able to see
a single one yet about here. Spring is coming
on very slowly, although we have had the finest
kind of weather during March to up to April
if the time then however it has been snowing
more or less constantly. I shall send you two
by express so that you may get it sooner
and will prepay it through if I can do so.
If I cannot do it entirely, you must take the
bill for the deed. I have just received quite
a rare set of eggs and nest from Oregon. They
are those of *Perisoreus obscurus*, a handsome
set of five eggs, and I venture to say that it
will be the only one in collections for some time.
The probabilities are that I will spend the
summer some where along our northern border
herding our Indians away from the British
line, and on that account I wanted to get
all the specimens I had on hand out of the

way as far as possible. I have just packed
all the skins for ^{for the Nat. Museum} and they will also go in
a day or two. Your fox will leave by the
first wagon that goes to the trail road
station. With kind regards to your
parents.

Sincerely yours
Chas E. Dendie

Fort Custer Montana
May 4th 1885.

Dear Doct^r. I hope the box I
sent you came to hand in good
shape & that you received my different
letters. One I directed in Mr. Ridgway's
care & I presume as you were
in Washington you got it.

My main object in writing this
time is to give you the address of
a very good collector, living near
Portland Oregon, from whom I have
lately received a set of eggs with
nests of *Perisoreus obscurus*, also
Perisoreus rufescens & others. He seems
to be a clever liberal hearted young
fellow, who I think would be of great

assistance to you in getting your small
mammals. He gave me three eggs
without any compensation whatever
& simply said that he thought they
would do more good in our collection
than in his & I was full come for
anything interesting he might
find. He is not after money, it
turns out that his are the right
ones. Being he was so liberal I
asked him if he also collected mam-
mals & he informed me that he had
not. I then wrote to him about
you, sent him a copy of Vol. I of
the Linnaean Society of which I had
an extra copy and a copy of your
paper on the New Britain, showing
him your style of work & used
you generally in the bargain
and have just received an answer

from him that he would most
willingly and gladly, (his words
heavily underlined) assist Dr Merriam
in any way he could. So all you
have to do is to write to him, and
I guess you will get some interesting
things in time, from that region.
Now I don't know him at all person-
ally, I saw a description of the nest
& eggs of *T. oregonus* in the *Oregonian*
& thought I would write and ask
him a few particulars about the
birds & after a couple of letters passing
between us, he sent me the nest
& entire set of five eggs & others, since.
He certainly has treated me very
cleverly & I have no doubt but what
he will use you the same way.
He wants to know about the best
way to prepare mammals and as
you know more about that than

I do I leave it to you to describe
His address is A. H. Anthony,
Seaverton, Oregon. The place is
about 8 miles from Seaverton Oregon
on the Or & Cal. Railroad. You
should get some interesting things
from there. The party in question is
a young man not 20 years old yet
but he seems to have been travelling
considerably already, as he has a
collection in Colorado, before coming
to Oregon. I am not doing much
here just now & am pretty busy
with my troop. Expect to have to
go out before long, I suppose up
on to the border, to herd our Indians
& keep them on our side of the line.
With kindest regards to Mr & Mrs
Merriam & Miss Florence
Yours sincerely
Chas E. Andrew

Fort Custer Montana
July 1st 1885

My dear Doctor.

Your letter of the 21st
ult. has been received, and on re-
considering the matter, particularly
since Mr. Allen is now with the Am.
Museum in New York, it would be
about as well not to say anything
in the fut^r about the egg collection
of the Nat. Museum, but your idea
about mentioning it to some of the
best egg collectors of the Migration
Overrow is an excellent one and
I can have some more desiderata
lists sent to you if you want more
or can see them that way.

I will write up my Migration
Notes from long & short hauls, they
are perhaps not as complete as they
might be, but I have had but very
little chance to be out much and any
distance away from the port.

I in daylight myself now on the
Th. chassis & it only surprises me
that I could have made such a mistake
to take an *Arvicola* for a *Thomomys*.
But such things will happen.

The date for 633 which you desire
is Dec 16th 84. Thermometer -16°
during the night -27° showing that
they are out in pretty cold weather.
Nos 619 & 620 were both taken Oct 3 &
8th respectively. So far I have not
been able as yet to get hold of a specimen
of *Tutorius nigriceps*, but I hope to
get one yet before I leave here.

I suppose the Smithsonian did not
send you all their specimens, I think

II

They have three or four good ones at least if not more. I saw the first Bat in the house this evening. I have seen since I came here but failed to get it. I was a small one.

The weather is getting hot now & mosquitoes are here by the millions, I never saw them worse anywhere, you can't scarcely do anything out doors without being covered with them at any hour either day or night. There seems to be no rest for them. Rattle snakes are also very plenty and we have had already five horses bitten by them all on the lower part of the head near nostrils. Some of the bites however have had serious effects & although the heads swelled considerably they all eat their grain next day. Not less than four came in, bitten on one day. While out hunting for nests of *Calamospiza bicolor*

the other day I found two of the nests
of this bird occupied by snakes
evidently after making a meal of
the young & waiting perhaps for a
chance to catch the parents as well. One
was a Rattlesnake the other a Hog
nose snake. The latter are also
common here. They front eat any
more young birds I gave both a good
dose of shot. Such to my surprise
I found a single pair of Crossbills
Montanus breeding about here, the
only pair I have seen also the
Black-billed Cuckoo for which I would
not have looked either.

On the whole I have done
very little at any other place I have
been I took more eggs in a week
than I have here during the season
and it is pretty much over by this
time. We have been favored
with several very hard storms

and one of these days one will
come along & take the whole fort
with it. Laid stones 12 inches in
diameter are said to have fallen about
12 miles south of here, killing horses
& cattle & a few Indians. I did not
see any of that size, but that is what
is said here. One big strong Buck
Indian was killed outright by hail
however for my certain knowledge
before he could get to shelter. When
one of these kind of storms comes along
it strikes everything even the sagittaria
in its path. So far we have escaped
the hail and I hope we will be equally
favored in the future. ~~Remember me~~
me a few days ago after his return
from the south, did not get much.
With kind regards to Mr & Mrs.
Merriam & your sister,
Yours sincerely
L. E. Peck

Ans. Oct. 1/87.



Sturdevant House

BROADWAY & 29th ST



FORT GRISWOLD HOUSE

EASTERN POINT, NEW LONDON, CT.
OPEN FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 20TH.

New York Sept 30th 1887

My dear Doctor.

I doubt that I will
wait till the meeting of the A.
O. U. at Boston on the 11th prox.
and think of returning to
Washington in about a week
or so. While in Boston I wish
to see both Brewster & Gory
but both were away so only
saw Purdy. I suppose Edgway
to a lot of you will go on

to that Washington will be pretty
well represented anyhow. Suppose
that there will not be very many
members present from here. I
have not seen any however but
Richard who tells me that he is
not going. Dutcher was out when
I called & I have not been up
to the Museum yet to see Allen
or Bennett. I believe however that
the latter is also out of town.
If it should be necessary to get
enough anti-Cowley signatures here
to counteract him I may go down
with Grant. I shall be at his house
anyhow till Oct 7th or possibly
longer. With kind regards to Mrs.
A. to Doct Fisher Yours etc
Chas E. Bendire

Fort Custer Montana
Sept 5th 1885.

My dear Doctor.

Your letter of the
12th ult. reached me some time ago,
but I have nothing to write about,
and have scarcely collected anything
for the past two months excepting
a few snakes which were brought in
to me from time to time.

I should be very glad to get a few
of Mr. Bagus' Eastern eggs and use
them as any nests for description
as he is one of the very best & care-
ful collectors I know of. So
Dr. Wood is dead, who gets his
collections? He must have a

a good deal of material of various
kinds. The Mosquitoes were bad
enough here also for about six weeks.
They are gone now however, but
the buffalo gnats are still here
in force and if anything much
more disagreeable than the mosquitoes.
I met a son of Senator Decker
of Kentucky recently who lives
about 95 miles south of here and
who is quite a sportsman & close
student of Natural history matters.
I got him interested in trying
to get me a specimen of *Putorius*
nigriceps & perhaps he may succeed.
He has promised anything to try.
I got a young Wild cat today
about 1/3 grown was brought in
alive. I shall probably skin it
this afternoon. It was one of
the most vicious brutes for its
size, that I have ever seen.

The hail stones were not very large but they came down with such force that the melons looked as if they were filled with a load of bullet shot each. On the hills about 3 miles to the southwest of here you could see banks of hail next day still, in fact they looked as if a heavy snow had fallen covering them completely. It is rather discouraging trying to garden here. The Hawk you sent me on Economic Ornithology gives me little chance to say anything. Crows are very scarce here as you can't get within gunshot of one when you see any. Crow Blackbirds however are plenty but I have not observed them well enough to say anything much for or against them. They do like to help themselves to sweet corn however & are constantly around

II

I sincerely hope that I may be able to get you one of these Curries before I leave here, if the miserable ^{the} row Indians were any good I would have had one long ago. Since the 1st of the month things feel considerably like Winter and the Mercury seems to have hard work to get above $+50^{\circ}$. Still we have had no frost as yet, but it would make no difference if we had one at any time, as our gardens are all ruined any how. About ten days ago, one of these hail storms I have written to you about struck us squarely, and although it did not last more than five minutes it ruined pretty much everything. I had about 500 nice Melons just about getting ripe, it spoilt all these, & cut them off the vines.

III

My knee has troubled me considerably for several months back and I have therefore kept more in the house than usual and shall shortly apply to be retired on that account & length of service.

Please remember me kindly to your father & mother & Miss Florence when you see them next & I hope that I shall be able to meet you in Washington this winter. I send this in care of Dr. Fisher as you say that you will remain at Sing Sing till Oct. 10th. Please remember me also to him.

Sincerely yours
Chas. E. Gooden

Fort Custer, Montana
Nov 18th 1885.

My dear Doctor.

I have just received
your letter of the 13th and am glad to
hear that you have established your
self in Washington. I presume for
the winter anyhow. I shall be on
there some time next month. I ex-
pect, but scarcely before the latter part.
I found that I could scarcely do
a Cavalryman's full duty any longer
and did not like the idea. When my
troop had to take the field, I stay
at home and let a young Lieutenant
do my duty, and campaigning here
in the winter is not very pleasant

work at last, and as there is constantly
danger on long rides which I might
be called on to have to make at any
time, to have inflammation set in
about my knee joint. I applied to
be ordered to wear a bracing band.
This was done and the board re-
commended me as unfit for further
service and I am only awaiting
orders, now to leave here for good.
I have already served Uncle Sam
for more than 30 years and I could
ask this with good grace. I have
not quite made up my mind yet
just where I am going to settle
down for good, but it will in all
probability be somewhere near
San Francisco Cal, if not at
Washington. I shall miss Army
life for a while, but then I can always
visit some of my old friends on the

II

frontier and stay for a while with
one or the other. I might
have hung on for several years
longer and let some of the younger
officers do some of my duties but
I don't believe on that sort of thing
and am better satisfied as it is.
I wish I could have got a way in
time to be present at the meeting
in New York but I guess the birds
got along just as well without me.
I have another young bird at home
& that, a kitten about 5 months old
I presume & one or two others which
you will get in due time. Am
glad to hear that your collection is
increasing so rapidly, and hope
that I may be able to help it
along myself in the future after
I get settled over. The weather
here up to date has been very

fine and it seems to be inclined
to last so for some time longer.
Please remember me kindly to
Doctor Fisher as well as to Mr.
Hemphill & other Washington friends,
not forgetting your parents at Locust
Hill

Sincerely yours
Chas. E. Smith

Washington D.C.

Sept 7th 1896.

Dear Mr. Merriam.

Doctor G. Brown Goode the
Act Secretary in charge of the National Museum
died suddenly last night from Pneumonia and
his death was a great surprise to us all. Mr.
Langley is in Europe & will scarcely be back
before a week. Of all men I think your son
Hart would be a fit successor to Dr Goode
and I drop you these few lines to prepare you
in case you can get some influential friends
to work for him at once. I think everyone who
knows your son will agree with me that he would
be the right man for the place & I sincerely hope
that he will get the position he is so well qualified for.

Sincerely yours

Chas Bentz

Ames. Sept. 9/87.

McSPARRAN HOTEL,

J. G. BURNS.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I.,

Sept 4th 1887
188

My dear Doctor.

Can you give me any news about who will probably succeed Prof. Baird & have you heard anything, how his death is likely to affect the present administration. I wish you could get the place. I shall probably not get back to Washington before Nov 1st.

I leave tomorrow for
BHAM where a letter
directed to the Revere
house will find me till
Thursday or Friday, when
I will start for a trip
through the White Mountains
returning again to BHAM
about Oct 1st & staying
here till the C. N.
meeting.

Please remember
me to Mrs. Merriam
& Doctor Fisher

Yours sincerely
Chas. E. Bent

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SPENCER F. BAIRD, Secretary
S. P. LANGLEY, Assistant Secretary,
in charge of Exchanges, Publications and Library
G. BROWN GOODE, Assistant Secretary,
in charge of U. S. National Museum

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington, Dec 20th 1887

Dear Doctor.

I have just got a letter from Mr. Tate in which he encloses this sheet for you, giving a list of specimens for you. You will notice on the strip I attached from the letter to me, that his address is for the present uncertain, I suppose I will hear from him shortly again. The specimens have been shipped by express, but have not reached me yet, I will let you know when they come.

Yours sincerely
Chas E Bendire

To Doctor C. Hart Merriam

With the sincere regards of

Chas Bentin

Recd.
Oct. 1896.
cam

Benadict, Erastus Cornelius, 1800 - 1880

1878

83/29
c

Law Offices of Benedict, Taft & Benedict,

No. 64 Wall Street,

Erastus C. Benedict. Robert D. Benedict.

Enos N. Taft.

William D. Jones. Samuel H. Valentine.

Louis C. Lewis.

New York, March 25 1878

My dear Son - Alford

This will introduce to you Mr. Hart Merriam an ornithologist who has shown to me his testimonials from the most distinguished men in the County. He desires to study & exhibit & report the Birds of the State of New York. He is introduced to me on the supposition that the Regents have money to spend on such subjects.

I have
that
he now
a
purpose
being
than the
has been
during
and
change
I can
must
civility
public
time
and
Nov. 7. 9.
Chairman

Benedict,
street,

1878

... to
... as
... shown
... the
... in the
... & ex-
... of the
... had
... in
... money
... objects.

I have of course ascertained
that much apprehension and
he now desires to ask the State for
a small appropriation for the
purpose. I consider the object a
very desirable one. It is now more
than thirty years since any thing
has been done in this department
during which time the varieties
and their distribution have
changed considerably.

I can do nothing more than com-
mend him to your characteris-
tic civility and familiarity with the
public affairs of this State for a
time when the memory of man
scarcely reaches ~~not~~ to the contrary
Very faithfully yours

Wm. T. G. Alvord E. C. Benedict
Chairman of the Ways & Means Com. of the

Benevento, Francis Gano, 1870-1957

1918-1937

83/129
L

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Ans'd. May 28, 1918

May 15, 1918.

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I was intensely interested in the very short conversation I had with you following your interesting communication on bears, which unfortunately I did not hear. We were discussing the question of the birth of these large bears taking place during hibernation. You also were good enough to tell me that the largest peninsular bear that had been weighed was found to be 700 pounds, but as this was brought in in pieces it probably weighed originally 2000 pounds. If I remember correctly, you stated that all bears, so far as you knew, were born during hibernation and during the month of January, extending on occasions a day or two into February. I remember very well seeing at the New York Zoological Park a newly born bear cub, the mother of which weighed 400 pounds and the father 1100. The cub weighed exactly 10 ounces.

1700
com

Could you give me a statement as to what your personal experience has been with regard to these newly born cubs? Of course I know they are but rarely found. I believe you told me that you thought they rarely weighed more than a pound. I should appreciate exceedingly a statement from you on this point, particularly one that you would be willing to have me quote. I am just writing a paper in connection with our work on undernutrition and I wanted to point out the fact that a large change in nutritional level occurs in hibernating animals, where even the period of gestation, birth, and suckling may go on without any

Dr. C. H. M. (2).

external food being taken by the mother.

Have you any conception as to how long after the birth of a bear the animal is suckled before the mother begins to get any food, that is, emerges from hibernation?

I am writing this to you, but fear that you have already started on your western trip, for Dr. R. S. Woodward told me you were going shortly to the West. If you are en route and this letter follows you, do not bother to answer it, for I know you will be very much occupied and writing will be rather difficult.

I am

Very truly yours,

Francis B. Benedict

Director.

Carnegie Institution of Washington
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Recd. June 5, 1918

May 31, 1918.

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

It is very good of you to write me, especially under the adverse circumstances that you have to write just prior to your going to California, and I am extremely obliged for your interesting letter.

There is one point that I should like, if possible, to secure evidence on, that is, have you any conception of the weights of the mothers of the two cubs born in the Cincinnati Zoological Garden, referred to in your letter, and the one born on January 15, 1913 at the Zoological Park in Washington? In other words, I am interested in getting some evidence as to the relationship between the weight of the mother and the weight of the cub.

The particular bear cub that I saw in New York, born there in January about a year ago, was apparently born with much more hair on the body than you indicate was on those you saw, although the eyes were closed.

Trusting you will have a very pleasant summer in California, and with best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis L. Benedict

Director.

Carnegie Institution of Washington

NUTRITION LABORATORY

VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

June 7, 1918.

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

You again have put me under obligation to you by your kindness in writing your letter of June 5th, which really is very helpful and very suggestive. It bears out my own personal impressions in the matter, but I am very glad to have it verified by an authority. My impression is that the relationship between the weight of the she-grizzly and that of the new-born cub, that is, about 500 times, is entirely unparalleled among any of the warm-blooded vertebrates.

Trusting you will have a very pleasant summer and with warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis G. Benedict

Director.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Hotel Reichshof Hamburg
May 5 1929.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
National Academy of Sciences
Washington D.C. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Merriam

Just about now you are all enjoying these delightful days of the National Academy meetings in Washington. Mrs. Benedict and I are often thinking of the fine programs and stimulating contacts in Washington.

We have been making one of our long tours of European Laboratories clinics and Universities and are now approaching England from which we sail for New York June 22.

This forenoon we had the wholly unusual and remarkable experience of a visit to the Hagenbeck Tierpark and especially to be conducted through it by

Dr. Ludwig Zukowsky who is the scientific director of the Hagenbeck interests here in Hamburg. As we were going through the various sections your name was mentioned in connection with some of your monographs and Dr Zukowsky expressed the wish for some of your papers. I told him I had the pleasure of your personal acquaintance and I would be glad to write asking if you could kindly send him some of your papers. He expressed the greatest admiration for your monograph describing as I recall it 18 new types of bear.

I know that frequently these zoological monographs are expensive and are not available for distribution but if you can send him anything I am sure you will have a most interested reader and an appreciative admirer.

His mail address is

Dr Ludwig Zukowsky
Hagenbeck Tierpark
STELLINGEN HAMBURG
Germany.

I suppose by the time this reaches America you will have started motoring west ward. Not having other addresses here with me I am sending this to the National Academy building with the request to forward. Hoping to see you at least at the next Academy meeting and with the best regards of Mrs. Benedict and myself to you and Mrs. Merriam and your daughter

I am Yours very sincerely,

Francis J. Benedict

We reach Boston July 1st

Tribute to C. H. Merriam
RECEIVED

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Machiasport, Maine,
July 15, 1929.

Recd. July 24, 1929
can

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
National Academy of Sciences,
B and 21st Streets, Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

You see I still have to use the address of the National Academy of Sciences, but I suppose you are still out West. I find in my notes taken in connection with my European tour a comment that I feel I should like very much indeed to pass on to you.

I spent a couple of hours one morning at the British Museum of Natural History, talking with Mr. Martin A. C. Hinton. I do not think I ever heard one scientific man speak as appreciatively, yes, I might say, as enthusiastically of the work of another as Mr. Hinton spoke of your work.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis G. Benedict

Director.

RECEIVED

Tribute to C. H. Merriam

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Machiasport, Maine,
July 15, 1929.

Recd. July 24, 1929

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
National Academy of Sciences,
B and 21st Streets, Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

You see I still have to use the address of the National Academy of Sciences, but I suppose you are still out West. I find in my notes taken in connection with my European tour a comment that I feel I should like very much indeed to pass on to you.

I spent a couple of hours one morning at the British Museum of Natural History, talking with Mr. Martin A. C. Hinton. I do not think I ever heard one scientific man speak as appreciatively, yes, I might say, as enthusiastically of the work of another as Mr. Hinton spoke of your work.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis G. Benedict

Director.

Yours truly, Francis G. Benedict

Tribute to C. H. Merriam

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Machiasport, Maine,
July 15, 1929.

Recd. July 24, 1929

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
National Academy of Sciences,
B and 21st Streets, Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

You see I still have to use the address of the National Academy of Sciences, but I suppose you are still out West. I find in my notes taken in connection with my European tour a comment that I feel I should like very much indeed to pass on to you.

I spent a couple of hours one morning at the British Museum of Natural History, talking with Mr. Martin A. C. Hinton. I do not think I ever heard one scientific man speak as appreciatively, yes, I might say, as enthusiastically of the work of another as Mr. Hinton spoke of your work.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis G. Benedict

Director.

Tribute to C. H. Merriam

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
29 VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Answered March 27, 1937

March 25, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Merriam,

For some time I have been quite interested in the question of the classification of the bear, as to whether it would be called a "hibernating animal" or not. I remember very well indeed several talks I had with you, and as I recall it, you made the statement that all bears were born "in hibernation."

The exact interpretation of the word "hibernation" puzzles me. Ordinarily I think of this as a condition in which the animal is definitely at a very much lower rectal temperature, and yet to my astonishment I have run across a statement attributable to Mangili, in an article published in Paris in 1818, in which he states that the bears have the same rectal temperature summer and winter, even if they are asleep in winter.

Since you are the one man who knows more about bears than anybody else I know of, I am coming to you to ask if you can help me out on this problem. Do you know of anyone who has taken the temperatures of any so-called "hibernating bears"? What would be your opinion with regard to this statement that the temperature is the same, or essentially the same, winter and summer?

I am expecting to be down at the National Academy meetings in Washington and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you there again, but knowing you are frequently off on tours I am writing to you early, so as to try to catch you before you have left Washington, so you can give me some sort of a note on this point. Also, in case you may be in the field somewhere, I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

Still hoping to see you in Washington, and with warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Jamies H. Benedict

Director.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
NUTRITION LABORATORY
29 VILA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 29, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Merriam,

Thank you very much for your kindness in answering my letter of recent date. I am indeed disappointed that you have not any data on this point. People invariably speak about the bears hibernating, and of course if it should transpire that the bear has not a temperature definitely lower than normal, this could not, I think, be called true hibernation.

The whole thing hinges upon this one Russian[?] record of a good many years ago, to be sure, and in looking it over there is no hint as to the length of time it took to get the temperature. We do know that in two hours a woodchuck can raise its temperature from just above 0° to 36°, and I can imagine that digging a bear out of so-called "hibernation", with the excitement and activity incidental thereto, might easily result in the animal's returning to a practically normal state at or about the time the temperature is taken. However, this is all speculative and I hoped that you might have some comments on it. Have you any opinion on the subject which you would care to have me incorporate in a monograph I am preparing on the woodchuck, in which, of course, I must mention the bear as a potentially possible true hibernating animal?

*Am not
sure it
was not
Italian.*

ok

I sincerely hope you will not have started for your summer campaign before the Academy meetings, when I shall hope to have the pleasure of speaking with you personally.

With warmest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Francis G. Benedict

Director.

Benevolence, Ruth, 1887 - 1948

1925

83/129
L

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

January 15, 1925.

Ans'd. Jan. 19, 1925

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have been waiting for the separates of my Serrano article to reach me before writing you how glad I am to send you as many as you can use. I shall be very glad if you will send me any parallel facts that you may happen to have from California, if you are able to take the time for it. I shall have also a collection of Serrano myths which will appear in the Folklore Journal when I can take the time to finish up the parallels I have been accumulating. Of course I am greatly indebted to your Miwok volume.

I must apologize for not acknowledging the references to your California articles which you sent me some time ago. I had it in mind at the time to write an article on certain stylistic characteristics of the folklore of that region, and since I'd made large use of your Miwok myths, I waited hoping to complete it. Just at present I have had to lay it aside for work on Southwest material.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Benedict

Benson, Seth B

1935

83/129
c

UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, U. S. A.

MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

April 12, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

To date I have received four packages of your publications which you mentioned in your letter of April 5. I am deeply grateful for your generosity in giving them to me. I well appreciate the honor you confer on me by so doing. Rest assured that they will be used.

Also I want to thank you for your letter concerning my paper on concealing coloration. I am much gratified that you should approve of it. My paper, of course, is not a survey of the whole great problem of concealing coloration, but only a study of a particular portion of the problem. For this reason I did not include all the data available. Such reference as was made to San Francisco Mountain was necessary because Sumner and Swarth (Journ. Mamm., vol. 5, pp. 81-113, 1924) denied that there was a correlation between color of environment and colors of animals in that region. Their paper cited yours and others, and for the sake of space I did not cite yours since references to it can be found in Sumner's paper. The San Francisco Mountain area is a fascinating one and I hope someday to follow your trail through the region. Nothing of consequence with regard to mammal study has been done there since your work.

I will find useful your list of references on concealing coloration. There is a revived interest and much difference of opinion concerning the subject now, largely stimulated by McAtee's papers against natural selection. I think the evidence is becoming more and more conclusive that your point of view is the correct one.

Thank you again for your kindness. Such interest that you have displayed is most heartening to a beginner in the science to which you have contributed so much.

Yours sincerely,

Seth B. Benson

Seth B. Benson
Assistant Curator of Mammals.

Bent, Arthur Cleveland, 1866-1954

1912-1917

83/129
✓

A. C. BENT
TAUNTON, MASS.

Mar. 15/10

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I returned last night with many pleasant memories of my short but delightful visit in Washington for most of which I am indebted to you & I want to thank you most heartily for all you did for me.

My cause was much strengthened by your kind help & valuable endorsement.

If Dr. Walcott decides in my favor I shall feel that it is largely due to your efforts in my behalf.

I also want to thank you & Mrs. Merriam for giving me such an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely yours
A. C. Bent

820.

Ans'd. March 10, 1917



ALL CORRESPONDENCE
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Washington, U.S.A.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES
BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK
ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY
INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF
SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

Taunton, Mass., February 28, 1917

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
United States National Museum
Washington, D C

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In studying up the distribution of the Black-throated Loon, I find a number of records which I should like to have confirmed. One of these is a record of a bird reported by Mr. H. J. Giddings, Sabula, Iowa, of an immature male taken in the Mississippi River at that point on November 15, 1895, and identified by you.

Unless you made a record of it at the time, I suppose it would be difficult for you to remember at this late date just what steps were taken to identify it, but if you can give me any information on the subject, I should be glad to have it.

So far, every record that I have investigated has turned out to be either an immature Common Loon or a Pacific Loon, and I am strongly convinced that the European Black-throated Loon has no status as an American Bird.

Thanking you for any information you can give me, I am

Sincerely yours,

ACB-MVN

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

1926

83/129
c

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM
HONOLULU, HAWAII

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 26, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Merriam:

Since the return of Dr. Cooke from Samoa, I have discussed with him the relation of Bishop Museum to the manuscript on Hawaiian Marine Mollusca.

In examining the letter files, I find this to be the gist of correspondence and agreements:

When the manuscript came, it was referred to three conchologists, all of whom reported that it ought not to be published without substantiated scientific revision -- keys, adequate descriptions of new species, and other important material ~~was~~ lacking. Correspondence and personal interviews with Dall then followed, with a view of making the manuscript acceptable to students of Pacific shells. But it was uphill pushing -- Dall naturally wanted the work published as he wrote it -- and communication ended with a cable from Bartsch, dated July 21, 1924, reading: "Dall requests immediate shipment express insured National Museum of manuscript and illustrations."

No letter of explanation of this remarkable action preceded or followed the cable and my letter asking for an explanation remains unanswered.

After waiting a few months, the Trustees reallocated the funds set aside for the publication of Dall's manuscript and the money already expended on it was written off. There seemed nothing to do but to consider the negotiations closed.

Naturally, my personal relation to the manuscript amounts to nothing; my job was to write or at least to sign letters on the advice of men familiar with Pacific mollusca and with Dall's method of dealing with them.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert E. Gregory
Director.

Better Government League

1927

By Mary C. Stowell

83/24
C

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
ELLERY C. STOWELL
 VICE-PRESIDENTS
ROBERT CATHERWOOD
HARVEY W. WILEY
 TREASURER
GEORGE A. RICKER
 SECRETARY
MRS. HENRY GRATTAN DOYLE
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MRS. KATE TRENHOLM ABRAMS
BARTLETT B. JAMES
REV. DR. JOHN O'GRADY
WALTER J. SHEPARD
FRED TELFORD

BETTER GOVERNMENT LEAGUE

A NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS
 NOT IN THE EMPLOY OF THE GOVERNMENT
 COOPERATING FOR THE BETTER ADMINISTRATION
 OF THE FEDERAL SERVICE

801 MILLS BUILDING :: :: WASHINGTON, D. C.
 TELEPHONE MAIN 9325

ADVISORY COUNCIL

REV. FRANK W. COLLIER
 FREDERIC E. FARRINGTON
 RT. REV. JAMES E. FREEMAN
 ISAAC GANS
 MISS HARLEAN JAMES
 LANGDON P. MARVIN
 MRS. RAYMOND B. MORGAN
 F. A. MOSS
 CHARLES F. NEBBIT
 MISS JANET RICHARDS
 MRS. GEORGE A. RICKER
 MISS BELLE SHERWIN
 JAMES T. SHOTWELL
 HON. CHARLES WARREN
 FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE

March 1, 1927

Recd. March 3, 1927-

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

We in Washington know that the federal government service is very far from being a merit service, and that the function of the Civil Service Commission, by its own admission, is limited to advising the President. The Commissioners, for reasons best known to themselves, have failed to include in their reports any reference to the violations of the Personnel Classification Act. They gloss over the weakness of personnel conditions in Washington and elsewhere.

The Better Government League has decided to urge the adoption of legislation that will put a real merit principle in the government civil service and replace the methods and system of the present Commission by a direction and control such as will secure the efficiency of the service and a fair treatment for all employees.

If you are interested and will notify us at the above address, we shall be glad to send you our program and keep you informed in regard to our progress.

Faithfully yours,

Ellery C. Stowell
 President

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

ELLERY C. STOWELL

VICE-PRESIDENTS

ROBERT CATHERWOOD

HARVEY W. WILEY

TREASURER

GEORGE A. RICKER

SECRETARY

MRS. HENRY GRATTAN DOYLE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MRS. KATE TRENHOLM ABRAMS

BARTLETT B. JAMES

REV. DR. JOHN O'GRADY

WALTER J. SHEPARD

FRED TELFORD

BETTER GOVERNMENT LEAGUE

A NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS
NOT IN THE EMPLOY OF THE GOVERNMENT
COOPERATING FOR THE BETTER ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL SERVICE

801 MILLS BUILDING :: :: WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE MAIN 9325

ADVISORY COUNCIL

REV. FRANK W. COLLIER

FREDERIC E. FARRINGTON

RT. REV. JAMES E. FREEMAN

ISAAC GANS

MISS HARLEAN JAMES

LANGDON P. MARVIN

MRS. RAYMOND B. MORGAN

F. A. MOSS

CHARLES F. NESSIT

MISS JANET RICHARDS

MRS. GEORGE A. RICKER

MISS BELLE SHERWIN

JAMES T. SHOTWELL

HON. CHARLES WARREN

FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE

March 15, 1927.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am glad to learn that you are one of the very few sufficiently interested in the improvement of the federal employment system to send us your address. Under separate cover we are mailing you our program and the last issue of Public Business. We shall be glad to answer any inquiries you may make. You will incur absolutely no obligations, moral or financial, because of any trouble we may take in this connection. We do of course always welcome any voluntary offers of support.

Faithfully yours,

Ellery C. Stowell

President

Bevans, C.A.

1918-1927

C. Hart Merriam
Papers
BANC MSS
82129 c

C. A. BEVANS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Recd. from
Loganites
July 17, 1918

Hoonah, Alaska, 6-2-18 1918

Dr. S. Hart Merriam
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Am sending you by Express from
Annan 3 Brown Bear skulls, killed at
Mud Bay, Chitigoff of Alaska 6-2-18,
by Albert Mills (Native)
1 Large Female & her 2 last-year
Cubs, 1 Male & 1 female. (So will say)

I have your address tags & etc from
P. W. Fournie who is away at Pile Camp
& instructed me what to do.

Trusting these met with your approval
& that you will inform me if you will
take more of them.

I am
yours most Respectfully.

C. A. Bevans

C. A. BEVANS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

ansd. March 14, 1925

Hoonah, Alaska, 2 - 14 1925

C. Hart Merriam,
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir

I have Brown Bear Head, in
Fine Condition, No Broken Bones, &
No Teeth out, 15" — Male.

Killed in Icy Straits near the
Main Land near Excursion Inlet
Aug 20th — 24, in water at
time, Pelt was over 8' long,

Now I have been told that
you do not take any more heads
from S.E. Alaska?

What would you suggest?
Do you want heads? if so
What kinds — & Price?

& Could you find me Buyer for
this one, & shall I ship it to you
& How? its all boxed, & I took
it to the Office & was told not to send it,
please let me hear from you, Respectfully C. A. Bevans,

Rec'd & voucher #12
sent 53 for 6.1.1926

C. A. BEVANS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Examiner's list
Key Strait
21 Aug ad
245733

Hoonah, Alaska, 9-17, 1925;

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

Dear Sir

On April 17th I shipped you
a 15" Bear Skull that I had already
had told you about, [245733 ^{Key Strait, Aug 20, 1924} _{Aug ad. USNM Biol Survey Colls}]

I boxed it well &
marked it with your address, &
in care of Smithsonian Institute
Did you get it?

I have another skull here now
not quite so large. Brown Bear
Would you be interested in it?
Please let me hear from you

I am
most Respectfully

C. A. Bevans,

1-22-26,

C Hart Merriam,

Dear Sir,

Recd. Feb. 18, 1926

Recd Chk & Voucher today,
& will say,

The Bear was killed in Jcy Straits
Near Main Land, outside the Mouth
of Excursion Inlet, by members of
a Salmon Fishing crew.

do you want any
more skulls of Brown
or other Bears?

Thanks for C.H.M.

C A Bevans,

"Raimir McKindly" is the Indian
who killed the Bear. & from who I
Purchased the Skull,

DR. C. HART MERRIAM
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
(E. H. HARRIMAN FUND)

ADDRESS: 1919 SIXTEENTH ST.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUMMER ADDRESS
LAGUNITAS, CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Jan. 6, 1926

Mr. C. A. Bevans
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Having returned from California I have recently examined the skull you sent me from Hoonah, concerning which you wrote on September 17. It arrived in good condition and I have just turned in a voucher of \$12 for it. A check for the amount will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

The words "Rainier McKinley" were written on the label, but I do not understand. What does this entry mean?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I assume that the skull came from the Hoonah side of Icy Strait - not the north or mainland side - can

C. A. BEVANS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Amud. Feb. 18, 1926

Gale,

Hoonah, Alaska, 1 - 23, 1926

C. Hart Merriam,
D.C.

Dear Sir

in Re Skull of Sent. You,
Went Today to McKinley's House, & he
showed me on the Chart just where he
killed the Big fellow,

It was near West Shore of the Mouth
of Excursion Inlet, less than 3 miles
from Astoria, & Puget Sound Cannery.

At 11 P.M. & quite 1/2 mil off shore,
Trusting this info will be
of interest to you & remain
Yours Sincerely

C. A. Bevans,

Shall I send any more skulls,?

Even the Indians consider it remarkable
that Brinn was so far from his usual Habitat,
Also talked to Jack Williams, member of C. A. B.
Fishing crew, aboard at time, & he confirmed all
that McKinley has told me,

Hoonah,
6-3-27.

To C. Hart Merriam,
Washington

Dear Sir

An Indian just brought in
3 fine Bear skins, & he brought
me two of the skulls. He wants
me to ship them for him.

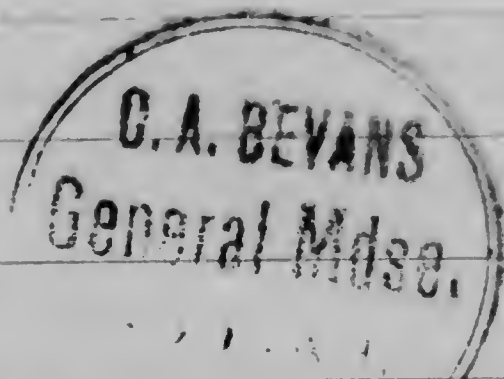
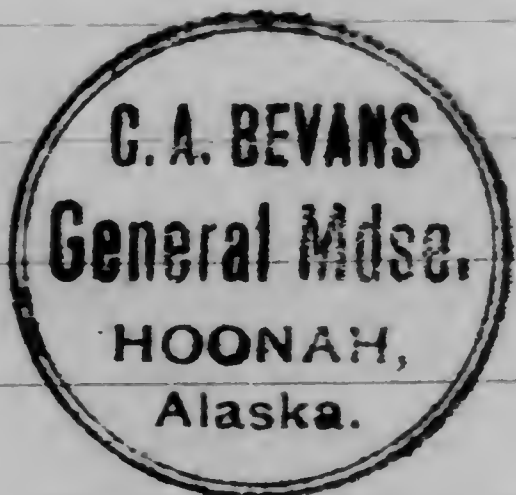
I had one on hand for 2 yrs
so am putting it in.

If you do not desire these
for yourself, please find
a buyer for me & Oblige

Yours

Most Respectfully

C. A. Bevans



I lost the address you gave
me last, so am sending
Y. Biological Survey.

C. A. BEVANS,
GENERAL MDSE. & FISHING GEAR,
HOONAH, ALASKA. 11 - 11 - 27

Dr C. Hart, Merriam.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct. 31st, (in Re Bear Skulls)
at hand,

Your assumption as to Locality
of where these Bears were killed, is Right.

To tho' the Price is small, it will
be all right with me.

15⁰⁰ for the Lot

Send CHEK to Oblige.

Yours most Respectfully

C. A. Bevans.

Check doubtless recd by Bevans
before this letter reached me - can

Bayer, George Eugene, 1861-

1915

83/129
✓

The Tulane University of Louisiana
Department of Biology
New Orleans

Recd. Jan. 22, 1915

GEO. E. BEYER

January 16, 1915

Dr. C. Hart Merriam!

Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

A day or two ago I sent you a box of skins of rats and mice which have been caught in the outskirts of the city. Would you be kind enough to identify them for me. I have become so rusty in faunal work during the last few years until I hardly know how to catch up again. Should there be among the species I sent you some of which you would like to have, I will gladly get you all you want.

With kindest regards

Yours as ever

Geo. E. Beyer

P.S. By word of mouth I sent greetings to you in the early days of the year by Dr. A. P. Hay.

Birknell, Eugene P

1874-1897

83/109
✓

New York, Sept. 29/74.

Friend Fort,

Rec'd your letter some days ago, & suppose by this time you are all settled in your new quarters. You speak of *Dendroica Coronata* & *Maculosa* in the Adirondacks in August; do they breed there? On Aug. 30th saw a *Parula Americana*, the first Southern migrant I have noticed this year. Have seen them several times since, & saw a number of them this morning, so they make a stay of at least a month with us, or some start much later from the South than others. Have had no frost yet, 45° on Sept. 22nd is the lowest. Saw *Gonotrichia Albicollis* on the 27th; rather early I think. Have also seen several warblers unknown to me. Saw the first gulls on the river Sept. 21. The only bird singing now in *Raportis Fucus*; have heard it the last 3 mornings, the same as in Spring. Riverdale is incorporated in the City limits now, & it is against the law to fire a gun, but the limits end abt a mile above our place so

the law will not put me out much when I get a holiday. Will you come & spend a Sunday with me. You could come Saturday evening, & go back early Monday morning. The 2.30 P.M. train from New Haven gets to William's Bridge at 5.29 & a carriage would be waiting for you. The one at 2 miles from there, but only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Riverdale Station on the Hudson River R.R. Then you could take the 7.41 am. train at this Bridge which gets to New Haven 10.20. That is the earliest train would it be early enough for you? If not there may be a train going up Sunday evening. Write & let me know.

Yours truly
G.A. Bicknell.

New York Oct. 16/74.

Friend Hart,

Thought that perhaps you had forgotten my direction, so enclosed is the card. The warblers have been on the move for some time. Saw Parula Americana ^{Y. Dendroica (green)} last, Oct. 4. D. Caerulea ^{Y. D. coronata} last, Oct. 11.

Am off nearly all Sunday watching the birds, I get to within 3 ft. of some of them. On Oct. 4th am sure I saw an Oporornis Agilis; got very near it, & watched it a long time. It looked just like the skin you showed me, as near as I can remember it (the skin), & it answered to the description in the books.

Saw two or three other kinds of warblers that I do not know. Had the first frost last night. The winter & fall birds arrived as follows,

Gonostichia Albigollis Sept. 27. Regulus Satrapa Sept. 27. Regulus Calendulus, Junco Hyemalis, & Anorthura Froglodytes, Oct. 4.

Certhia Familiaris Oct. 8. Spizella Monticola, & Passerella Iliaca have not come yet. Saw 2 birds Solitarius

on Oct. 4 the first I have ever seen here. Will you give me the direction of the place to get

scalpels, pincers etc. You told me last summer
but I forgot. Don't fail to come & spend a
Sunday. Write soon. Yours truly,
S. A. Bennett.

New York, Oct. 28/74.

Friend Hart,

Rec'd yours of the 18th. You speak of seeing *Poocetes Gramineus* the 17th, we saw them first the day after, the 18th. & they are with us yet as I saw some yesterday. Suppose it must be as you say abt my *Oporornis Agilis*. I got two *Geothlypis Philadelphia* at C., & watched several others, & this bird seemed to keep more on & nearer the ground & was a little larger & of a different shape than the *Philadelphes*. It was in a little thicket of cat briar etc. Your lighthouse trip was very unfortunate; such a waste of your precious time. Have not been to see your brother yet, am so busy I seldom get so far

down town. Nov. 4th Election day, is
a holiday; I expect to go collecting.
Got a pair of forceps & a scalpel at
Shepard & Dudley's last week, as
near like yours as I could remember.
Think the Passerella Ilica have
taken another route on their migra-
tion this Fall. They used to arrive
before the middle of Oct. & were very
numerous, & this season have not
seen one, have you? On the 25th
a boy here brought me a wing
of a bird that he had shot the
day before, a cat had got the
rest of it. It looked like a sparrow
wing, was $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. in length, had a
great deal of bright yellow near
the edge, & the rest of it resembled
Spizella Socialis. The only things
that resembled it in the books were
the yellow winged sparrow *Columbic-*

blue Pass
was, &
Henslow
you come
thing to
knowles
I had
throughs,
in City
them the
getting

day, is
lecting.
ful at
, al
member.
ave
migrat-
to arrive
were very
e not
the 25th
wing
at the
the
sparrows
had a
near
sembled
things
ke were
Columbic-

blue Passerine I think the Latin name
was, & "Henslow's bunting Coturniculus
"Henslowii". Will show it to you when
you come. It is such a fine
thing to be acquiring so much
knowledge as you are now, with
I had a chance. Saw some
thrushes, Pallosi I think, on the green
in City Hall Park to day. Have seen
them there twice before. Hope you
getting along well.

Yours truly
J. A. Bicknell.

Riverdale, Jan. 12/75.

Dear Hart,

Rec'd yours on the 28th. Was very glad to get it, could not think what had become of you. Since my last letter a good deal has transpired with me. On Election Day Nov. 3rd among other things I shot an Anthus Ludovicianus, & a bird that I think is Gallinula Galeata. Then one of my younger brothers got a vacation of 4 days from the 9th to the 12th of Nov. & collected for me during the day, & I skinned when I came home at night. Among other things he shot a fine ♂ Cardinalis virginianus !!! Think of it at that time of the year. The ♀ was with it, but that made off. We saw one here before, a ♂ on June 8/71. On the 18th Nov. before going to business in the morning shot 2 Loxia Curvirostra var. Americana on the Norway Spruces by the house. We first noticed these birds Nov. 3, & between that & the 27th Nov. saw them on 15 different days. After that did not see them till Jan. 2, & have seen them twice since. Have not seen a sign of a Parusula Eumelator so far.

On Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26 got 3 *Dendroica*
Coronata !!! Had no idea that they sometimes stay
so late. These were with a flock that were feeding in
some brush along the edge of a pond, & seemed perfect-
ly at home, & contented, though the thermometer had
been 23° that morning. Also got a *Sayornis Fuscus*,
had not seen one since Oct. 18. Think this one delayed
its migration because it had no tail. Saw a *Junco*
Carolinensis, had not seen one since Oct. 11. On
Christmas Day got a *Collurio Borealis*. Nothing of
importance on New Year's Day, but the day after got
a *Sphyrapicus varius* that was feeding on some old
frozen apples in an apple tree by the house. On the
9th a boy brought me another, a ♀, that he had
shot with a pistol. It was feeding on apples like
the other. They are not generally seen here in winter.
There is a young man here that has some skins
collected in Texas on the Rio Grande by his brother
who is a Col. in the army, & was stationed there.
I got 3 of these in exchange for about 30 of my
skins. They are 2 of the *Callipepla Squamata*, & a
Xanthocephalus var. *Superciliosus*. My cousin Jay Perro-
pont spent the month of Nov. in the Adirondacks

& re
proge
8.
very
strip
with
birds
Nov. 1
Air S
Purpur
Melod
Bico
Llido
of
kind
miles
were
parce
to
me,
morn
know
if y

proeca
us staid
ding in
ned perfect
had
Fuscus,
e delayed
a lunus
On
ting of
ter got
me old
On the
e had
e like
winter.
me skins
prothes
there.
of my
ta, & a
Jay Peris=
ardacks

& sent me two fine birds very well preserved in a frozen state, Hylotornis Pileatus ♀, & Picoides Arcticus ♂. Some of the birds as you say have staid very late this year. The Zonotrichia Albicollis is still here in force, & will probably spend the winter with us, never knew it to do so before. Some of the birds were last seen as follows, Dendroica Palmarum Nov. 1. Regulus Calendula, & Proceres Gramineus Nov. 3. Aix Sponea Nov. 9. Agelaius Phoeniceus Nov. 14, Quercalus Purpureus, & Turdus Pallasi Nov. 15. Carpodacus Purpureus, Melothrus Pecoris, & Colaptes Auratus Nov. 26. Lophophanes Bicolor Nov. 29. Scolecophagus Ferruginus Dec. 3. Passerella Iliaca Dec. 4. The Eremophila Cornuta you speak of, I think is not uncommon in your vicinity in winter. On Feb. 22/70 I shot several at Stratford, 14 miles below you on the sound, & on that day they were quite abundant. That must be a splendid parcel of skulls you describe, should like very much to see them. Now that you must come & see me, come Saturday afternoon, & go back Monday morning. If you come to Williams Bridge let me know & I will have the carriage there for you, or if you come to New York you could come up with

me. Now don't fail to come & soon as possible. Hope
you cold has gone, & that you are getting along well.

Yours truly,
G. B. Kirkmy.

C. V. Merriam.

Riverdale, Feb. 14/75.

Dear Hart,

Rec'd your letter on the 2nd.
It has been a very severe winter with us^{so} far, the coldest Jan. it is said in 8 years, & the average 10° lower than last Jan. An early Spring is expected. Have seen the S. Cirrocygna bar. An. on 7 days since Jan. 1. Jan. 29th saw the P. Eumelator for the first time this winter, 4 of them. The next day saw 2, & Feb. 10th one more. Saw Oegisthus Linoria for the first time this winter on Jan. 27th. From that date till the 31st they were quite numerous; have seen none since. On Jan. 31st saw the Plectrophanes Nivalis for the first time in my life. There were abt 40 of them in the flock. Suppose they came down with the snow storm & strong North wind which prevailed on that day. Though I have lived

here nearly all my life, never saw
them here before. I saw 5 more
on Feb. 3. Have seen but 3 of the
Haliaeetus Leucocephalus this winter.
Feb. 4 saw *Larus Marinus* on the
river, a new addition to my list.
On Jan. 28 saw a *Melospiza Palustris*.
Did not know any of them ever spent
the winter as far North as this, the
fact is not mentioned I believe in the
books. I noted them this fall up to
Nov. 15th, & thought I saw some on
Nov. 26th & Dec. 25th, but was not sure.
Whether the *Lophophanes Bicolor* spends
the winter here I know not, have
not seen it later than Nov. 29. It
is very rare here. Several foxes
have been seen here this winter.
You would not expect that of a place
within 15 miles of New York. Have
seen abt 40 species of birds since
Dec. 1. Sometimes as many as 15
species in a day. Saw a large

grey squirrel
this morning
been around
On Dec. 25
200 yds of
have washed
day? It
Could not you
work, & spend
with us?
some collect
possible.

Core Kitching
So 182

never saw
5 more
3 of the
is winter.
on the
my list.

Spiza Palustris

ever spent
this, the
believe in the
fall up to
some on
are not sure.

Bicolor spends
not, have

Nov. 29. It
several foxes
is winter.

at of a place
work. Have

birds since
my at 15
a large

grey squirrel, out of my window
this morning. Two of them have
been around the place all winter.
On Dec. 25 started a rabbit within
200 yds of the house. Will you
have Washington's Birthday for a holi-
day? It comes Monday the 22nd.
Couldnt you come Saturday after-
noon, & spend Sunday & Monday
with us? He could probably do
some collecting Monday. Come if
possible.

Yours truly
G. Bicknell.

Core Kitching Brn.
80 & 82 Reade St.

Riverdale, Feb. 16/75.

Dear Fort,

I write to tell you that one of my little sisters has the scarlet fever, so if you have not had it, or are afraid of catching it again you had better not come this Sunday. Eight Pinicola Enucleata were seen here Sunday. Have heard nothing of that new bird you said Herrick discovered last Fall: what has become of it? Nothing new since I wrote you.

Yours truly,
S. A. Silliman.

Constableville, July 9/75.

Friend Hart,

Rec'd your letter all right. Expected the reason I did not get a letter was that you were so busy. It is no fault of yours, working as you do. Should not think you would have time for anything. Haven't done much in the bird line since I last wrote, but have some new eggs. I wrote you that the *S. curvirostris* & am now spending the winter with us. Well they staid through April, & on the 24th noticed a pair building in a red cedar abt 18 ft. from the ground. On Apr. 30th the nest contained 3

eggs, which I took as I was
afraid something might happen
to them if left any longer.

Also found a nest of *Helmintho-*
phaga *Tinus* 4 eggs; two nests of
Helmintherus *bermudensis*, one of them
with 5 eggs, & the other with young.
A nest of *Myiodesobates* *nitroatus*
with young, & a nest of *Geothly-*
pis *Fuchsii* 4 eggs. Nothing else
new. Suppose you are abt as
busy now as you were before.
Hope you will have a good
time. Yours in haste
G. A. B. K. M. S.

in a drawer
to mail it
the omission
animal?
in a

Dond
at ^{means of} by a
ell, (I don't know what)
ily, in
over backward,
hing of ^{the} gills
elume this
ted with eggs.
receive it, it
ntification
fect sketch,
an idea
13th. as yet no

E.A.B.

Rosendale, N. Y.
April 8th. 1894.

My dear Merriam:

As my medical ^{a little,} adviser now allows me to write, I take the opportunity of replying to your letter of the 13th. ult.

Am very much obliged for the information about the ore, I left with you, but have since learned that that specimen differs in its ingredients from the majority of the ore found at the locality. (Chugers; abt. 40 miles from N.Y.) which is useless as emery. Will mail you a copy of the "Am. Chemist" containing a complete analysis of the ore etc, which may be interesting to Mr Dana.

Since returning home, have been

Collecting a little, but have not succeeded in obtaining anything of much importance. I have got the 6 species of sparrows, which are with us, (including *Albicollis*, a winter resident; & *S. pusilla* which arrived on the ~~31st~~ (3rd))

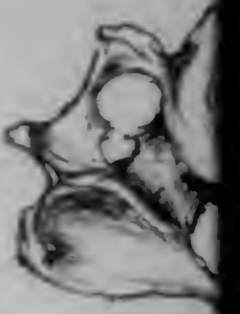
Few spring birds have as yet arrived: *S. fuscus*, appeared March 22nd; *M. pecoris* on the 24th; & *C. accipiter* on the 31st. Yesterday saw one *T. bicolor*.

Of the wild flowers; *Thalictrum* is common, besides which there are a few *Thalictrum anemoneoides*; *Laxifraga verucalis*; & *Corydalis cucularia*.

Walking along a R.R. track, the other day, I picked up a bone, of which the enclosed is an ^{imperfect} sketch.

Is it not one of the (cervical?) vertebrae, of a human being?

Should you find a chance, to write again, I should be



very happy
if you
me what
you use in
I have got
sorted shot
in the stores,
almost ev
I have seen
about my
do not differ
my doctor
him, & do
active business
months.

Incise

have not
anything
have got
which are
is, a
which
yet arrived:
N. pectoris in
yesterday
ba. is common
Thalictrum
naeis; &
ck, the
bone, of
Retch.
vertebrae,
hance
ed be



very happy to hear from you.
If you do, please inform
me what kind of shot cartridges
you use in your Flinch Rifle.
I have got a rifle, but the im-
ported shot cartridges, to be had
in the stores, fail to explode
almost every other time.
I have seen other Physicians
about my eye, but as their views
do not differ materially from
my doctor's, I remain with
him, & do not expect to resume
active business for several
months.

Sincerely yours,
E. P. Dicknell

P. P. Apr. 15th. -

I put this letter in a drawer
last Sunday & forgot to mail it
till today. Please excuse the omission.

What is the enclosed animal?
I found them common in a
muddy fresh water pond.

It moves in the water ^{means of} by a
series of legs, fins, or gills, (I don't know which)
which operate collectively, in
unison, beating the water backward,
reminding me something of ^{the} gills
of Nereis. I presume this
is a ♂; the ♀ being dilated with eggs.

Hearing that when you receive it, it
will be too dried for identification,
I enclose a very imperfect sketch,
which may give you an idea
of its formation.

Saw one *D. palmarum* Apr. 13th. as yet no
Crotalaria or *Junco*. Yours
E. A. B.

My dear Mr.

advised now
I take the opportunity
to your letter.

Am very much
information
with you, but
that, that specimen
gradually from
found at the
miles from N.Y.
every. Will
the Am. Chemist
Complete and
which may be
Mr Dana.

Since return

John Munroe & Co
Bankers,
No. 8 Wall Street,
P.O. BOX, 2958.
Munroe & Co.
Paris.

New York May 8th 1878

My dear Merriam: —

I am sending you today by this mail two MS. of my article for the "Bulletin". Perhaps you have been wondering why I have not sent it before, & imprecating me for my dilatory conduct, but the truth is, that getting home late, sleepy & tired, & with bad eyes which refuse much writing by galley, are not the most favorable circumstances for literary duty. As the record of migrations could not be lost at any hazard I had to devote the mornings to field observation. The article is much longer than I had anticipated; too long I fear for a single insertion, but whether it will be sufficiently reduced for a single article, or be continued into the Oct. Bulletin & Enquirer I suppose

with the
that it is
sufficiently
every thing
not given
if I had
reference
You are
thing
I hope
You
besides
article
it now
that you
& consider
Inquiry
of another
similar
By the
in regard
by say
article

Sept 1878

say by this
for the
you bear
sent it
my dilatory
at getting
with bad eyes
by gallies;
the circumstances
record of
lost at any
the morning
the article is
ipated; too
insertion, but
only reduced
continued into
I suppose

with the editor to decide. Do you think
that it is unnecessarily lengthy, or not
sufficiently condensed? I think that
everything is original where references are
not given, unless otherwise stated, but
if I have inadvertently omitted any
references, will you kindly insert them.
You are at perfect liberty to alter any
thing which you may see fit, which
I hope you will do if advisable.

You see I have included other observations
besides my own without which the
article would be more incomplete than
it now is - I see by the "Country"
that you have been on an "Ornithological
excursion" which I hope has been successful.

Ingersoll after displaying his ignorance
of matters ornithological, in a way
similar to his remark on Chondestes
By the way, he explained the misunderstanding
in regard to his (!) article in the "Post"
by saying that in cutting down his
article, the editors left out the part al-

I enclose a list of some of the arrivals
which may be of interest as instituting
a comparison between the arrivals at ^{the} your
locality. I wonder if the birds arrive
much later in Lewis than in Millchester
Co? Lately I have been looking into
the relation between the migrations, &
the condition of the atmosphere, from
what limited observations I have been able
to make it looks very like; that a decided
barometrical depression is favorable to
migration. In fact that birds seize upon
such a time to pursue their northward journey.
If this proves true, why it is favorable is the next question.
It cannot be because the air is heavier, & consequently
as far as the bird is concerned more buoyant, for
though the bird's specific gravity would be less
the resistance ^{of the air} would be greater. Perhaps
the solution lies in the fact of the pressure of air
about the bird being greater, which in a fast
living organism like an avian, would be
perhaps more favorable to prolonged exertion.
Do you find the change of country
helps working a beneficial effect on

together
His
accepted
him
on the
in a
his letter
Explains
Uniform
I said
it was
with
has the
I am
to see
that a
Anderson
The
unprec
(5th) m
was h
E acca
fall m
but are

arrived
instituting
was at the
birds arrived
Wiltshire
bringing into
ations, &
from
been able
A decided
favorable to
size upon
and journey
the next quarter
& consequently
payant, for
could be less
- Perhaps
llow of air
in a fall
would be
delayed exertion
& country
effect on

together where he had given me credit.

His explanation being undeniable, was accepted at the meeting, though I wrote him afterwards a rather warm letter on the subject, which was replied to in a like degree of temperance, though his letter cooled off decidedly at the finish, & explained the matter more fully.

Unfortunately this letter was laid away, & I did not receive it till sometime after it was written, thus preventing my speaking with him on a few points, at the next meeting, & as the Society has now adjourned till June 1st. I shall not have an opportunity to see him till then. I might add that a perfectly friendly intercourse was preserved between us throughout, & still of the

The arrivals this season have been unprecedentedly early up to last Sunday (5th) most all the summer residents were here, except C. Ceyana, Mitratu, E. acadicus, & C. virens. - The Spring & fall migrants, have been less forward, but are now coming along nicely.

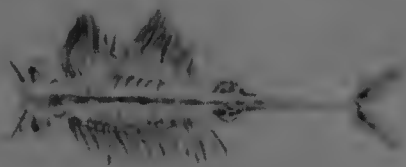
on your system? Hoping that I
 have not annoyed you by this long missive
 I remain with kind regards to
 Miss Dayan her brother

Sincerely yours —
E. P. Dickson

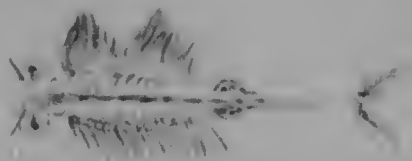
Winnipeg . . . Extreme West

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--|
| D. Castanea | May 8 | |
| " Canadensis | " 7 | |
| (L. viridis) | " 5 | |
| N. ruficapilla | " 4 | |
| P. rubra | | |
| I. baltimore | | |
| E. olivaceo | " 3 | <u>Stetopodopodonyx</u> Apr. 16 |
| (M. crinitus) | | |
| T. Carolinensis | | |
| D. striata | | |
| T. pubescens | | |
| (K. pinus) | | |
| (N. vermiformis) | " 2 | I. auricapillus Apr. 27 |
| (T. palustris) | | |
| U. gilva | | |
| G. trichas | | D. altiva }
Parula }
L. solitarius }
E. minor } Apr. 26 |
| I. spurius | | |
| (V. noveboracensis) | } Apr. 30 | I. mustelinus }
I. rutticilla }
U. Carolinensis } Apr. 25 |
| L. flavifrons | | |
| Ambrostoma | Apr. 29 | C. phlasgia }
C. riparia }
a. vivescens }
m. varia }
<u>U. rufis</u> Apr. 20 |
| D. virens | " 28 | |

Top view.



Top view.



for the
any one
high in
Coronado
feeding
mussels
W!! M.
4 eggs
! Socialis
Complete
ignoring often
Lull
rows —?
Sticilla!
my, & eggs
hues with
to ~~shell~~
looks,
similar
e scale,

Pewaukee, May 24 '78

My dear Merriam:

Yours of 20th recd. yesterday, & I
hasten to reply to it as I suppose, you
do not wish to keep the MS. any longer
than necessary. Many thanks for your
kindness & trouble in inserting omitted
ref. &c. The mere fact of your suggesting
certain changes is sufficient evidence, that
it would be advisable, so to do, & you
are at perfect liberty to make such
changes either in sense or wording as
you may think proper. Of course
"likewise" is a much better word
than "utterly" in the connection in which
it is used. I did not refer to Lawrence's
note on M. polyglottis, supposing it to
be a perhaps somewhat regular visitor
to that Island (according to Lawrence (Gr.)
Grouard & Rhoads) & wishing to confine

my remarks more especially to the Hudson
River Valley; as the field beyond would require
an exhaustive article. However his own
being so recent it is perhaps better that
it should be included - Regarding
Leptophanes, I had ignored both DeKay
& Giraud's statements (of its breeding etc.)
as absolute records, supposing that
as no data or instances of its breeding
~~were~~ ^{never} given they might have been
influenced by Adams, Muller, Erson
statement in regard to this species
Did I not say something to this effect?
Am glad you included "U.S. record of
Cardinalis in U.S. Was thinking of
calling your attention to it by a
postal, but not knowing the author
thought that possibly an ad. of Pinicola!
might have been mistaken for it.

Thanks for your kind story & fear
misquided remarks on my paper
which however are very encouraging

but in the
writing it
written a
nature,
and discov
skins in a
engaged in
in any
or north
enthusiasm
your dis
to the old
the better,
have been
I have no
in the
in fewer
irregular
which are
than usual
here, & if
noticed in my

to the Hudson
would require
never his name
better that
Regarding
but Dr. Kay
breeding of
hoping that
of its breeding
have been
millions, women
his species
to this effect!
H.S. record of
shrinking of
to it by a
by the author
of Pinacola!
can for it.
try I fear
my paper
encouraging

but in the time which I occupied in
writing it any one else might have
written at least 3 articles of a similar
nature, - In another place your remarks
are discouraging - Just think of 370
skins in the short time you have been
engaged in field work - as many as
in any whole collection. I know you
are working too hard, do not let your
enthusiasm & power of work overrule
your discretion. Let me call your attention
to the old adage of "discretion being
the better part of valor". But perhaps you
have been recruiting yourself, without rest.
I have noticed the same peculiarities
in the migrations that you have - birds
in fewer numbers than usual, very
irregular in their comparative arrivals -
which averages but one to two weeks earlier
than usual. All summer residents now
here except C. accedens (which was first
noticed in May 26th last year) they the latter common

so early it seems to be ending off late, for the
 warblers are in no hurry to move on.
 Almost of them are still here though in
 limited numbers. I even saw Coronata
 on 21st. Most birds however are breeding
 early. What do you think of T. musculus
 2 eggs, H. rufus. 2 nests 2 & 3 eggs May 12!! M.
corollinensis 3 eggs, May 11! D. aestiva 4 eggs
 May 18. A. phoeniceus, 1 egg May 19! I. icterus
 1 egg same day! Nest of H. trichas complete
 May 16. H. r.!! I hear H. penus singing often
 but as yet have discovered no nests. Last
 Sunday, was shown a nest of Spirus —?
 which is undoubtedly that of noticella!
 It contained 3 abt. half fledged young, & 1 egg
 with large dead embryo. This egg agrees with
 such descriptions of the egg S. noticella ~~which~~
 I have been able to find in my books,
 being almost spherical, & something similar
 to an egg of S. ^{getaria} virens on a small scale,

My dear
 You
 halter
 do not
 than need
 kindness
 ref. to
 certain
 it would
 are at
 changed
 you
 "likewise"
 than "no"
 it it is
 note on
 be a per
 to that
 Grain to

with the markings not aggregated into a ring
on the larger end. I have an egg from
Mt. Vernon N.Y. supposed to be of S. naevius
which is entirely different. When the young
are sufficiently advanced to theft for themselves
I will try & secure one or more, with
the parent, a glimpse of which showed it
to have a conspicuous superciliary stripe
with the under parts less spotted than
in naevius. N. Lawrence got a
"snowy heron" at Rockway^{me} a short
time ago. He & Eagle are going off to
Maine abt. 1st. June, while Pearsall
is going to Grand Menan.

A clipping which my letter sent
me probably from a New Haven
paper states that the Chrysomitris
peris has been very abundant the
last winter all through central
& northern Vermont, & that it has

been breeding all the latter part
of the winter. At Burlington on
Apr. 10. a nest contained 3 young
almost fledged, a description of
the parent birds is given, & the
general tenor of the article, shows
it to be reliable. This is very interesting
in connection with their breeding
in abundance near you &c.

But I have already extended this
letter to a greater length than I
had intended & in great haste
remain

Very truly Yours

E. B. Pierce

P.S. Why did you not keep your appointment
at Esbachs last night? I had to
dine alone & wish no one to restrain
me made away with 3! Yorkshire
Queers & a bottle of Cold Coffee!!!

P
werdale, N.Y. June 14th 1878.

My dear Merriam:-

I am taking advantage of a long looked for favorable opportunity, to direct my pen towards Lewis Co. & its naturalist inhabitant; to reply to his letters of 27 ult. & 2^d inst; to thank him for his kindness & trouble regarding a certain MS. & to apply for an excuse for not having found an opportunity of writing before. Several times I have sat down to write but have always been called away, until tonight I have determined to finish a letter at all hazards unless my eyes give out, for they have been bothering me a good deal of late. Last night I received the proof of my article, & it has now been returned revised to Prof. Allen. Almost the only change made, was what you suggested regarding isothermal lines, & Prof. Allen states that according to his views it is now unobjectionable.

It appears that his letter to you was misunderstood by both of us & that he "thoroughly endorses" Prof. Merrill's generalizations, & by isothermal lines did not refer alone to mean annuals, but to lines representing the

mean temp. during certain months. In my article
he has omitted all following Lophophanes pertaining
to the northward migration of this species, coordinates in
winter, stating that it was necessary to economize
space, & that in my remarks on this subject I had hit
an interesting point, & one worthy of a special article.

Am glad that you sent his letter which I return
with thanks herewith. The Preliminary is of a very en-
couraging nature & I am glad to have seen it. How
it sets a fellow up to hear occasionally such remarks
from person like Prof. A. In fact I think I have had
nothing of such a stimulating nature for a long time
except perhaps that Yorkshire Duck! of Estacks.
I think that after reading it I could have done a

after regarding myself on G.D. viz. run from 18 to 30
Street in 8 mins. Have done little or no ^{bird} collecting this
season on acc of limited time, & poor eyes. I have however
taken two good nests viz. Mitroatus with 3 fresh
eggs. May 26. & Stelgapteryx, 6 fresh eggs, seen 2^o.

nests in Sand Bank, in what was probably what
was the commencement of a Ceryle's nest, & but
12 inches deep. & notwithstanding the coolness
of the first part of the season, some of the migrants

have remained even later than usual, of late birds I
note, D. striata June 4. T. aliciae June 2. E. traillii June 9th
also that a pair of Geothlypis Philadelphia June 3.
Yesterday morning while writing at my table, I heard a note
outside my window which caused me to spring from
my seat, grasp my gun & speed down the stairs & out
of the house, & there in one of the large Norway Spruces close
to the house ~~my eyes saw~~, a flock of 10 or a dozen

Loxia curvirostra americana, almost
caused my eyes to start from their sockets, Unfortunately
the charge did not start from my gun, for the cap only
snapped & the whole flock disappeared in a S.E. direction,
How is that for Carolinian fauna? I begin to think
that the C.H. at this point is not influenced either by
climate, or isotherms but is simply the result of
a favorable highway leading from the Carolina
district, & in which birds of the Carolina Alleg. or Conn.
(notes within the last few years)
naturally travel. Here are the following dates for Carolina:

D. pennsylvanicus, June 16. Traillii June 15. D. castanea July 26. Verreauxi
Aug 27. + Sep 5. D. blackburnianus, Aug 24, 27, 28 + 31. D. pennsylvanicus, Aug 21 + 24.
D. maculosa Aug 25 + 31. M. canadensis, Aug 17 + 18, 26. &c &c.

Found a specimen of Hesperia at Wallace's with the
greater part of the throat & side of face white (orish strong

indications of ashly or ~~dark~~ make an approach toward -
leucobronchialis, In writing Prof. A. sent him a
colored representation of it to see what his idea on it
is. Was taken at Nyack, N.Y. Bought at an auction
"Emory U.S. & Mex. Boundary" survey 3 vols. Ornith.
Zoo. Herpetology, & all branches. Did up to \$2.25 a vol.
where they were knocked down. Was it a good bargain?

Up to the present time my list of trees, & plants (phanogams)
embraces over 250 species, & I am constantly adding others,
This botany takes considerable time away from Ornithology
but I cannot ever find a strange flower without it generates
within me an insatiable desire to become familiar with it.
Do not you think that the Botanical Training Days
for the time it occupies not only for an increasing knowledge
of Botany, but in training for the mind,? Golden Rod in
flower June 12!! Many thanks for your valued photogen
I think it is very fair but looks as if you might be
thinking "damn" about something. It is dated April.
Why did you give it me before - Love Play Remember
Will have mine taken down. Let you
have me. Many thanks for your kind

invitation. I should be delighted to
visit you at Lewis Co but it is next
to impossible if I get any vacation
it will probably be late in Sept. or Oct.
I hope you will accept the "will
for the deed" Meow wrote me to
come up to Highland Falls but I can't
get time. Blessings on Business, as I
wrote Meow the Scientist's Curse.

Please excuse these spider tracks I hardly
know what I've written. Am half asleep
& drowsy from across the way but
fooling around the room all the
evening.

Sincerely,

Ernest D. Russell

Hope the length of the letter will atone
for the time it took in coming
(over)

June 15th

P. I have opened your letter ~~this~~ again
this am. to say that a large flock
perhaps 15 Loxia Curvirostra am!!!
just passed over the house & disappeared
in a southerly direction. What can
the matter be, Perhaps the summer is
to cold for them further north or its
world may be coming to an end.

I expect to find a flock of Plectrophenax
in the front yard when I go out
E.P.B.

My. Oct. 22/79.

My Dear Merriam

For a long time past I have been intending to write you, but something is always turning up to occupy my time -

I have been back but three weeks from my vacation, which I passed in the vicinity of this City; spending 4 days at Rye, visiting Scott at Princeton & Lawrence at Rockaway - From the latter place I brought home 5 species of water birds new to my collection but all nevertheless common enough I shot there also a Vireo philadelphicus, a new bird for the island, & ~~the~~ my best take for some time - Spent two days at Princeton - I tried some collecting tho. few birds were about - Scott has some fine birds in his collection & is a thoroughly scientific worker - He collected quite extensively this summer in the central part of this State & found Stelgidopteryx, Sturnatella, common I believe - He certainly would be a

desirable addition to our Society - By the way the first meeting will probably be held Nov. 18 - at Laurence's House - Do you expect to be in this City at all this winter? If so when will you be down - I shall send out the notices of the meeting in a few days - Bennet being absent in Minnesota when he will remain during the winter - As far as I now know most of the other members will be with us - Sometime since Gray wrote me something about sending a list of the birds of I. by or something of that sort - have not heard from him since

My scheme of writing up the birds of this vicinity meets with approbation on all sides - I am now spending leisure moments in looking thro. G. S. for records &c. It takes time! Is rather dry work -

Have not had any special run of luck in collecting this year but nevertheless have not been unsuccessful - Fisher has had phenomenal luck of which I suppose he has written you. Heard from Meers but twice during the summer, I believe he is

By the
way
you
after?
shall
few
to when
for
members
you
list
what
time
of
me
and
cord &
of luck
ess have
what
he had
at time
W. A.

now in the city shape he find him
somewhat improved I learn his legs
Book there of "the man with the hat ^{goatee}
floating around, but no one seems to
be aware of his whereabouts. M.C. Ashm
at Princeton - Deane left his card
the other day when I was out Purdee
has recently called - I hear from
them now of all kind of Southern birds
being taken through New England

I have not changed my handwriting
but am in that condition today -
when no way of making it comfortable

Hoping to hear from you soon
learn if you will be in my
Believe me

Sincerely yours
E. A. Mearns

Please of haste & illegibility

[Faint, illegible handwriting at the top of the page]

Ridale, N.Y. July 24th 79

My dear Merriam:

I suppose that because you replied to my postal about your advertised letter, that ^{you think} it is my turn to write. But that was merely an incidental correspondence, & you have not written me one good letter since you left the city, & I don't know what you have been doing, and now doing, or intend to do. As for myself I have not been doing a great deal of especial importance. I do not recall having taken anything in particular, than occupied the season in looking more fully into the relative abundance & distribution of our common species, like flora. This latter I am investigating as much as possible, as there is an interesting relation between it & the avifauna. ~~A flora~~ of flora of Staten Island has just been published having twice been published ^{even in this short distance}, I notice a gradual increasing ratio of Northern plants in ascending the river, & a corresponding decrease of Southern ones. Have you seen the first

of the river, & indeed N.Y. Bay is but a continuation of the Hudson valley, and in talking in these terms it seems ridiculous not to include some of the East Side of L.I. but a short distance away. So it has occurred to me, why not style my list "Birds of N.Y. City & adjacent districts" or something of that nature. In fact a sort of 2^d Lawrence List the more precisely defined, & limited.

For sometime I have been working on this basis, & spoken to several about it, all of whom regard it as an excellent plan. It will as you see, necessitate my taking in the fields of ~~the~~ besides the "Hudson valley" men - Currier, ~~and~~ the Lawrences, & Johnson of Grossmont, with other lesser lights on Staten Island, Hoboken &c. I think in this way I can get up a pretty complete list of N.Y. city birds.

I have been thinking however that it would be rather "cheerful" in my asking some of the parties named for the notes &c, but then I am quite certain

parts of Mead's list. He occupies 38 p.p. in
getting to D. caeruleus! This is going it pretty
strong for a local list, is it not? It is a
good list, valuable for an enumeration of
species, but it is exceedingly profuse in unnecessary
matter, personal incidents &c. Now I
am commencing to think about my publication,
which is the principal point of my letter.
The (in view of the Mead's stumbling block)
the most definite intention I ever had, was of
writing up the birds of the "Lower Hudson Valley,"
You will remember that you thought that
after M. finished his list, I might take
it, & write up the whole valley. For some
reasons I do not take kindly to this idea
however, & thus am brought back to the
lower valley. But the difficulty has been,
where shall I draw the limit to the
valley. There is really no valley on the
New Jersey side the land indeed slopes
inland from the palisades. So there is
no natural limit here! Then at the
South I would have to take in Hoboken
& of course Staten Island, at the mouth

that none of them intend publishing
it is desirable, that this locality
should be despatched as soon as
possible so as to be ready for your
"Birds of New York". I have written thus
to you, as one who is to write the ornithology
of the state should of course be posted
on all matters pertaining thereto going on
within its borders. Indeed it has ~~just~~
^{recently} occurred to me that you may have
been promised the notes of some of the
S. J. parties I named, in this case, I
must make my peace with you
before proceeding farther. Please let
me know what your ideas are in
this matter, if in taking this
course I will be interfering in
any way with you. Though I
doubt not that you will think
with me that this plan is the
best one I could take, still I
want to ~~see~~ ^{see} the coast perfectly
clear, & my sails well trimmed
before going ahead. As soon
as I receive your assurance *

* * * *

Salvage also
that "all well" I will at once communicate
with ornithologists of the locality
relative to the subject, & let it be
understood as soon as possible
what my intentions are. The sooner
that this is done the better, for some
one else may take it into his head
to do the same thing (you can never know when
he finds I neglect you know) Would it not be a
good plan to write Grinnell, & get him to say
something in F.T.S. requesting observations re.

I will take the earliest opportunity to look
thoroughly through files of F.T.S., Rod Olsen,
Country &c for records. In doing this
I may be able to assist you, in making
all state records &c. If it is desirable
for me to do this let me know
& I will bear it in mind.

When do you expect to return to
this city - if at all - this fall. I am
afraid that the Linnean Society

will be somewhat hurried out this
winter. Summer has gone to
Minnesota, & may get a place or some
mill there, & stay. Well I suppose
that by this time you will be pretty
well tired out with this scrawl,
but please excuse length, haste
& profundity, and believe me
Sincerely Yours

Wm. Brewster

Chas. Merriam M.D.

Lewis Co. N.Y.

Riversdale, March 10/90.

My Dear Merriam:

A few days ago Fisher laid before me the "scheme" respecting myself, concocted on his recent visit to Locust Grove. Let me assure you of my full appreciation of your disinterested kindness in this matter, before stating that it will be impossible for me to take advantage of the opportunity offered. I know you have not time to bother with long letters so I will be brief: It would scarcely be practicable to take the step which you suggest, without being backed with at least \$500 to \$1000. My father has recently met with more reverses, in suits &c, & I could receive no help from him. From the same reasons I have not been able to accumulate much myself, & \$250-\$300, I suppose is about all I could scrape together. These remarks will explain my position; & of course you can understand that I do not wish to take any step, which I will be unable to consummate myself, & have to fall back on relations &c.

I was, as you know 20 years old last fall, so there are a few more years before me in which, will be decided the question,

whether I will, or will not receive a
surgical education. For the present however
I see no chance in this direction, tho. I
would gladly see it, did it exist.

The Linnean Society is doing well.
At a recent meeting there were 19 present
including Purdie, & Deane from Boston.

I have not done much towards my proposed
Bird List, but expect to find an opportunity
for work on it next winter. - I am devoting
some attention to Herpetology, & Ichthyology
this season.

The spring is very early
here & I have already 9 names on my
Botanical list. Passerella first Feb 20,
L'fuscus March 5, other birds correspond
early.

I am glad to hear that
you are doing so well in practice, &
expect that you find it not easier kind
of hard work than cramming for
Examination in 24 h. st.

Yr. best

Remain

Sincerely Yours

O. P. Beardall

Riversdale N.Y. City

March 19/82

My Dear C. S. M.D.

Thank you for the
kind caution in yours of
yesterday, which I have borne
in mind, and am still
housed - Since Feb. 22.

A good opportunity to have
done some writing, was mostly
lost, from my eyes being
too weak to stand much.

No, I have not done
anything on my City birds
What little time I had
before Scarletina took
me I spent on my Cotswold
Paper. This is now ready
to copy for the printer, and
I calculate ~~the~~ it is of about

12000 words - that is about
20 pp. ^{or 13 leaves} of Queller size and type.

Wish I had a chance to
read it over with you before
it is published. I am now

on my long article which will
be in the *Sturtevant* one -
perhaps 18000 words. The
latter I may have come out
separately in the *Queller*.

The former will do for
the Proceedings of the American
Society. We ought to be
doing something about the
latter. DuRoi has several
times made inquiries about it.

What have you got for
it and when will it be
ready? Henry Prine's
address is Ridgely, Md. City
Sayornis fuscus Melospiza
Sincerely yours C. B.

Rosendale, N.Y. City

April 10/82

My dear Dr:

The last meeting of the Linnean Society was held on Saturday - the 8th - the rooms being not longer available for us, this season. I proposed that the publication Committee be empowered to take the matter of publication into their own hands, and after some opposition ~~the~~^a resolution passed authorizing that Committee to expend not more than \$50 - of the Societies funds in issuing a first number of a proceedings, to appear at as early a date as possible - All expenses exceeding \$50 - must be borne by private Subscription. - The matter is now virtually in our own hands and we must go ahead and do something. My contribution will be my Cassin's paper, which I can have ready for the printer, I think, in two weeks, if you will have something ready at the same time. Can't you give me an idea of about how much space your contribution will require, so that I will know

much room there will be left for other papers
in case any one should apply for space.

We must also get an estimate of price,
which of course cannot be approached until
we have more definite figures to work on.

Hester - now Secretary - is doubtless the best
man to do the work, - at any rate he can
give us an estimate. Write me
something definite of your intentions as
soon as convenient.

I saw yesterday Pachycincta, Passerculus, Poocates,
Socialis spaiula; today Pandion. Recalodula
on 7th. I have been down town since Feb. 29.

Don't forget to reply to this for
two or three weeks, for technically the
resolution giving us our printing limits
is to the early summer only.

Wm. Brewster
O. P. Dickson

Riversdale N.Y. April 18/82

My dear Dr:

Yours of yesterday at hand this am.
The main thing to govern us in considering the nature of our publication, is our financial means. We are authorized to use \$50 of the Society's funds, and besides yourself, three of the members have signified their willingness to help subscribe any deficiency. I think therefore that we ought not to outlay more than \$100.

Mr. Foster has made some estimate of the cost of publication, and is going to give me his figures. Speaking of it today he said he thought that an edition of 500 copies similar to the "Bulletin", and of about 80 pages, would cost about \$100.

This then is the best we can do, at present, and you will see that it precludes your idea of a number issued in two parts.

I think you will do well to contribute

the introduction to your Adirondack
Paper and list of mammals, for
it will be too long to wait for the
Annual Area paper. Bailey's
paper will not be ready, and I know
of nothing at present which we could
publish except your paper and my own.

The latter will not occupy more than
27 pages, and perhaps together they would
make a large enough number. Tell
me how about how much space —

Quilliter type yours will take up, and
when you can have it ready. I suppose
there is no chance of our being able
to read our papers over together. If there
is some room left, we might solicit a
short paper from some one else.

Whatever we do, remember that our
authority is restricted to the "early summer".
Let me know the decision about your paper
as soon as you can. The No. of Am.
Zool. Soc. I spoke of sending I have said laid
and will look it up.

Sincerely
C. D. McKee

Dr. Directory
told about
new notes
Lawrence
you may like
I received
and will take
account of
it with the
current

P.O. Box 2958 N.Y. City
April 18/82

My dear Dr:

As to the matter of a
publication fund in N.Y.,
I think the chances of raising
such a fund are very
unfavorable. "A M or 2"
It seems to me would be
worse than nothing, for
then the subscribers to such
fund would expect us
to do something, and we
could do very little with
the income of the amount
named - enough perhaps
to bring contempt upon us.
We ought to have at the
very least \$5000 - and I
don't believe we could get it.

At any rate we better let
the matter rest for the
present, as after we get
out the first No. of our
Proceedings, we can show
a sample of what we
can do. Foster gives
me the following approximate
estimate, based on a
supposed edition of 500
copies similar to the "Bulletin":
48 pp. 78.⁴⁰; 64 pp. 92.20 -
80 pp. 112.⁰⁰ - 64 pp. we
may say will cost us \$100 -
and we ought not to go
beyond this. If your
paper will be of 35 or 40
pp., with mine it will be
sufficient for our "first".
In fact there seems to
be nothing else. Is there

any chance
have an opportunity
reading our
together?
to have some
my paper
to press -
not be able
you suggest
Foster offered
cut of Line
number
a good idea
I have seen
of the above
gentleman
should be
he will be
on stone,
from Dr.
Brooklyn
supposed
only temporary

a better let
at for the
after we get
No. of our
we can show
what we
Foster gives
writing approximate
on a
tion of 500
to the "Bulletin":

44p. 92.20 -

44p. we
cost us \$100 -
not to go

If your
of 35 or 40
it will be
our "first"
saw to
else. Is there

any chance that we will
have an opportunity of
reading our papers over
together? I should like
to have some one read
my paper before it goes
to press. If you will
not be able to do it can
you suggest anyone else -

Foster offers to give a
cut of Linnie for our first
number which I think is
a good idea, do you not?

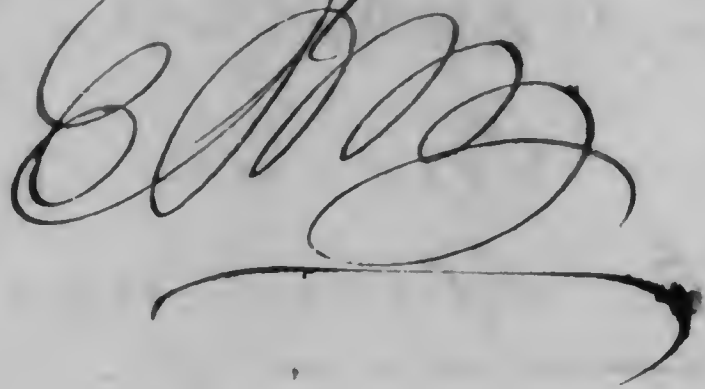
I have seen an engraving
of the above named
gentleman's head and
shoulders which he says
he will be able to reproduce
on stone. I heard

from Dr. W. H. Gregg from
Brooklyn last fall but
supposed he was there
only temporarily, but now

See by the Nat. Directory
that she is settled there.

Enclose a few notes
taken from Rhawrenab
book, which you may like
to have. I received
the Rana and will take
the first opportunity of
comparing it with the
form here occurring

Walter



P.P.

My dear
As
publication
I think the
such a few
unfavorable
It seems
worse than
then the
fund was
to do some
could do
the income
named
to bring
We ought
very least
don't believe

P.O. Box 2958
N.Y. City
5/17, 82

My Dear Dr.:

How about your paper?
Mimi is about ready.

Dutchman would like to have
his paper on the Fish Crow
published in our first number.

You heard it I believe at
the meeting you attended.

What do you think of it?

I think it might pass,
with some modification.

You have not said what you
thought of Foster's idea of
adorning our first number
with a stone engraving of
the head of Linnæus! Many
thanks for the joy
as ever C.P.B.

Ny June 16/82
P.O. Box 2958

My dear Dr.

I have just received the
paper samples from Foster.
Those I send I have marked
I. II. III. according to our
choice. No II is an excellent
paper but Foster says that
it will be almost impossible
to duplicate it for a second
number of our Proceedings.

In securing samples of
was shown No. I. as a paper
used for books of private
circulation - Probably it is
the thing we want. As
it is manufactured and kept
in stock by a wealthy house
it can almost certainly be
had again. Give it your
attention, I will secure Lawrence's

and the matter will be
settled. With uncut edges
it ought to look well.
No. II is perhaps better for
our purpose, but we must
have the same paper
again when we want it.

The Society was founded
March 7, 1878. You have
the original officers all
right. R. F. Peabody is
now Vice-President. I have
not yet seen Mr. Dodge
but will in a day or two
probably. At any rate make
up the announcement
mentioning his name which
I have no doubt will be
satisfactory to him. It
should not be pulled
after your MS. draft
accordingly and after making
any other additions or subtractions

which may suggest themselves
will return it to you for
further perfection.

Pearson has returned
from the Catskills and
permits me the use of his
notes which will add more
or less of value to my paper.
The only trouble is that as
the season was so backward
the migration was continuing
during ^{most} ~~most~~ of his visit.

The "Bulletin" could allow
me only 6 pp. for my paper
so I have had to reduce
it from 16 Ms. pp. to about 11 -
Some of the matter cut out
I will incorporate in my
Catskill paper as Brewster
says it is most preserving
I shall probably arrange
to be on top of slide mtr.

June 25th and return to N.Y.
on the afternoon of that
day.

What have you been
doing? Where is Dutcher's
paper? Where is your
draft of our announcement?
I thought you would send
it with blanks to be filled in.
We must hurry up.

Sincerely yours

General P. Dickell

P.S. If you use any birds names
in your paper you better use
Ridgway's nomenclature and be
in conformity with my paper
which is desirable. Coues in
his introduction acknowledges
~~that~~ his list is imperfect—
—of course the future will
completely revolutionize any
present list — and I believe
in supporting the Mittanian

V Institution as representative
of the science in this country.
Cove's list impresses me
as a Supreme Court of
~~the~~ nomenclatural arbitration
to be appealed to in cases
of doubt or necessity, not
for a working check list
Bidymus's is the more
compendious and I think
ought to be used.

Cove's list is attractive
and imposes from its
elegance, but such
influences should not affect
the scientific mind.

B. D. —

N.Y. City June 22/82

P.P. Box 2958

My dear C.A.

My delay of a day in replying to your last was unavoidable. I return

your plan of the first pages of our "Transactions" with sundry corrections or suggestions, which will explain why I did not hand them to Foster.

"Transactions" seems open to less objection than any other title of which we can think, and has better stand.

Dined with R.P.L. yesterday and we talked over matters.

Would it not be more non-committal to put No. I, instead of Vol. I, No. I.

that is, until we have
published the first volume?
In a publication as irregular
as ours may be ~~the~~
"Transactions No. I" we think
may be preferable to
anything more definite -
Then we can start Vol. II
with the 5th number
issued. I do not like
the word "elected" in the
position where it occurs.
It seems to suggest a
detail somewhat out of
place in such a general
announcement; a detail
which, in any event is implied.
The phrase "original
officers" or something to
same idea, would, I think,
be desirable as directly
showing why the officers of
this first election were

the Treasurer'ship is more of
a private affair of the
Society and should come last
I think. It seems to
me that the mere list
of the names of original
officers ending our announcement
is too abrupt, so I have
added a continuation of P. 2.
Some part of which at least
if not all, should appear;
— or something similar to it.

"Officers of the Society" should
head the 3^d page, at the
end of which it will
be unnecessary to repeat
the name of P. D. L. if
you correct the text,
as I have done in pencil.

By all means have
a fourth page containing
the index of articles I

My
repl
un
you
pag
wnt
sug
ch
han
to
oth
th
Do
an
n
non
No

Continuation of
page 2

[up to the present time?]

abstract of the proceedings
of the Society, and papers
read before it, have,
[occasionally?]
[from time to time?] appeared
in different scientific
serials; but the desirability
of a ~~regular~~ ^{series} medium
of publication has become
manifest.

This paragraph might do
without the preceding part - better?
but would not the whole thing be better?

The present publication
is designed to be the
first of a series in which,
papers coming before
the Society may be
permanently preserved.

my "Dull" article, but
do not know whether
they will let them stand.
I have your full name
printed as author of
your paper.

A.K.G. will accompany
me to the Catskills.

I go Saturday and
will be back, and
hope find a communication
from you on Wednesday
28th. Am very sorry for the

unhappy delay in starting
to print - I will

use as a base R.P.'s
Catalogue and include
all more recent changes -

as Cove's T. names &c.

Am inclined to use Hylouella

margins to the pages.
I can get no samples of
paper so suitable as
"No. 1" and etc. this is not
quite the thing, if a camera
or any better one had
better use it. That there
may be no mistake ~~in~~
~~the~~ I will say that
the paper I refer to is
No. 1. is the rough,
lined paper of the sample
I sent. Had you
we at last solid
on trinomial. All
right about the Capitals
to proper or. Specific
names, I will also
use them. I have used
them in every case in

4 Consider the title of
same, for the present at
least as: "Remarks illustrative
of the Faunal Position of
the Cross River Mountains,
with a Review of the
Summer Birds of a
portion of the Region"

You omit all mention
of Dutcher's paper.

If you re-type write
the plan I would suggest

leaving more margin
at the top of the page —

to give the paper
suggestion & notes.

We have traded on
Royal 8vo. — this will
allow room for work

4

Not Yundus - Have
been so hurried in writing
this that I may have
omitted to mention
something important - if
so, anything I think of
I will report later

Yours truly
O.P.

P.S. Alt. the spelling of
Linnean - How do the
Linnean Soc. of London
spell it? Prof. Asa Gray
recently used it in a letter
to me without the diphthong -

It seems to me the diphthong
would be from the Latinized
name - why not have it plain
Linnean, for ~~Linnaeus~~ Linnaeus
name in his own language?
This ought to be decided by the name
used by the London Society.

Wey. June 29/82

My Dear M.

Enclose a letter received by
our Corresponding Secretary which
will explain itself. We cannot
see that it requires any action
from the Committee except to
state to the writer what the
copying out of the propositions
which it contains would be
either impracticable or unadvisable.

Suppose you will agree with
us. Of course if we were
financially strong and money
no object the case would
be different. That proposition
regarding the distribution of
complementary copies to the
Press &c. is all right - in

Principal and of course we
shall in due time consider it -

When you have time you
might send a list of names
whom it would be desirable
to favor - individuals and
institutions, or corporations.

Yours
C. P. S.

Rosale, June 29/82

My dear Dr:

Yours at hand this AM. I have seen Foster and he sets his printer to work at once. The delay in printing was unavoidable as type setting could not be begun until the nature of the first pages was decided upon, and your reply to my last alone could settle it. Although I regret the delay I do not see that we could have acted differently than we did. F. says that you will not receive any proof before the middle of next week - possibly by July 4; possibly later - He will do his best to get it up as soon as possible.

As to the early pages of our issue I will correct the proof if them according to my ideas and send it to you - We want to be very careful and critical about these, and ought not to let our final decision be too hastily made. There are some points about the second page, as you send it, which I do

not altogether like but it will be
sufficient to correct the proof when it comes.

It is perhaps just as well to have the
"Contents" on the title page - but they will
have to go in last of course - that is
latest in the printing - Have you any ideas

about the paper for the cover? Many
scientific pamphlets are ~~printed~~^{bound} in paper of
a grayish or brownish shade; but would it
not be well to have ours ~~discreetly~~^{of some}
more unusual tint - say a rich buff? I
will see if I can get samples.

As to the extent of our issue - We thought that
500 copies would be sufficient, but how about
1000? We do not want to have too few -
the only ~~thing~~ question is - will 500 be quite
enough? Foster believes in 1000. He estimates

the cost of 1000 to be abt. \$210.-; of 500 about
\$100.- We want to insure enough for
domestic demand before we send any abroad.

I believe it would be well to send some to
London & Paris - What do you think of Berlin
and Edinburgh? I suppose we can consign
6 or a dozen copies to each of these points without
any previous correspondence. Do you know anything

about
have
local
appear
What
plea
the
a
of our
you
ad
D
100
shall
be
time
the
not
we
several
Coran
me
to
me

about this? I suppose too that we will
have to send copies to foreign journals and
societies - the "this" of course. You have
again omitted all mention of Dutcher's paper!
What have you done with it - Also,
please return Poston's letter, as it belongs to
the Society. Why do you persist in placing
a period [.] after th, e.g. "7th." On the 10 page
of our issue? Was glad to read what
you had to say about Linnæus; it is final
as to the spelling and use of the name -

Do you think I will want more than
100 copies of my paper? I find that I
shall have, virtually, to re-write it, but will
be dreadfully pushed to do so as at this
time of the year I must often be late at
the office. Returned from Cats River
with A.K.D. on 27th. For a two days visit
we were reasonably successful. Added
several birds to my list as: Dendroica
coronata, Certhia, Pipilo, & Loxia 'aur. Got
one N. Bepuelli - they and N. Strawson ~~seem~~
to be common on the N. Mts. But, by our best,
we could not shoot them - I hardly know

next some Perpetologist about some Cassin's forms and copies seems to be
away as I have written him and received no reply - Could you send
me a ^{small} specimen of *Adriana dertalis*? Fr. ^{mountains generally,} ~~birds or mountains~~
Don't forget to mention Dutcher's paper? ^{Ernest Inckell}

whether the black-flies or the ~~mountains~~
difficult cover contributed most to our failure
to the former was probably due A.K.'s lack
of success. They seemed to find his ears
very attractive, but failed to render it so
to his companion. Hunted much for
nests on the mountain. No old nests of
Prainsoni were all that I found, but A.K.
ran across a nest and four fresh eggs of
Empidonax flaviventris and an unfinished
nest of *Prothura*. I do not see how
you are going to attend properly to this
publication business and get away before, ~~at~~
or earliest, the middle of July. Even if
you wait till then I will have no one
to let myself to proof-read my paper,
unless you can suggest some one. If you
would not be gone too long a time it might do
to await your return - say a month or so. This
would be agreeable to me, and you could have
your proofs awaiting you on your return. It
would be better to have the publication delayed
two or three months if by so doing it would appear
in more perfect shape - unless haste may be
disastrous in some critical point. Do you know
if Yarrow is in Washington - I want to correspond

I.

Rosedale, N.Y. City,
Oct 3, '82.

My dear Dr:

With this you will receive the final proofs of your "Vertebrates of the Adirondack Region," with corrections which will explain themselves.

Now about the question of title page. The title of your paper, on its separate page, ought certainly to conform in style and type with the titles of the other papers to appear with it. I think a plain type printed in straight lines in the centre of the page, something like the titles in the Bulletin, would be best. What do you think about an extra title page for Dutcher's paper and mine? Foster has started with that idea, but I hardly think that extra title pages in these cases is called for — the title can head the article on same page. Dr. Paper will probably end on a ~~left~~^{right} hand page, and mine will have to begin on opposite side of same page, for it will not do to leave a whole blank page.

You have never told me what was your intention about recording the date of reading

II

of your paper. I think I will note
against the title of mine, "Read in part" &c.
My title will be: "A Glance at the Fauna and
Flora of the Catskills Mountains Prefatory to a
Review of the Summer Birds of ~~the~~ a part of
the Region" Would, "A Glance at the
Faunal and Floral Characteristics of &c" be
better? It favors having the
magazine bound in flexible cloth covers with
the title stamped in gilt - this will cost
about 20¢ a copy - It might be a good idea
to have, say, 50 or 100 bound that way at an
increased price.

My proof-reading of your article is now
finished - What differences of opinion we have
held have been on minor points; and I
now can congratulate you on having
produced a comprehensive and instructive
paper, of great interest, and permanent
scientific value.

Sincerely
Agave, Michnell

over

III
one thing more: What is your idea about the headings of each page of the papers to follow yours? Had we not done differently in your case, I would suggest having something on each page to identify it as of the Trans. of the L. S. Soc. - say, have Trans. Linn. Soc. &c. at top of left hand page and the name of author, with abbreviation of the title on opposite page. This we can hardly do now, and I suppose the only thing will be to follow the plan introduced with your paper.
C. L. B.

Oct. 4. Have just seen Foster. He decidedly favors a separate title page to each paper. The first proof of Dulecher's paper is at hand. D. cannot accept the first paragraph of the foot note, as it almost virtually nullifies the whole article. From what I hear from A. it is evident that he intends to withdraw the paper if any objection to his position is made. F. thought he would withdraw it anyhow but he sent me no proof and said nothing about doing so. If we can fulfill our duty to the Society and Committee members and abandon the foot note I, and the rest of us here, ~~will~~ favor so doing (see next page)

III

one thing more: What is your idea about the headings of each page of the papers to follow yours? Had we not done differently in your case, I would suggest having something on each page to identify it as of the Trans. of the L. S. Soc. - Day, Year, Trans. Div. Sec. etc. at top of left hand page and the name of author, not abbreviation of the title on opposite page. This we can hardly do now, and I suppose the only thing will be to follow the plan introduced with your paper.

C. J. B.

By Oct. 4. Have just seen Foster. He decidedly favors a separate title page to each paper. The first proof of Dulcher's paper is at hand. D. cannot accept the first paragraph of the foot note, as it almost virtually nullifies the whole article. From what I hear from F. it is evident that he intends to withdraw the paper if any objection to his position is made. F. thought he would withdraw it anyhow but he sent me no proof and said nothing about doing so. If we can fulfill our duty to the Society and Committee members and abandon the foot note I, and the rest of us here, ~~will~~ favor so doing (see III at foot)

IV. Some courtesy is due D. and we want a third
paper. Perhaps we could do away with
the difficulty by withdrawing the footnote
and allowing D. to substitute one himself
stating something similar. On the whole
I think this would be the better plan.

Proofs of the first part of my paper
comes to hand today. This I will
enclose to you tomorrow corrected
by myself. Please return it
with your corrections to me. I shall
probably write you tonight further.

EPB

SENER HOUSE,
LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE
J. L. HUNTRESS & SON.

I

Centre Harbor, N. H., Sept. 9, 1884.

My dear C. H. M.

Yours with circular reached me just before I was about to set off for the White Mountains. Three hundred circulars will be printed - One hundred will go to those who took vol. I; these Lawrence will attend to. As to the balance some discrimination should be exercised in their distribution - in fact they should perhaps be sent only to selected names - I presume however that nothing will be done with them until I get back, unless you start the matter up when you get to N. Y. I will agree to any plan

you may decide upon, so if
you think haste desirable let
my absence cause no delay -
I almost feel as if I were
shirts -

Grinnell is away from
the city and may not be
back for a month, I handed
Reynolds (of J. T. S.) a copy of
Vol. II for G. B. G., He will
notice its receipt in J. T. S. but
leave the review for Grinnell
when he returns, Hence it
may not appear for a little
time - I forgot to tell Foster
this. Please let him know,
if you see him, to allay his
expectations.

Foster's bills are for \$598 -
or about that - He has been
paid \$450. - Please audit
the bills with A. J. L. so that
the Committee may have
passed upon them as a unit.
I do not think that the

SEETER HOUSE,
LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE
J. L. HUNTRESS & SON.

Treasury can furnish the ^{full} amount - It however ought to be paid at once, he has been ~~out~~ of part of the funds since last spring -

Centre Harbor N. H.

188

I will loan whatever sum you may call upon me for to make up the difference.

The item of "Corrections" on his bill is larger than I had supposed it would be (\$48. Ninety)

This seems hardly consistent with the ~~last~~ charge for corrections in last volume - Under the circumstances however it will hardly do for us to take exceptions to his bill unless there is such a radical overcharge as to denote that there has been a mistake.

Several have spoken to me about the meeting of the A. O. W. and said that they had received no notices of the meeting -

At the risk of appearing
meddlesome I write you
this, to show that the
'hug' announcement is not
regarded by some as a
desert notice. I was
surprised to find when I
got to Cambridge that no
arrangements had yet been
made with the Am. Mus.
about the A.O.W. meeting. I
promised Brewster to attend
to the matter when I got back,
and to notify you and Allen
if everything was all right.

Spent Sunday and Monday
in Boston and Cambridge
Brewster's collection is beyond
praise - of course I could
not see more than a
fraction of it. I have never
seen anyone like Purdie
- such an admirable disposition.
He did every possible thing
to entertain me, and yet

SENTER HOUSE,
LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

J. L. HUNTRESS & SON.

Assumed to think he III
hadn't done a thing!

I arrived here this afternoon
and have been ^{Centre Harbor, N. H.} a letter 188

a very much mixed flora
apparently; much like that
of Brown's tract in some
respects, yet in others very
different. Think of Abies nigra
balsamea, and Quercus rubra
and Betula 'populifolia growing
side by side! Also Hyssa
multiflora, but is I don't know
what else it can be.

Cornus ^{Canadensis} florida, Oslebarda
repens, Aster acuminatus
etc.

Sorry I will not be in N.Y.
to see you on your way
through; but will see you
at the A.O.W. Am glad to
hear that some of the
Englishmen will be present.

Sincerely
E. P. B.

Wed. Sept. 17/84.

Recd. June 16/86.

N.Y. June 14/86.

My dear Dr:

Yours of 11th inst has
my best appreciation and I
thank you for it most cordially.
A consideration of your proposition
however leads me to feel that it
would be unwise in me to adopt
it. Certain considerations, indeed,
urge to a contrary view; but many
reasons weigh strongly with me
against making the profound
change in circumstances which
would be involved in my accepting
a position "under Government".

Prominent among these reasons is
this, that I could ill brook the
feeling that my position was held
^{under} any condition of tenure other than
merit. And I find myself quite

I shall
opportunity,
made it,
at all fitted
It is
a person
anything as
doing for
as.
spoke of
acquaintance,
whom I
and I should
to me if
influence
any chance

Yours
truly
Wm. J. [Signature]

ready to believe that, in my own case at least, when politics entered the office door peace of mind would go out at the window. Still, were my position here less satisfactory I would be willing to take all chances; but a good berth is too hard to get now a days to be lightly thrown away. The figures you name are, I think, liberal, and though I could not accept them without sacrifice, that alone would have small weight with me. It would be pleasant for many reasons to enter your department — to find myself in a non-commercial atmosphere, and working towards definite results, which is far from being the case with me now.

But, as I say, my best judgment prompts me to give up the prospect. Some years ago it is probable that my decision would have been eagerly

different — degenerated scientific I really for the name whether I scientific work I was in your me little would be would be But it receive you you for subject.

I had to represent important subjects are taken that branch wished

in my own
politics entered
my mind would
still, were
satisfactory
take all
inherit as too
to be lightly
figures you
and, and though
them without
would have
It would
y reasons to
at - to find
mercantile
ing towards
is far from
me now
at judgment
to the prospect
probable that
we been eagerly

different - so much have I
degenerated from my youthful
scientific enthusiasm! In fact
I really feel that I am dropping
from the ranks - I doubt now
whether I shall ever do much
scientific work. Just what
work I would be required to do
in your department you give
me little idea, but whatever it
would be I hardly think it
would influence my decision.
But it has pleased me to
receive your letter, and I thank
you for consulting me on the
subject.

I had intended to write before
to acknowledge receipt of several
important papers of yours on
subjects mammalogical. Yours
are taking a signal position in
that branch. Your sister has
wished me to go to Smith College

to lecture on birds &c. I shall hardly have the opportunity, although I might have made it, I suppose, had I felt at all fitted to give a good lecture. It is very excellent to see a person working as well at anything as your sister has been doing for the protection of birds.

Mrs. Mahon lately spoke of having made your acquaintance. She is a woman for whom I have much regard, and I should take it as personal to me if you would let your influence bear in her favor if any chance should offer.

Sincerely yours

C. P. Dickman

Ans'd. June 16/86

My dear
my best
thank you
a cordial
however
would be
it. Cer
urge to
reasons
against
change
would be
a position
Prominent
this, that
feeling
under
any condit
merit. R

Recd. Nov. 17/88

Riversdale, N.Y. City;
Nov. 3, 1888.

My dear Hart, -

I regret very much that I shall not be in Washington for the A.O.W. Meeting, and must miss the pleasure of accepting your hospitality. It was very kind of Mrs. Merriam and you to ask me to

stay with you, but I
cannot be away from
business. I shall
however hope to find
myself under your
roof at no distant
day. Please express
my particular regrets
to Mrs. Merriam.

Yours sincerely
C. P. Dickwell

John Munroe & Co.

N^o. 32 Nassau St.

P. O. BOX, 2958.

N^o. 4 Post Office Square,
Boston.

Munroe & Co.
Paris.

New York, July 28, 1892

My dear Merriam:

Nothing would give
me more pleasure than
to join you on your
proposed trip to Roan
Mountain, and I am
exceedingly sorry that I
cannot go. I am just
back at business after
an absence of two
months with an attack
of facial erysipelas.

July 21, 1892

ould give
ure than.

your
to Roan
I am
y det I
am just
ess after
two
attach
ipelas -

It seems that my heart
is left very much out of
gear and the doctor
forbids all but the most
moderate physical exercise
during the summer, particularly
mountain climbing - Some
months of laziness may
put me all right again.

The only Natural History
work I have done lately
has been botanical, and
I have long wanted to
get on some high mountain
of the Southern Alleghenys
with my botanical apparatus.
Even here in this well
worked region I have

Run across a number of
undescribed things. Much
Remains to be done in
the way of discrimination
among our common plants,
to say nothing of the rarer
ones. Good-luck to you
on your trip, and many
thanks for the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Cyrenus P. Dickell

as a species
apparent
I ventured
practice the
tion of the
ch you have
ly formulated
intergradation
as a disturbing
e will the
our flora
national lines
paper be
any form I
to have a copy
sincerely
D. S. Mitchell

Recd. May 15/97

32 Nassau Street.

MAY 15 1897

My dear C. A.

I have experienced
such a sense of real
pleasure and satisfaction
from reading your
paper on species and
subspecies in this week's
"Science" that I am
prompted to take the
privilege of an old
friend in telling you so,

It is a pleasure² to see this vaguely-treated subject for once soundly and strongly handled and with so broad a grasp of essential facts; and it is a satisfaction to feel that the moulding of general opinion on this subject is subjected to such a sound influence.

In the study of plants it has become more and more evident to me that the phenomena of intergradation

has been³ all highly exact conceptions proved a most stirring-ble development knowledge of and their significance been always inspecting into even though, of cases, none or, where it is wholly unimpaired. In a recent

are to
treated
soundly
adled and
a grasp
; and it
to feel
ing of
on this
it to
influence
of plants
now and
me that
of intergradation

has been ³altogether too
highly exalted in our
conceptions and has
proved a most serious
stumbling-block to the
development of a true
knowledge of our species
and their geographical
significance. We have
been always seeing and
suspecting "intergradation"
even though, in large numbers
of cases, none has existed,
or, where existing, it was
shally unimportant.

In a recent paper describing

a new Lichia as a species
in spite of apparent
intergradation I ventured
to put in practice the
very modification of the
old rule which you have
now so clearly formulated

The more that intergradation
is set aside as a disturbing
factor the more will the
knowledge of our flora
open out in rational lines.

Should your paper be
republished in any form?
I should like to have a copy.

Yours sincerely

C. P. Dickell

Recd. Aug. 15/97.

32 Nassau St

My dear C. P.

I have
such a keen
pleasure in
from reading
paper on sp
subspecies
"Science" that
prompted to
privilege of
friend in T

Burnell, G A

1873-1874

83/24
G

that pained
with young,
r. The
next day
the morn-
y. Got
Aurocap
a wood =
the 10th.
to shoot
our place
number of
light & con-
shoot them
& this year
each you
ou did
me to do
fore 7 am.
remember
ll.

New York, 8/9/73.

Friend Hart,

A few days ago succeeded in getting you Wilson's Ornithology for which I paid \$7.50 at Sabin's in Nassau St. Have only seen three other copies of this edition before, one at the Mercantile Library, mine, & another that I saw once before in Nassau St. At the same place I got yours, saw a copy of the original Wilson's, 9 vols. quarto, price \$130. The plates are superior in the coloring to the later editions. Sent the books by my sister who started for my uncle's the 7th where she will be two weeks. Also some eggs *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*, which I got at New Canaan, Ct. abt 40 miles from New York, last May 30, started the bird off the nest, this was the only egg in it. *Parus atricapillus* collected at the same place & date, nest in a dead stump abt 3 ft high, 2½ in diameter,

on the bank of a trout brook. The bird was from the
there. Eggs 7, I took 2. 5 were just like the summer
the one I send you. On the 7th. the spots looked as
were fewer & much larger, quite blotches on the Widsmere
larger end, also darker in shade & several Gonostictus
faint ones of a light lilac, a different look- to hear it
ing egg altogether than the others but all the only heard
same size. Thought you would rather have north. 19
the one that would represent the lot. Blew in the for
them with a fly hook, they were pretty for my visit.
gone. This day was a holiday (Decoration year. All
Day) & I was trout fishing. Pyrranga of the com
Rubra was collected at Riverdale 1872. birds, in a
in an apple tree. Sorry they are not With us
blown right, but didn't know any better. can be, I
Also sent a red skin of scope C. not one with
poisoned, am afraid it will be of no use Saw one
to you. heard a
clear, it
perhaps.
a good
basket ea
more is

Monday July 7. the day after I
saw you last. Jimmy & I started 3½
am. for Fish Creek. very cool morning,
thermom. 41° at my Uncle's. Had a beau-
tiful drive over, a light mist just rising

bird was from the swamps & everything glistening in
just like the sunrise, especially the balsams. They
the spots looked as if there had been a light frost,
acts on the Widmore said there had been. Heard a
& several *Zonotrichia albicollis*, it seemed so queer
different look- to hear it at that time of the year, we
but all the only hear it in the spring as it goes
rather have north. Heard *Turdus mustelinus* away
the lot. Blew in the forest, the only time I think during
pretty for my visit. Heard it also same place last
year. (Decorations year. As Burroughs says, in some parts
Pyranga of the country it is one of the tamest
dale 1872. birds, in others it keeps in the wildest places
are not With us they are as tame & common as
any better. can be, 5 nests in our place ^(6 acres) this year,
one within 4 yds of the house in a bush.
are not Saw one wild pigeon. While fishing
of no use heard a strange wild song very loud &
clear, it might have been a wood wren
perhaps. Should think it might be
a good place for them, those steep
banks each side of the creek, where the
moss is so deep & thick. Started

two partridges, one with young, that feigned
being hurt as usual. Saw one with young,
May 30th at New Canaan this year. We
caught 131 trout largest $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Next day
went collecting a little while in the morn-
ing, but it rained nearly all day. Got
a *Fringoides Macularius*, 2 *Sciurus Aurocap-*
illus, & a *Myiarchus Crinitus*. Saw a wood-
cock. Left C. on the morning of the 10th.

Have done nothing since, except to shoot
two screech owls. They were around our place
for several days pursued by a number of
birds, the row commenced at daylight & con-
tinued till dark so I had to shoot them
for peace. They were very grey, & this year
birds. Hope the eggs etc, will reach you
safely. Let me know what you did
on your woods trip. Haven't time to do
much myself leaving home before 7 am.
& getting back 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ PM. Please remember
me to your parents & brother.

Yours truly,

G. A. Bicknell.

Friend
you will
\$7.50 at
been the
one at
or that
At the
of the or
\$130. The
to the l
my sister
where she
Pipilio ery
Canaan,
May 30,
was the
collected
a dead

Riverdale, Sept 20/73.

Friend Horst.

Rec'd your letter of the 20th. Glad the things suited & reached you safely. Didn't mean to exchange with you, I expect nothing in return. Haven't done much since I saw you as I am away from home 12½ hours of the day. Last month I got a day off to make up my week, (only had 5 days at C.) & went to see a friend at Stratford, Ct. on Long Island Sound, & went shooting. We got 1 *Fuligula marila*, 1 *Butorides virescens*, 3 *Ereunetes Petrificatus*, 3 *Aegialitis Semipalmatus*, & 1 *Macrorhamphus Griseus*. The first was no doubt wounded on its spring migration, & unable to go north with the rest, but was all right when I shot it, & moulting. The *virescens* we took home & had cooked to see how it would taste, & it tasted better than any of the rest, all thought. In Europe

you know, the bittern was considered a delicacy in the haunting days. We saw some a few
Ardea Herodias, *Botaurus Lentiginosus*, *Nycticorax* not ge
dia Gordonii, ~~*Gambetta*~~ *Melanoleucus*, & *Flavipes*, ing an
& *Streptopelia Interpres*, also 1 small gull. shored
Next day (Sunday) we took a walk in the & think
afternoon, & saw among other things 1 *Accipiter* only he
Turcus, 1 *Turdus swainsonii*, 2 *Amotilla varia*, Take a
& 5 *Zenaidura Carolinensis*. *Circus Hudsonius* & that
is the commonest hawk there. I have any it
seen very few (6) of the adult ♂ of *Hudsonius* *viridis*
anywhere I have been in the last 6 years, Suppose
but any quantity of ♀, & immature birds. Let me
Has it been the same with you? Last house y
month there were some scops Owls around time y
our place for some time, followed all day of a co
by many robins, thrushes etc. The first thing whenever
in the morning they commenced the row, New Yo
& continued till dark, so finally I had to
shoot ^{2 of} ^(the owls) them for peace. They were this
year's birds in the gray plumage. After P.S. I fo
that the row ceased though there were more
around for we saw one or two after, & I

ed a deli- bear one occasionally at night. Last week
saw some a skunk got into our mouse pit, & could-
us, Nyctior- not get out, it was killed & the next morn-
s, & Flavipes, ing another was in the same fix, which
all. shared the same fate. Rather like skunks
in the & think I would let them live, believe the
gs + Accipiter only harm they do is to kill chickens.
tista varia, Take a good walk every Sunday afternoon
as Hudsonius & that's all the only chance I have to see
I have any thing of nature. Heard an Icteria
of Hudsonius viridis this morning, they'll go pretty soon.
at 6 years, Suppose you are all settled by this time.
are birds. Let me hear just what you do, what
? Last house you keep, what you study, how much
around time you have to yourself, & what kind
d. oil day of a country it is, also let me know
the first thing whenever I can do anything for you in
the row, New York. Yours truly,

G. A. Bicknell,

I had to
e this

After P.S. I forgot to acknowledge the receipt of the \$7⁵⁰.
were more
after, & I

New York, Oct 29/73.

Friend Fort,

Rec'd yours of the 28th ult.
You are very fortunate with *Contopus Borealis*, you seem to get them wherever you go. Killed two more skunks, which got into the mouse pit together one night. Had the first sharp frost of the season last night, thermometer 30° at 6.15 am. Have noticed the Fall & Winter birds as follows Ruby Crowned wren Oct. 1. White throated sparrow Oct. 1. Slate colored snow bird Oct. 7. Golden crested wren Oct. 6. Winter wren Oct. 2. Fox colored sparrow Oct. 12. The following summer birds I noticed for the last time as follows Red eyed vireo Sept 5, Chimney Swift Sept 7, American Redstart Sept 7.

White eyed vireo Sept 18. Yellow breasted
Chat Sept 21. Wood pewee Sept 23.
Phoebe bird Sept 29. Maryland yellow
throat Oct 3. Wood thrush Oct 11.

Cat bird Oct 23. I would give you
the latin names of them, but some of
them I forget & there is no book at
hand. By these names perhaps you
won't know them. Noticed a number
of *Accipiter Cooperii* this Fall, & saw
one fine specimen that was shot.

Have seen several large flocks of ducks
on the River (the Hudson) but at such
a distance that I could not make
out what kind. The Ring-billed Gulls have
come back to the river now, they
always leave it in summer.

Uncle John & Aunt Julia are
coming to New York to spend the
winter in abt a week. Am sorry
I have nothing more to tell you,
but one day is abt the same
as another with me. Anything

you w
or any

Care Kit
65

breasted

23.

and yellow

11.

give you

some of

to look at

hope you

a number

at, I saw

shot.

cks of ducks

at each

to make

gulls have

they

.

in all

and the

Am sorry

let you,

some

Anything

you write will interest me, abt birds
or anything that you do.

Yours truly

G.A. Bicknell.

Care Kitching Bros.

65 B'way.

New York, Nov. 24/73.

Friend Hart,

Rec'd your letter. Thank you for the information about the birds.

On Saturday while I was out, someone called to see me, & I suppose it was you. Am very sorry. If you come through New York on your way back,

I hope you will stop again if you have time. Nov. 4 (Election Day) was a legal holiday here. I went shooting & got 5 robins, 1 bluejay, 1 hermit thrush & a very fine *Buteo lineatus*.

First noticed *Collurio borealis* this season on Nov. 9. *Harporhynchus rufus*,

Pipilo erythrophthalmus, & *Ceryle alcyon*, I last noticed on Nov. 4. When is

that work of Baird, Ridgway etc. expected to be published? What is considered the standard authority

on the Latin names of birds now,
the Smithsonian list? Ridgway
cleared himself very well did he not,
of Coues accusation of plagiarism in
the Naturalist. When is your report
to be published? Saw your name
mentioned lately in the "Tribune",
in an article about the Rocky Mt.
hose I believe. Suppose you are at
home now so I direct this letter
there. Let me know all abt any
collecting you do, or your cousin.
Suppose there are not many birds with
you in the winter. Winter birds are
always very interesting to me. They
import considerable dead game from
Europe now. Outside the restaurants
I see hanging the red grouse or heath
hen, the black grouse, & pheasants.
21° is the lowest the thermometer has
been with us so far. Will you please
send me one of your photographs
if you have one? Uncle John

& Aunt Ju
from Coues
me to yo

is now,
Ridgeway
did he not,
again in
your report
your name
the "Tribune",
the Rocky Mt.
you are at
this letter
all at my
our cousin.
my birds with
winter birds are
me. They
d game from
the restaurants
grouse or heath
pheasants.
thermometer box
Will you please
photographs
write John

& Aunt Julia come to New York
from Conestableville Nov. 7. Remember
me to your parents & mother.
Yours truly
G.A. Bicknell.

New York, Jan. 9/74.

Friend Wort,

Since seeing you nothing of much account has occurred with me. Saw your piece in Dec. Naturalist on *Contopus Borealis*. It was very interesting & instructive, & I learned more from it than from any thing else on the subject that I ever read. Hope you will write more for it. My brother on reading your piece, was confident that he had seen the bird last summer, while camping out, on the headwaters of the Delaware. He remembers distinctly the note, just as you describe it. The bird was perched on a tall hemlock, every now & then flying off, & snapping up an insect. Before that at 4 am he heard the note of another.

A few days ago a gentleman at Riverdale shot a small hawk that was after his chickens. I did not hear

of it till a day or two after, & then it had been so mangled by a dog that I could not preserve it. It was *accipiter. Fuscus*. This is not I believe a winter hawk with us, but I have seen two or three at this season. Have seen blue-birds, a robin & song sparrow this winter. On the air train for the city I see many kinds of seagulls on the river, white, grey, dark brown & mixed, but in the books there are many kinds the plumage of which are so near alike, & so many different states of plumage that I cannot identify them at a distance. Occasionally see a bald eagle on the river, & think I have seen cormorants. At the most numerous bird with us now is *Spizella monticola*. It is one of my favorite birds. Its warble of a few notes is so pleasant, & it seems always so wide awake & alert. Though it would not make much show beside some of our

Summer
know
The Pa
ber with
hardly
a num
several
on a
the first
it is un
It was
row fin
have. ha
16° above
snow, but
you ple
photo
Remember
again.
Ornitholo

then it
that I
cipiter
winter
two or
seen blue=
is winter.
I see
the river,
at in the
plumage
many
I cannot
Occasionally
think
the
now is
my favor=
otes is so
wide
ldnot
e of our

summer birds, sometimes against the
snow its color looks really very bright.
The *Passer domesticus* is increasing in num=
ber with us, last winter there were
hardly any, & this winter there are quite
a number. In the city I have noticed
several that were post albins. While
on a walk last Sunday, killed a mole,
the first I have seen in winter. Suppose
it is unusual to take them at this season.
It was a beautiful silver grey color, never
saw finer fur, & kept the skin. We
have had ^a very mild winter so far,
16° above zero lowest, ~~so far~~ very little
snow, but a great deal of rain. Will
you please send me one of your
photographs if you have any, & if not,
remember me when you have any taken
again. Wish you a happy New Year
Ornithologically & every other way.

Yours truly
G.A. Becknell.

New York, 2/16/74.

Friend Hart,

Rec'd your letter of the 11th.
You must have had a fine time indeed
during your Christmas holidays. When
is that work on Oology of Dr. Brewer's
to be finished, & did you hear when Baird
& Ridgway's book will be out? Who goes
collecting with you, is there anyone at
the seminary besides you, interested in
Ornithology? Haven't had a photograph
taken in 6 years, & don't expect to till
I do something of some account, but
you are an eminent person already,
a well known & traveled ornithologist,
besides being the youngest in the country.
Very much obliged to you for "the Mirror."
That was a very interesting piece of yours.
I like your style of writing very much,
no affectation or conceit about it. You
must have so many pleasant recollections
of that trip, that will remain with you
all your life. Enclosed is a list of
the birds of Riverdale & vicinity, a tract

of abt 3 miles by 2. The Town of member
Yonkers on the North, the Harlem R.R. graph. 0
on the East, Spuytenuyvil Creek on the
South, & the Hudson River on the West.

The river is not much of a place for Mr. C. N.
birds as there is no beach & no marshes
on its shores. There is a fresh water pond
abt $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long, on & abt which most
of the water birds on the list are found.

I am confident there are several more
species of gulls common on the river,
but I cannot identify or procure them.

There are some more Butes & warblers,
& a species of grebe on the pond.

The nomenclature ^{used} on the list is after

Coues, as his is the latest book on birds
that I have. Since writing the above

(write a line whenever I have a chance)
have seen the advertisement of Baird's
new book, 2 vols out they say. A store
here will have it from Boston in a day
or two. Have also rec'd Jan. & Feb.

Naturalist together, with your interesting
piece on Southern birds, which I haven't
had half time to read yet. Peace re =

ow of
arlem R.R.
ek on the
the creek.
loxi for
o marshes
water pond
ich most
are found.
veral more
the river,
re them.
Y warblers,
pond.
after
t on birds
the above
a chance)
of Baird's
A store
in a day
& Feb.
interesting
I havnt
Peace re=

member me when you have your photo-
graph taken, which I hope will be soon.
Yours truly
G. A. Bicknell.

Mr. C. H. Merriam.

Birds of Riverdale, Westchester Co. N. Y.

Residents.

- Planesticus migratorius.*
 - Sialia sialis.*
 - Parus atricapillus.*
 - Sitta carolinensis.*
 - Ampelis cedrorum.*
 - Chrysomitris tristis.*
 - Melospiza melodia.*
 - Passer domesticus.*
 - Sturnella magna.*
 - Corvus americanus.*
 - Cyanurus cristatus.*
 - Picus pubescens.*
 - Melanerpes erythrocephalus.*
 - Scops asio.*
 - Syrnium nebulosum.*
 - Accipiter fuscus.*
 - Aetula atricapillus.*
 - Buteo borealis.*
 - " lineatus.*
 - Haliaeetus leucocephalus.*
 - Boreo. umbellus.*
 - Ortys virginianus.*
- Winter Residents.
- Regulus satrapa.*
 - Cathartes aura.*
 - Am. v. l. r. troglodytes.*
 - Colinus borealis.*
 - Pipilo erythrophthalmus.*
 - Agrostus lincolnus.*
 - Chrysomitris pinus.*
 - Junco hyemalis.*
 - Spizella monticola.*
 - Sphyrapicus varius.*
 - Anas canadensis.*
 - Ardea glaucialis.*
 - Colymbus foqueatus.*
 - Larus argentatus.*

Residents.

- Furdus fuscus.*
- Mimus carolinensis.*
- Asporhynchus rufus.*
- Troglodytes aedon.*
- Felmotodystes palustris.*
- Ministilla varia.*
- Dendroica aestiva.*
- Seiurus aurocapillus.*
- " noveboracensis.*
- " ludoviciana.*
- Geothlypis trichas.*
- Icteria virens.*
- Myiodytes atricapillus.*
- Setophaga ruticilla.*
- Pyrranga rubra.*
- " aestiva.*
- Arundo holleum.*
- Tachycineta bicolor.*
- Petrochelidon lunifrons.*
- Uro. olivaceus.*
- " flavifrons.*
- " noveboracensis.*
- Corpodorus purpureus.*
- Pooecetes gramineus.*
- Melospiza palustris.*
- Spizella socialis.*
- " pusilla.*
- Sonophya ludoviciana.*
- Cyanocitta cyanea.*
- Cardinalis b. r. americanus.*
- Pipilo erythrophthalmus.*
- Dolichonyx oryzivorus.*
- Melospiza pecorus.*
- Agelaius phoeniceus.*
- Psaltriparus plumbeus.*
- " ballinore.*
- Quercus purpureus.*
- Tyrannus carolinensis.*
- Myiarchus cinerascens.*
- Sayornis fuscus.*
- Contopus virens.*
- Empidonax minimus.*
- Amblyramphus niger.*

Residents.

- Chordeiles virginianus.*
 - Chaetura pelagica.*
 - Trochilus colubus.*
 - Ceryle alcyon.*
 - Coccyzus erythrophthalmus.*
 - " americanus.*
 - Colaptes auratus.*
 - Falco sparverius.*
 - Pandion haliaetus.*
 - Ectopistes migratorius.*
 - Semodula carolinensis.*
 - Phalacrocorax auritus.*
 - " nigripes macularius.*
 - Ardea herodias.*
 - " b. r. virens.*
 - Nycticorax nycticorax.*
 - Botaurus inornatus.*
 - Anas platyrhynchos.*
 - Anas spongia.*
- Spring & Fall Migrants.
- Furdus pallasi.*
 - " swainsoni.*
 - Regulus calendula.*
 - Dendroica blackburniae.*
 - " caerulescens.*
 - " pennsylvanica.*
 - " palmarum.*
 - " striata.*
 - " virens.*
 - " caerulea.*
 - Zonotrichia albicollis.*
 - Passerella iliaca.*
 - Scolecophagus ferrugineus.*
 - Accipiter cooperii.*
 - Gallinago philly.*
 - Anas boschas.*
 - Querquedula carolinensis.*
 - Bucphala albeola.*

occasional.
 occasional.
 not common.
 very rare.

New York, May 18/74.

haven't

I feel Friend Hart,

, only

much

this

in your

de st.

Yours of the 19th ult. rec'd. Very glad to hear of your good fortune in collecting.

Coues' Manual I have procured. All the birds have arrived here, the cuckoos & indigo bird beginning up the rear as usual, on the 14th & 15th of this month. I take great interest in noting down the arrivals. Some have come on the same day for the last

two or three years, others seem to vary considerably. Have seen many warblers that I do not know, (on Sundays & on my walks to & from the train) but cannot identify them in the books without having the bird. Yesterday afternoon

recognized *Dendroica maculosa*, which is not down on my list. Got within a few feet of it, & watched it for some time. Remember the skin of this species very well, that you showed me in your collection last summer. Think I have seen birds *Gilous*, but am not sure. I know *Olivaceus*, *Novboracensis*, & *Flavifrons*,

& it is different from any of these, & sings
very differently also, very like *Corpodocus*
Purpureus. Also saw a kind of sandpiper
that was strange to me, fully as large
as *Totanus Flavipes*, but could not get
near to it. I believe this would be an
excellent place to collect, if I only had
the time, especially for the warblers.
Two years ago this month when I was
laid up with an abscess, I remember
counting from my bed, the songs of over
30 different kinds of birds that I knew,
at sunrise. *Turdus Muehlenbergii* is one
of our commonest birds, sometimes in
this month I think they are almost
the commonest. One built in a shrub
within 3 yds of the house last year, &
there are generally several of their nests
on our place. (6 acres) The only other
thrush that spends the summer with us
is *Fulvaceus*, & it is rather scarce. It
is one of my favorite birds. Last week
as I was coming tired home from the
train at dusk, one sang in a little
hollow by a brook in the woods, so

tree, & sings
Corpodocus
of sandpiper
as large
not get
ld be an
only had
blers.
I was
remember
gs of over
I knew,
us is one
ines in
almost
a shrub
st year, &
their nests
ly other
ner with us
carce. It
Last week
from the
a little
de, so

sweetly. It seemed to take me back at
once to the forests of northern Vermont.
They sing better there than I ever heard
them anywhere else. It is such a wild,
solitary bird, & is found in such nice
places. There is more to me in its few
notes than I can express. Hardly
know whether I like Pallas's song
better or not. Would like to hear
Swainsonii, have you? Probably
will not get any vacation this summer,
as one of the firm has gone to Europe
for a time, & our head salesman is
now stationed in Phila. Had great
time last year to get a week. But
this will end someday I hope, & I
expect to have always the love for the
birds that I have now, & have had
as far back as I can remember. My
Mother found a sparrow^(?) nest yesterday
with two eggs. Think it is Melospiza
Palustris. We could not see the bird,
& will wait till we can identify it
before taking anything. Should have
answered this letter long ago, but

my mother died Mar. 25, & I haven't
been in a writing mood. But I feel
now that it is not a separation, only
a going before; & that she is much
better off than she could be on this
Earth. Wish you every success in your
collecting & studies,

Yours truly

G. A. Bicknell.

P.S. We have moved to 80, & 82 Reade St,
so change your direction.

Friend
to hear of
Cove's M
birds tra
bird Prin
the 14th
interest
have con
two or
consider
that I
my work
~~identif~~
having
recogniz
I not a
a few
time.
very well
collectio
seen
know

New York, July 25/74.

Dear Fort,

I arrived home on the 11th. My birds I found were very much messed & pressed out of shape. Packed them very carefully I thought, but I must have very much more to learn abt packing. The day after I saw you, heard 2 or 3 more of the series Gibous at the house, & have heard it twice at Riverdale since I came home. Never heard it here before to my knowledge. Saw a *Zenaidura Carolinensis* yesterday on my way to the Depot, they are rather rare at here. My brother came home on the 14th from a sporting excursion to the headwaters of the Delaware. He had a friend with him & camped out nearly all the time. He saw 3 *Cortopis Borealis*, but they had no gun with them. He got 4 eggs of *Jurco Hyemalis*,

& one of *Ampelis Cedrorum*, & found a
 nest of *Chreomitris Trictis* just built. In
 one place the *Zonotrichia Albicollis* was
 very numerous. The eggs found at C.
 I got home safe. My Mother & I have
 40 different kinds now.

Empidonax ...
Ceryle Alcedo
Picus Pubescens

Can you
 Corroborate
 the selection
 of the ...
 suppose ...
 as Fish ...
 breed ...
 such as
Amortura
Zonotrichia
Geothlypis
 these ...
 told me ...
 please let
 must be
 as the ...
 with us.
 in your ...
 respects to

<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	1	<i>Vireo Olivaceus</i>	2
" <i>Melodius</i>	1	" <i>Novboracensis</i>	3
" <i>Swainsoni</i>	part of one	<i>Melospiza Poluestris</i>	1
" <i>Fuscescens</i>	1	" <i>Melodia</i>	1
<i>Mimus Carolinensis</i>	1	<i>Junco Hyemalis</i>	6
<i>Asporthynchus Rufus</i>	2	<i>Spizella Socialis</i>	2
<i>Sialia Lialis</i>	2	" <i>Pucilla</i>	1
<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	1	<i>Passer Domesticus</i>	1
<i>Litta Carolinensis</i>	1	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	1
<i>Troglodytes Aedon</i>	2	<i>Molothrus Pecoris</i>	4
<i>Dendroica Aetiva</i>	2	<i>Agelaius Phoeniceus</i>	1
<i>Scirpus Auricapillus</i>	4	<i>Sturnella Magna</i>	5
<i>Icteria Virens</i>	2	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	1
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	" <i>Baltimore</i>	1
<i>Pyranga Rubra</i>	2	<i>Corvus Americanus</i>	1
<i>Ampelis Cedrorum</i>	1	<i>Tyrannus Carolinensis</i>	1
<i>Arundo Torreyana</i>	1	<i>Lagornis Fulvus</i>	1

Care Kite
 80, 7

found a	<i>Empidonax minimus</i> .	3.	<i>Colaptes Auratus</i> .	1.
nest built. In	<i>Ceryle Alceson</i> .	1.	<i>Fringoides Maculorum</i> .	4.
<i>Albicollis</i> was	<i>Picus Pubescens</i> .	5.	Canary bird.	1.

found at C. Can you tell me the latin name of the
 nest & I have Canary bird? Around the headwaters of
 the Delaware it is very mountainous, some
 of the mountains over 3000 ft. high. I
 suppose it contains all the same birds
 as Fish Creek & Conestogville. Many birds
 breed there that do not breed at Riverdale,
 such as *Turdus Pallasi* & *Luscinoria*,
Amothura Froglydites, *Zonotrichia Albicollis*,
Junco Hyemalis, *Dendroica Coerulea*, &
Geothlypis Philadelphia. We saw all
 these this trip. I forgot the place you
 told me to go to, to get the scalps etc,
 please let me know in your next. You
 must be having some pretty cool weather
 as the nights are quite cool & pleasant
 with us. Hope you will be successful
 in your collecting this summer. Give my
 respects to your parents. Yours truly
 G.A. Becknell

<i>ceus</i> .	2
<i>foracensis</i> .	3
<i>Poluetris</i> .	1
<i>Melodia</i> .	1
<i>Hyemalis</i> .	6
<i>Coccyzus</i> .	2
<i>Pueilla</i> .	1
<i>meeticus</i> .	1
<i>chrophthalmus</i> ,	1
<i>occoris</i> ,	4
<i>Phoeniceus</i> .	1
<i>Magna</i> .	5
<i>epurus</i> ,	1
<i>Baltimore</i> ,	1
<i>americanus</i> .	1
<i>corolinensis</i> .	1
<i>is Fuereus</i> .	1

Care Kitching Bros.
 80, & 82 Reade St
 New York.

orchelidor
Maculorius
calus Pur-
a Junco
a, + bres
hus Arintus
as + Junco
eggs to
don't care
ntify them
t in trade
ne of the
take the
the others.
of Chemi-
etting on
le to get
re all well
hests to
me to you
ell.

New York, Sept. 2/74.

Dear Hart,

Rec'd a letter from my Uncle the other day in which he said you were down with the whooping cough; so that must be the reason you have not answered the letter I wrote you some time ago, tho' you may not have rec'd it as I directed to Port Sydney.

Last Sunday afternoon while taking a walk in the woods, saw a Myiodi-
octes Nitrotus, + sometime after saw another which I got within 10/12 ft of, + watched for some time. They must breed here as they don't go any further north I believe. Have two new names for my list, Pitta Cana-
densis of which we saw several from Aug 27/31. They must have just arrived from somewhere. They have

a very different note from *S. Carolinensis*, which called my attention to them first, & I identified them very easily by the blk & white stripes on the head, & the color of their bellys. Am ^{almost} sure I have seen them before here, but did not want to put them in the list till it was beyond all doubt. The other is *Dendroeca Pinus*. We got it the fall of '71 from a boy who had shot it here, & took off the skin the best way we could. The other day I identified it by Coles Key, among other things by the white spots on its tail feathers. We saw the first flock of wild pigeons ^(the 1st) yesterday 20/25, they only visit us in the fall. One Sunday evening last month while walking by a pond started abt a dozen ducks, singly & in pairs. 1 *Anas Obscura*, 2 of a kind I did not know, & the rest *Anas sponser*, this years birds. The afternoon I saw the

Mitratu,
Parula Ar
light blue
white bar
over & under
light yellow
a female
not yellow
yellow on
has no w
eye. Be
come so
could it
of it, it
but all the
to have g
regular b
new eggs
Traded the
They don't
but get a
Got a *Pho*
ides *Mac*

carolinensis,
them first,
ily by the
ad, & the
ee I have
did not
set till
the other
at it the
had shot
the best
ay I iden-
among other
n its tail
flock of
they only
unday
walking
clozes
1 ans
did not know,
to years
the

Mitatus, saw a bird abt the size of
Parula americana, head neck & tail
light blue, lighter than Parula, 2
white bars on wings, a white line
over & under the ~~wings~~ eye, & feet
light yellow. Thought first it was
a female Parula, but the breast was
not yellow enough, & I could see no
yellow on the back, & the Parula
has no white line over & under the
eye. Besides it could not have
come south so early (Aug 30)
could it? Was within a few feet
of it, it had a vireo like head & bill,
but all the vireos in the books seem
to have greenish backs & this was a
regular light blue. Have got some
new eggs since I wrote you last.
Traded them with some fellows here.
They don't know anything abt birds,
but get all the eggs they can.
Got a *Philohela minor* for a *Tringoides*
Macularius & *Junco Hyemalis*.

a *Cyanurus Cristatus* & *Petrochelidon*
Lunifrons for a *Fringoides Macularius*
& *Junco Hyemalis*. A *Quiscalus Pur-*
pureus & *Cotyle Riparia* for a *Junco*
Hyemalis, *Dendroica Aestiva*, & *Corvus*
Novboracensis. A *Myiarchus Cinereus*
for an *Empidonax Minimus* & *Junco*
Hyemalis. They have other eggs to
which I haven't, but I don't care
to trade as I can't identify them
for certain. The eggs I get in trade
I keep till I collect some of the
same kind myself & then take the
exact date & dispose of the others.
My brother found a nest of *Chonmi-*
tris Frietis with the bird sitting on
it Aug 31. We were unable to get
at the nest. Hope you are all well
by this time. Give my respects to
your parents & remember me to your
brother & sister.

Yours truly

G.A. Bicknell.

Dear Har
Re
other day
down we
must be
covered the
time ago
it as I
Last
a walk
octes M
another
of, & wo
must be
further
new no
dennis
Aug 27
arrived

Bien, Morris, 1855-

1925

83/104
L

MORRIS BIEN
60 ELM AVENUE
TAKOMA PARK, D. C.

May 26, 1925

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter on the occasion of my recent birthday and in honor of my accession to the office of President of the American Association of Engineers was presented to me together with more than 150 others in a beautifully inscribed binder at a surprise party of local friends successfully engineered by Dr. Newell and Mrs. Bien on April 17th.

I was indeed overwhelmed.

This volume is and always will be one of my treasured possessions prized also by the family. The letters serve to recall vividly many of the happiest occasions of my life. The accompanying silver service preserves your kindly thoughts in a beautiful reality.

I cannot do adequate justice to the feelings which these letters have brought me. Most sincerely I thank you for the kindly and gracious part which was yours.

With most cordial appreciation and best wishes,

I am yours sincerely,

Morris Bien

Billings, John Shaw, 1838-1913

1886

Written as U.S. Surgeon General

83/124
L

All official communications to this Office should be addressed "To the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

WAR DEPARTMENT,
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1886.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the publications noted in the annexed sheet, and desire to return thanks for the same.

The pamphlets will be placed in the Library of this office.

Very truly yours,

John S. Milling,
Surgeon, U. S. A.

Description of a new sub-
species of Chipmunk.

Description of a new species
of Aplodontia.

Description of a new species
of Chipmunk from California

Description of a Newly
Born Lynx. (Lynx Canadensis.)

Circular on the Geographical
distribution and migration of
North American Birds. 1886.

Bingham, Hiram, 1875-1956

1914-1928

83/129
C

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 14, 1914

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Many thanks for your letter of April 11th.

I have postponed Erdis' sailing until Saturday, and he goes to Washington tonight to spend part of Wednesday and Thursday there.

You will find him anxious to learn anything he can that will be of use to him or to the Expedition.

With kind regards, believe me to remain

Faithfully yours,


Director.

*Law Erdis April 16
asked. letter Apr. 17, 1914*

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

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 18, 1914

My dear Dr. Merriam:

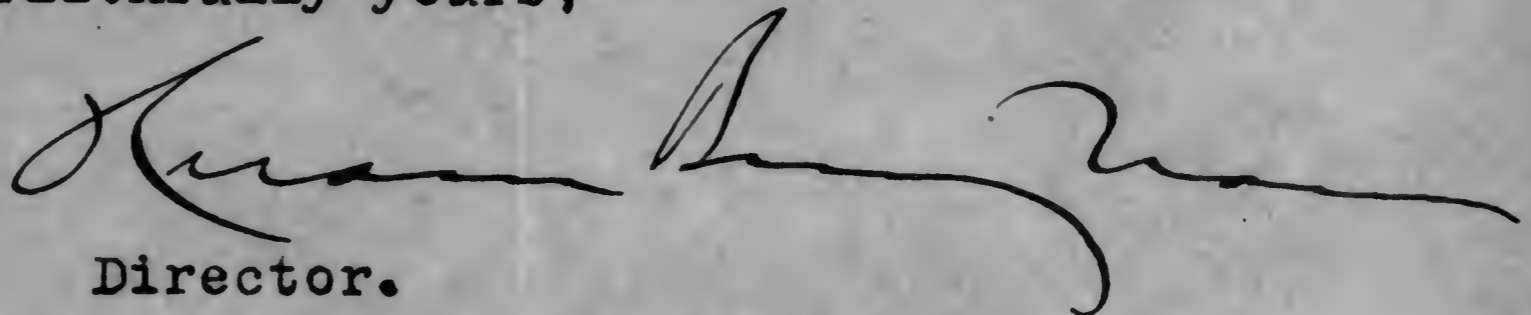
I am glad you were favorably impressed with Mr. Erdis. He is not prepossessing, and very often people get a false impression of him from a first interview. He looks like such an old reprobate!

I have known him for several years, and have learned to trust him absolutely. In fact, I hope some summer to send two of my boys out with him to learn how to live and observe out of doors.

He has had so much practical experience in learning how to catch animals that I am sure he will get a fine lot, if they are there to be had.

With kind regards, and thanks for your letter, believe me to remain

Faithfully yours,



Director.

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

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
January 6th, 1915

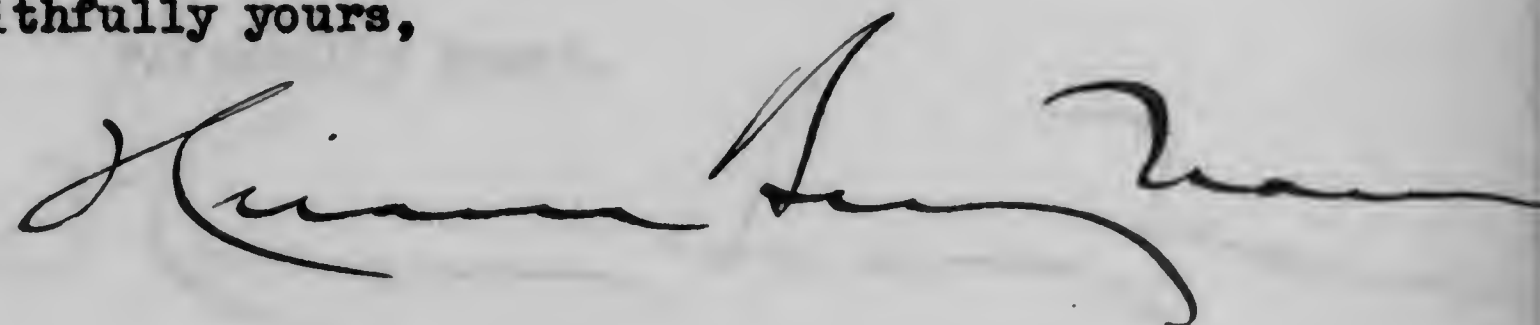
Ans'd. Jan. 9, 1915

My Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am delighted to hear that Hiller wires he will go. I hope you will let me know how much we are to pay him, and how soon he can come to New Haven. I note that he will be in Washington January 15th. I have a committee meeting in Andover on January 16th, and an engagement in New York on January 17th, but should be glad to see him here on the 18th.

With regard to Bassett, I hardly know what to say although I have been thinking the thing over. I do not like to take an assistant whom I have not seen and talked with several times. I understood you to say that Hiller would be willing to work with native assistants and would not need a white man in his party. Under the circumstances, I am afraid we better let Mr. Bassett stay in Nevada. Of course, if he is coming East, I would like to see him, as it would be a great advantage to have a stenographer in the field.

Faithfully yours,



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

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
January 11th, 1915

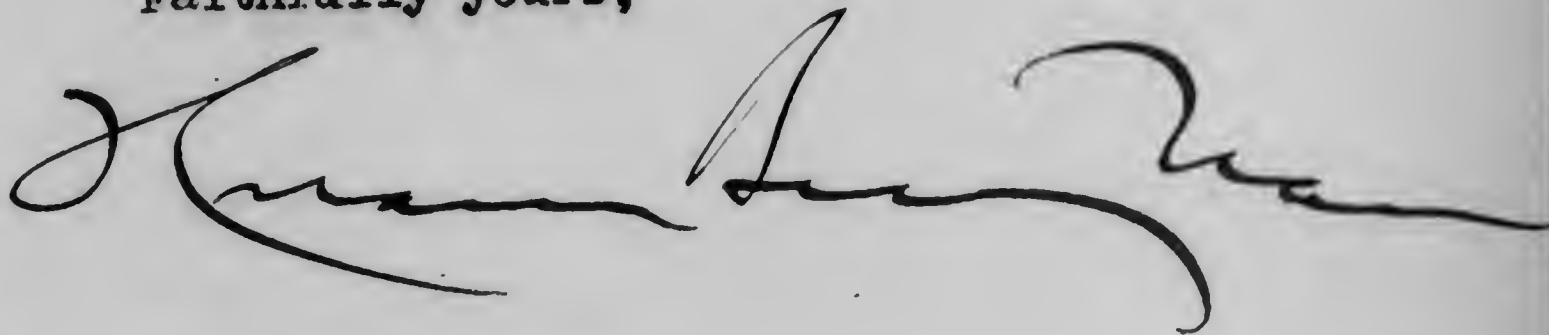
My Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am very glad to hear that Heller will go and that Grosvenor is willing to stand for his large salary. I hope that it will not make trouble with the others of the Expedition, not one of whom gets such a large salary. However, we are exceedingly glad to have gotten such a good man, and I shall be very glad to see him in New Haven as soon as possible. Any time between the 18th and 28th of January will probably find me in New Haven.

I shall recommend his appointment by the Corporation at once as Naturalist of the Expedition.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, and assuring you of my appreciation of all you have done to help to make the Expedition a success, believe me to remain,

Faithfully yours,



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

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

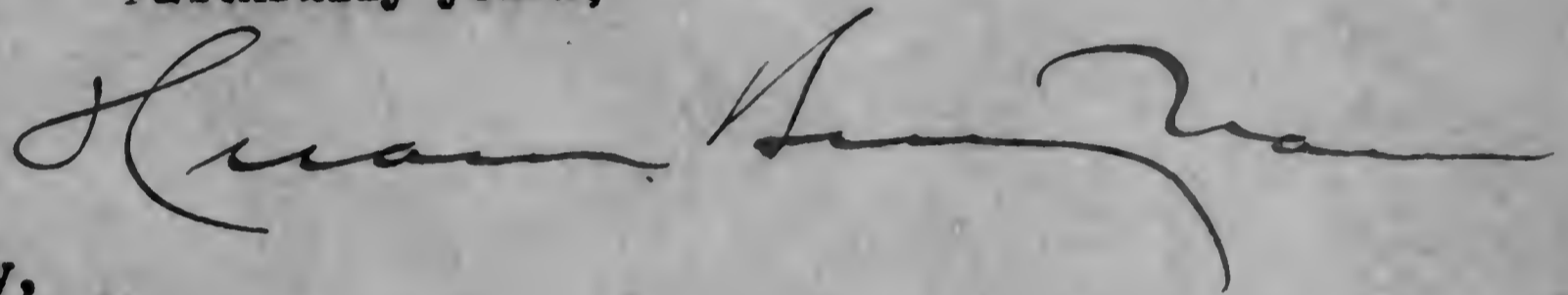
January 20th, 1915

Ans'd. Jan 22, 1915

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Has Mr. Heller arrived yet? I am very anxious to get in touch with him as soon as possible. Will you please ask him to come to New Haven just as soon as he can.

Faithfully yours,



Dr. C. Hart Merriam
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D.C.

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 13, 1916.

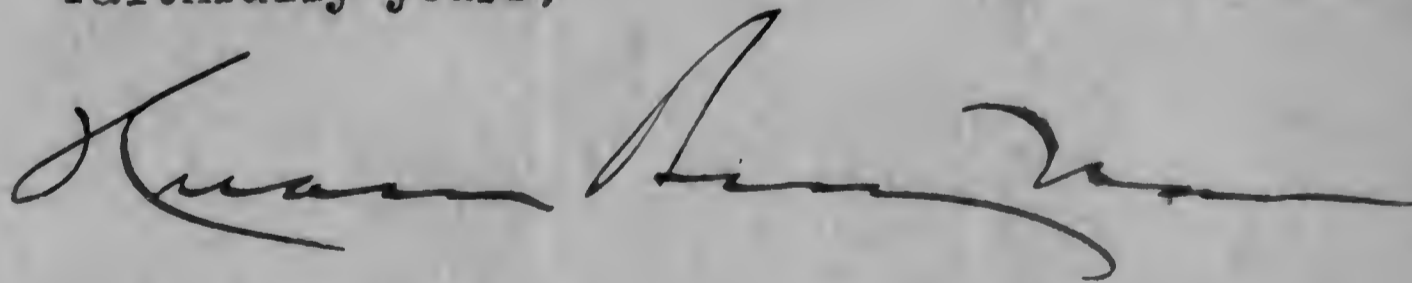
My dear Dr. Merriam:

I am very sorry, indeed, to learn from your letter of April 12th that the Biological Survey is obliged to decline the Peruvian collections made for us by Mr. Heller. After receiving your letter I telegraphed Dr. Walcott requesting that the mammals be sent to New Haven. I am sure we can find a place for Mr. Heller to spread them out here, and possibly he will be near enough to New York so that he can work satisfactorily from this point.

It seems to me that the Museum authorities are acting in an extraordinarily short-sighted manner.

With kind regards and many thanks for your interest in the matter, believe me to remain

Faithfully yours,



Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

THE PERUVIAN EXPEDITION OF 1914-15
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

HIRAM BINGHAM,
DIRECTOR

DRAWER A, YALE STATION, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Recd. + ansd. April 12, 1916

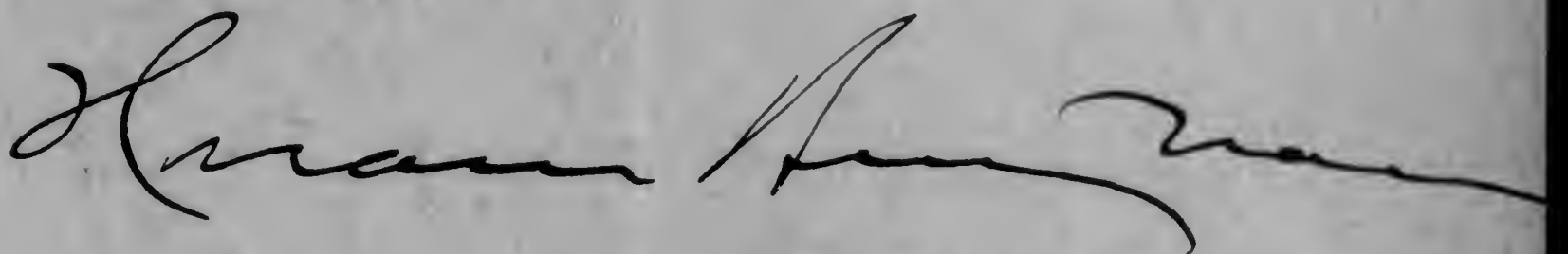
April 10, 1916.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Dr. Walcott writes me that the Smithsonian Institution has no objection to our donating our zoological collections, made in Peru by Heller, to the Biological Survey, provided the Chief of the Survey will agree to deposit the collections in the National Museum as soon as Heller completes his report, and provided that the Survey will furnish Heller with laboratory space and facilities, and the necessary assistance in cataloging. Can this be arranged?

With kind regards, believe me to remain

Faithfully yours,



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

HIRAM BINGHAM
CONNECTICUT

United States Senate

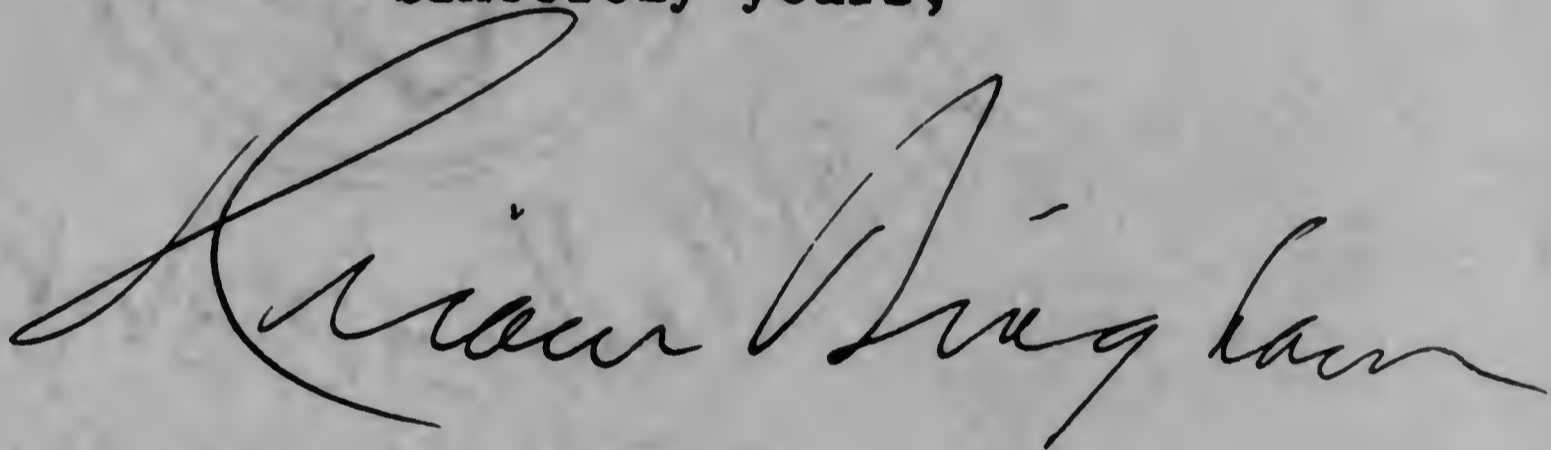
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 13, 1926.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Thank you very much for your courtesy in sending me your brochures, entitled "Source of the Name Shasta" and "The Buffalo in North-eastern California." I was very glad to receive these reprints and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending them.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hiram Bingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Hiram Bingham".

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

HIRAM BINGHAM
CONNECTICUT

United States Senate

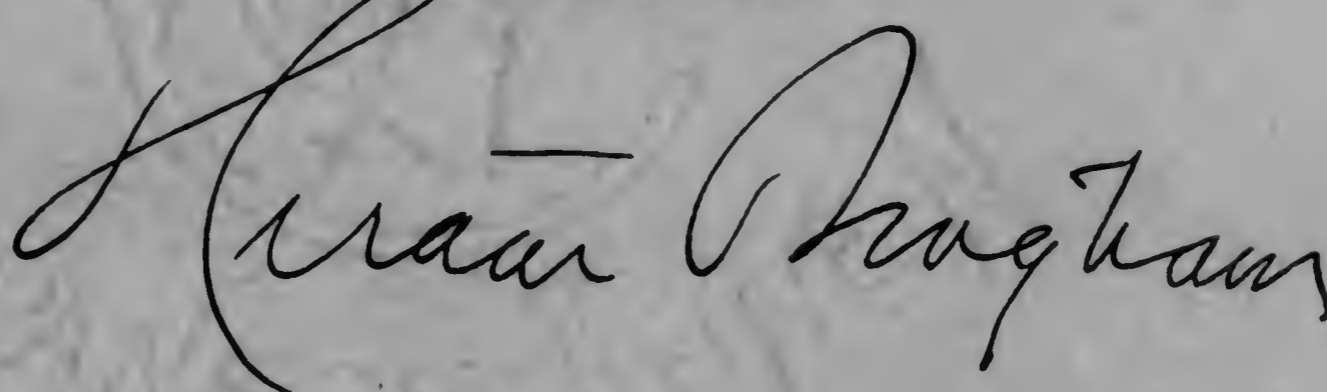
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 1, 1928.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In reply to your letter of February 23rd objecting to the passage of S.700, I have talked with Senator Curtis, who himself is of Indian descent, and he is going to offer an amendment which I believe will make the bill satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hiram Bingham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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

Biological Society of Washington

1885-1932

83/124
C

THE BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON.

326 C St. n.w.

Nov. 28 1885

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of this Society held
Nov. 14, '85 you were elected
an Active Member.

Upon signing the Constitution and
paying the prescribed fees to the
Treasurer, Mr. F. W. True
you will be entitled to all the privi-
leges of membership.

Very respectfully,

Frank Baker,
Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Agricultural Dept
City.

The Biological Society of Washington
Bureau of Entomology
WASHINGTON, D. C. U. S. A.

T. E. Snyder
~~A. WEFMORE~~
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

November 9, 1920.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of October 31 has been received and I thank you for calling my attention to an error in the last notice of our Society meeting. Of course it is not the policy of the Society to have species names begin with capital letters. A binomial, even in a title where all words are in caps, should be considered as one word, the genus only being in caps. *My error!*

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Snyder
Corresponding Secretary.

tes-isg

*Declined
April 17, 1922*

U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

April 15, 1922.

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

My dear Doctor Merriam:

At the meeting of the Biological Society to be held April 29th, Dr. W. E. Ritter will address the Society under the title of "The Usefulness and the Peril of the Laboratory Method in Biology". I am enclosing herewith a copy of Doctor Ritter's outline of his talk and trust you will be willing to take an active part in the discussion which is to follow. In case you are not able to attend this meeting I shall be glad if you will let me know as I am counting considerably on an interesting discussion to take place after the regular program and feel sure you will be able to add many items of interest and value.

Cordially,

S. A. Rohwer

S. A. Rohwer,
Chairman Committee on Communications,
Biological Society of Washington.

Enclosure:
Dr. Ritter's outline.
sar-ccs

THE USEFULNESS AND THE PERIL
OF THE LABORATORY METHOD IN BIOLOGY.

By Wm. E. Ritter.

1. Wide-spread dissatisfaction with prevailing relation between academic or pure science, and practical or applied science (e. g., addresses by L. O. Howard and Wm. Bateson at Toronto meeting, A. A. A. S.)
2. Usefulness of Laboratory as to:
 - (a) Phenomena concerning which no positive knowledge whatever can be gained without laboratory studies.
 - (b) Phenomena concerning which very little positive knowledge can be gained without combination of "field" and laboratory studies.
 - (c) Phenomena concerning which no positive knowledge whatever can be gained in Laboratory. (Negative utility of laboratory.)
3. Perils of Laboratory method:
 - (a) Laboratory necessarily limited to samples of nature.
Hence:
 - (b) Laboratory procedure necessarily restricted mostly to analysis, and deductive reasoning;
 - and:
 - (c) Necessarily tends to beget Laboratory-mindedness, and mental and social isolation.
 - (d) Similarity between Monasticism in Religion and Laboratorism in Science.
4. The Remedy.
 - (a) Preliminary instruction of all would-be scientists with three fold end in view:
 - I. To help them see that all science is adaptive.
 - II. To secure and strengthen them in Natural-mindedness.
 - III. To help them acquire the mental technique common to all natural knowledge.

- (b) Coordinate in research and teaching analytic and deductive procedure of Laboratory, with synthetic and inductive procedure of field.

by: ----

- I. Carrying laboratory method into field as far as possible; and
 - II. Applying formally statistical method.
- (c) Preserve in investigator consciousness of interdependence and human meaning of all special sciences.

(For meeting of Biological Society
of Washington, April 29, 1922.)

sar-ccs

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Recd. Feb. 20, 1932

February 17, 1932.

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

Dear Doctor Merriam:-

I am pleased to advise you that at the meeting of the
Biological Society of Washington held on January 9 you were
elected an emeritus member. *(life)*

Yours very truly,

W. H. White
W. H. WHITE,
Corresponding Secretary.

(Retired on 12-15-31)

WHW:M.

Bird, John P.

1914-1915

C. Hart Merriam
Penguin
BANC MSS
63/129 c

JOHN P. BIRD, PRESIDENT
LA CROSSE

G. W. COPPIN, VICE-PRES.
WHITEWATER

ALEXANDER DEAN, SEC'Y-TREAS.
EAU CLAIRE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, SPARTA
E. F. HENSEL, WHITEHALL
MILO MUCKELSTONE, WAUKESHA



Wisconsin
Fish and Game
Protective and Propagation
League

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
E. P. TROUTMAN, MENOMONIE
J. B. GALBRAITH, STANLEY
E. S. KELLEY, MANITOWOC
DR. A. T. RASMUSSEN, LA CROSSE
T. L. MCGLACHLIN, STEVENS POINT

PRESS COMMITTEE
A. M. BRAYTON, LA CROSSE
HARRY KATZ, MILWAUKEE
EDWARD B. BARR, MARSHFIELD

Recd. March 13, 1914

904 Cass St. La Crosse, Wis. 3/10/1914.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Am. Museum of Natural History

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In a recent number of the "Forest and Stream" I understand there is a request to those who have grizzly bear skulls to send them to you for examination for the purpose of determining some questions not fully settled regarding those animals. Is it the purpose to return such skulls after examination or are they desired as gifts to the museum? I have the skull ^(and skin) of a silver tip grizzly killed in northwestern Colorado in 1895. It is that of a full grown female.

Respectfully yours,

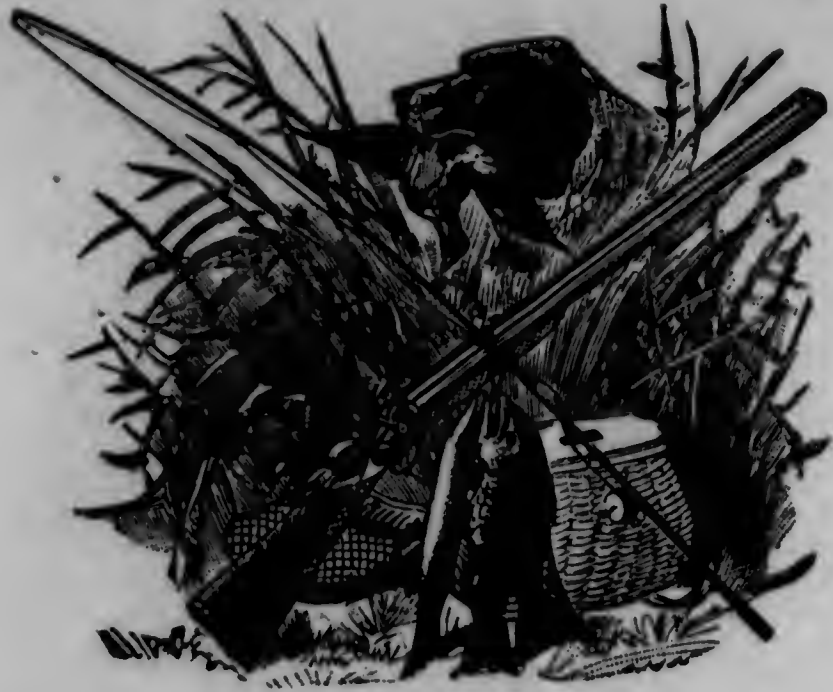
John P. Bird.

JOHN P. BIRD, PRESIDENT
LA CROSSE

FRED CARUS, VICE-PRES.
MANITOWOC

E. P. TRAUTMANN, SEC'Y-TREAS.
STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, SPARTA, CHM.



Wisconsin
Fish and Game
Protective and Propagation
League

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. T. RASMUSSEN, LA CROSSE
A. G. SCHMIDT, GRESHAM
F. A. RUNKEL, PORTAGE
E. L. KELLEY, MANITOWOC
W. K. COFFIN, EAU CLAIRE

PRESS COMMITTEE

R. B. GRAVES, CHM.

La Crosse, Wis. 3/25 1914.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919, 16th St.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request in yours of the 13th inst. I send to you to-day by Am. Express at the U.S. Biological Survey the skull and skin of the silver-tips quizzly of which mention was made. The time and place at which it was killed are noted on the cards attached. If you are a shooter you will be interested in noting the difference in effect between jacketed and naked bullets of the same caliber - .45-90. My companion was shooting smokeless powder and jacketed bullets while mine was black powder and naked bullets, 300 gr. She was standing up on her hind feet and about 75 yds. away. We shot at the same time and the bullets entered about three inches apart and passed entirely through the body, the exits being somewhat further apart. The smaller hole is

JOHN P. BIRD, PRESIDENT
LA CROSSE

FRED CARUS, VICE-PRES.
MANITOWOC

E. P. TRAUTMANN, SEC'Y-TREAS.
STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, SPARTA, CHM.



Wisconsin
Fish and Game
Protective and Propagation
League

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
A. T. RASMUSSEN, LA CROSSE
A. G. SCHMIDT, GRESHAM
F. A. RUNKEL, PORTAGE
E. L. KELLEY, MANITOWOC
W. K. COFFIN, EAU CLAIRE

PRESS COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, CHM.

191

that of the jacketed bullet and you will note that the hole at the point of exit is no larger than at the point of entrance. The other hole lower down on the back was from my gun and was the finally fatal shot at a distance of about thirty feet. The bullet passed thro the vitals and was recovered, much mushroomed, on the skin of the opposite fore shoulder.

The lower jaw was shattered by a bullet, and much to my regret was carried off by a dog during my absence from camp.

If the skull will be of service to the museum you need not return it, but I prefer to have the skin returned at your convenience.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

John P. Bird.

Ans. March 28, 1914
CMB

JOHN P. BIRD, PRESIDENT
LA CROSSE

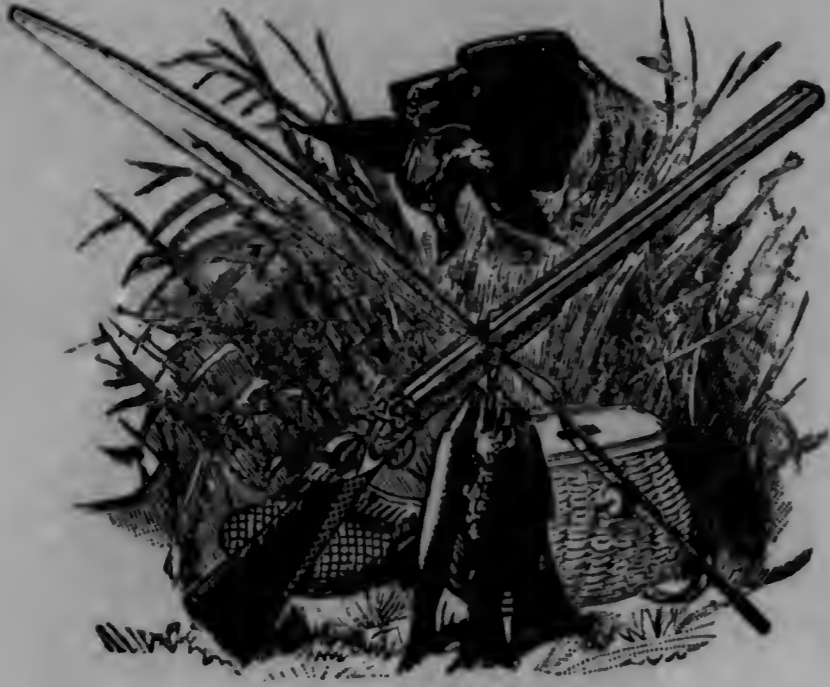
FRED CARUS, VICE-PRES.
MANITOWOC

E. P. TROUTMAN, SECY-TREAS.
STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, SPARTA
E. L. KELLEY, MANITOWOC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DR. A. T. RASMUSSEN, LA CROSSE
E. L. KELLEY, MANITOWOC
FRED GREENE, JANESVILLE
H. D. CORNING, KILBOURN
M. A. HANSEN, MENOMONIE

PRESS COMMITTEE
R. B. GRAVES, SPARTA



Wisconsin Fish and Game Protective and Propagation League

904 Cass St.

La Crosse, Wis 4/9 1915

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your very appreciative letter of March 28, 1914, I am quite willing to accept a very elastic interpretation of the term "before long" regarding the return of my grizzly bear skin and this is only to put you in mind so that it is not entirely overlooked. With so many more important matters to occupy your attention it would not be at all strange if it were forgotten and I trust that you will not feel at all disturbed by this reminder.

I remain

Very truly yours,

John P. Bird.

904 Cass St.

La Crosse, Wis 5/12 1915.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your favor of 29th
ult was duly received and read
with much interest. The grizzly
skin came through in good
shape.

I am surprised to learn
that there are so few good
grizzly skins available. There
doubtless are a good many but
so scattered throughout the
country as to be practically
out of reach.

I remain

Very truly yours,

John P. Bird.

Birdsall, G.C.

1926-1936

C. Hart Merriam
Papers
BANC MSS
63/129 c

G. C. BIRDSALL, M. D.
1832 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 22, 1926

My Dear Doctor -
I have been expecting to see you and personally express my appreciation of your Christmas gift. Owing to the epidemic of Grippé pneumonia, it has been impossible for me to finish reading the book, but I can easily see the large amount of work & time you must have put into the ground work of this book.

and realize what a valuable
addition it is to the knowledge we
have gained of the traditions of
this vanishing race.

When time permits, I shall
enjoy reading it carefully.

I hope you & your family
are enjoying perfect health!

Sincerely yours,
G. C. Bidwell

G. C. BIRDSALL, M. D.
1832 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 16th 1928

Dear Dr. Merriam

I want to express
my great appreciation of your
lovely Christmas present.
My daughter too has enjoyed it
very much and has spent much
time looking it through.
I trust you all had a very
merry holiday. Sincerely yours,
G. C. Birdsall

G. C. BIRDSALL, M. D.
1832 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 24th 1930.

Dear Dr. Merriam -

I regret that I have been
so slow in acknowledging
receipt of the beautiful
"Book of Birds" which I appreciate
very much.

I trust you are well and
that there will be no colds this winter.

Sincerely yours,
G. C. Birdsall.

G. C. BIRDSALL, M. D.
1832 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 25th 1935

Dear Dr. Merriam -

I appreciate very much
your Christmas Gift. The book
of fishes interests me particularly
as I am especially fond of the
fiscatorial sport.

I hope you have all had a very
merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

G. C. Birdsall

G. C. BIRDSALL, M. D.
1832 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 31, 1956

Dear Dr. Merriam—

I thank you very much
for the most interesting book.
As yet I have not had time
to carefully read it, but hope to
devote many pleasant hours in
the future to it.

I know you and Mrs. Merriam
must have had a lovely Christmas
We also had a nice time with our

children and grand-children—

With all good wishes
for the new year, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. H. Birdsall

Bishop, Louis Bennett

1897

Re death of Charles Bendine

83/23
C

77 Whitney Avenue.

New Haven, Feb. 6, 1897.

My dear Dr. Querman -

It is with
great sorrow that I have learned
from your letter of the death of
Major Bendire. Although from
what you said in Boston I felt
that his death must be only
a question of time, and have
decided for some time to hear that
it had occurred, still I hoped
that he would be spared to
finish the work he had so
much at heart.

over it, and I can say
not known already but, seldom as I need hear,

His "Life History of North
American Birds" was, I know,
his life-ideal, and the
high character of the two
volumes, which destiny
allowed him to complete,
will give him at least a
lease on that immortality
which he craved. From
the stand-point of Zoology
there is certainly no one who
can take his place.

But it was the
man and not the ornithologist
to whom I was particularly
attracted. He was so genuine,

his hatred of shams and trickery is real, his interest in his work is sincere, that he made earnestness assume its proper place in life. Then again his constant readiness to assist others - even at much inconvenience to himself - if he believed their interest in ornithology sincere, will make his death a personal loss to collectors all over the country.

Of course you know him far better than I, and I can say nothing about him you do not know already, but, seldom as I read him,

his "Life History of North American Birds" was, I know, his life-ideal, and the high character of the ~~two~~ volumes, which certainly advance him to complete, will give him as well as leave a ~~last~~ immortality which he desired. I now do stand-point of history than in certainly as one who can take his place.

But it was the reason and not the ornithologist to whom I was particularly attached. He was so genuine,

I feel that in his death I
have lost a friend, and one
whom I thoroughly respected.

If it were possible
I would come to Washington for
his funeral, but, as I start for
Florida next Thursday, it is
necessary I should be in New
Haven until then.

Thanking you
cordially for your kindness in
writing me,

Very sincerely yours

Louis B. Childs

My dear

great
from you

Major
what you

that
a quarter

decided
it had

that

finish
much

Blair, W

Frank, 1912 -

1937

83/124
←

UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, U. S. A.

*Recd + 3 Faunas sent
Feb. 1, 1937*

MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

January 7, 1937

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

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I am sending you some reprints under separate cover. I am trying to build up a library of mammalogical literature, and would like very much to get copies of any of your publications that are available.

I am attempting to complete a set of North American Faunas and would greatly appreciate any of the following numbers, if you should by any chance have duplicates of them. I lack numbers 4, 5, 7, 14-22, 24, 28, 35, 41 and 46.

Sincerely yours,

W. Frank Blair

W. Frank Blair, Assistant
Division of Mammals

UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, U. S. A.

MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

February 11, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I wish to thank you for the copies of
North American Faunas that you most generously sent to
me. They make a very welcome addition to my set, which
I hope some day to complete.

Sincerely yours,

W. Frank Blair

W. Frank Blair, Assistant
Division of Mammals

Blaker, Robert P.

1901-1913

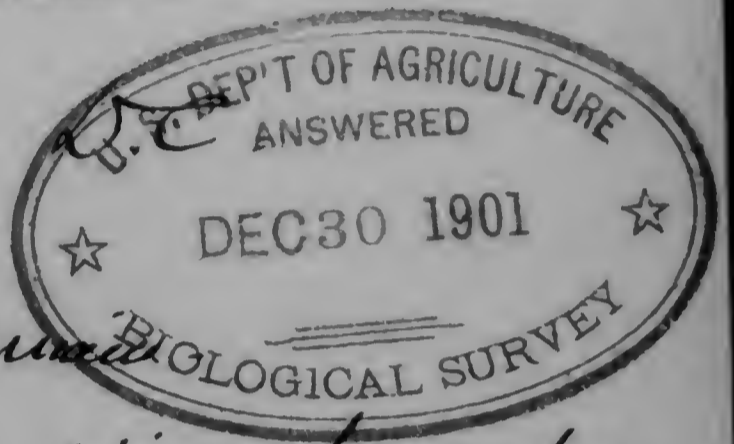
Data re bears he shot in Alaska during the summer.

39 Brimmer St. Boston Mass

Dec 26th 1901.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam -

Washington



My dear Dr. Merriam

Mr. Kipper has asked

me to give you certain data about
the birds I shot this summer in Alaska.

The dates and numbers scratched on
the backs of the brass tags for the
skins & skulls should correspond with
one another. For example - the first one
killed was marked *Chukotka*
6/3/01 -

The following data is as complete as
I can give it.

- 1, ^{Alaska Repressor} Chionna June 3rd Male, brown.
- 2, " " 19th " "
- 3, " " 23rd female "
- 4, " " 24th Male black.
- 5, Little League, Kodiak July 11th " brown.

Trusting that the above will assist
you and that I shall soon have
the pleasure of seeing you in
Washington.

Very truly yours
Robert T. Blake.

TELEPHONE FORT HILL 4045

MEMBER
BOSTON REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

ROBERT PARKMAN BLAKE
REAL ESTATE, MORTGAGES, INSURANCE
50 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON
ROOM 919

March 3, 1913.

Ans'd. March 5, 1913.

Dr. G. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I am proposing the name of our common friend, Dr. Charles G. Mixter, 180 Marlborough Street, Boston, Mass. for membership to the Boone and Crockett Club, who you may remember has shot big game in various places in the East besides in South Eastern Alaska and on the Aleutian Peninsula in Alaska proper. In asking Dr. Mixter whom he would like to have write letters for him he suggested that you might be willing to do so, and I therefore write to ask if you feel so inclined. Dr. William Lord Smith is going to second his name.

It is a number of years since I, in the company of James H. Kidder, had the pleasure of seeing you after our return from the Kodiac Islands in 1902, and I trust that this letter will find you in good health.

Yours very truly,

Robert P. Blake

R.P.B./C.

TELEPHONE FORT HILL 4045
MEMBER
BOSTON REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

ROBERT PARKMAN BLAKE
REAL ESTATE, MORTGAGES, INSURANCE
50 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON
ROOM 919

March 8, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I thank you very much for your letter of March 5th. I am glad to hear both that you are willing to back young Mixer's name and also that you have settled the question of the range of the Brown Bear on the Alaska Peninsula.

As a matter of fact, I am proposing for the Boone and Crockett Club the name of George Mixer as well as Charles G. his brother, and I am sure that a letter of recommendation for George would be very much appreciated if you care to write it. Dr. William Lord Smith proposed the oldest brother, William Jason, a year or so ago for the Club and I am sure that he would like a letter too.

As you probably know, there is to be a dinner of the Boone and Crockett Club here in Boston on March 22nd and I trust that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here then.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Blake

R.P.B./C.

TELEPHONE FORT HILL 4045

MEMBER
BOSTON REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

ROBERT PARKMAN BLAKE
REAL ESTATE, MORTGAGES, INSURANCE
50 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON
ROOM 919

b

September 22, 1913.

*Answered. Oct. 1, 1913
from Lapointe*

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have been meaning for a long time to write and ask you what is the condition of the wild animals in the Kadiak Islands. I have seen newspaper reports, photographs, etc., but I have not been able to get any definite information on this subject and would be very much obliged for any that you could give me.

Trusting that this letter will find you in good health, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Blake

R.P.B./C.

Blake, S. F. (Sidney Fay), 1892-1959

1925-1926

42/58
✓

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY

March 14, 1925.

Recd. March 16, 1925

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

Dear Sir:

I return the specimen of *Carex* from Bear Valley, California. It has been sent to Mr. K. K. Mackenzie, the leading American student of the genus, who reports that it is impossible to identify it. If you can arrange to have a fruiting specimen of the plant collected about the month of May it will be possible to name the plant for you.

Very truly yours,

D. F. Blake

Acting Botanist.

SFB/EBH

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY

March 19, 1926.

Recd. March 22, 1926

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In working up the Compositae for Abrams' new flora of the Pacific Coast, I have felt the need of a map of California showing the mountain ranges clearly. Mr. Coville tells me there is such a map, but he cannot find his copy of it, and thinks that you may be able to identify it and let me know where I can obtain it. He remembers it as a map issued some years ago in connection with earthquakes. I should be much obliged if you could help me out in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S. F. Blake

Associate Botanist.

SFB:M

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY

April 16, 1926.

Added by Johnson

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The specimen sent for identification is not Heliotropium, but is Cryptantha species. This genus consists of very closely related species, and it is not possible to identify your fragment specifically. I return the specimen.

I have not yet found an opportunity to call at your house to see the earthquake map of California, but I hope to do so during the coming week.

Very truly yours,

D. F. Blake

Associate Botanist.

SFB:M

Blanchard, Nettie, 1865-1918

1900-1904

(Mrs. Frank Nelson Doubleday)

83/29
L

Bay Ridge
Brooklyn, New York.
June 30th 1900

My dear Mr. Garrison:
I very much
thank you for the
information which reached
Bay Ridge just after the
4th of July and I had gone
to Europe. I found your
kind letter in a bushel
basket full of others and
on my return, which
explains the long delay in
acknowledging my indebted-
ness for the favors you have
taken on my behalf.

A collection of baskets in the British Museum,
Baskets from Africa, Borneo and the South Sea
especially, formed my enthusiasm for our Indian
work into a fierce flame than ever. Strange
that mere and decoration of baskets found in such
distant parts of the North, should be so like the
work of American Aborigines!

By this same mail I am sending you a Yara
Lepi basket, also a fish box that contained a
kind of mouldy pork and some wild strawberries
when an old Montague woman gave it to me
in Canada many years ago. It is such a pleasure
to "dive" with a fellow Creek!

With kindest remembrances to
Mrs. Merriam,
I am
Sincerely yours
G. D. D. D. D.

add.
July 8, 1900.

III EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

April 16th 1892.

Dear Mr. Brewster,
I enclose yours
of the 14th inst.

That a superb
collection of Indian
specimens you have
brought together! I
have been looking at
each packet through a
magnifying glass until
I feel as though I had
been walking about for
hours instead of looking
at the photographs you

from the error of his way is
I have been looking at
each packet through a
magnifying glass until
I feel as though I had
been walking about for
hours instead of looking
at the photographs you

so kindly sent me. But there have only
whetted my appetite to hear you tell of the
individuals back of and to hold it in my hand
while you talk of its rare charms. Every one is
a human document, I dare say. This collection
of yours is a very strong magnet drawing me
to Washington. We shall get there yet!
And I am delighted to have that picture
of John Muir. Thanks you for all.
Three pictures are in a trunk already on the
Plutarchus which we follow in the morning.
We sail for England at noon. Then "The
American Invasion of Europe" begins (in respect
to Indian goods) your photographs will be very

helpful illustrations for
two amateur drawers
(Sketch in Liberty of
London and Paris.)

Mr. Commissioner Harris
thinks it falls to teach
Indian children basket
making, weaving, bead-work
and pottery-making - the
native industries - in
Indian schools. He
thinks little Indian things
be made over into Anglo-
Saxons at the earliest
possible day. He sees
"no beauty" (so he says)
in an Indian basket,
for example. Cannot you

from the error of his ways?
I think it is a pity that
the Commissioner should
have such a low opinion
of the Indian arts.
The Commissioner
thinks it falls to
teach Indian children
basket making, weaving,
bead-work and pottery-
making - the native
industries - in Indian
schools. He thinks
little Indian things
be made over into
Anglo-Saxons at the
earliest possible day.
He sees "no beauty"
in an Indian basket,
for example. Cannot
you see that the
Commissioner is
wrong? He is
wrong in his
opinion of the
Indian arts.

Believe me I have not seen you
for some time. I have
heard of you in the papers
and in the papers of the
London and Paris. I have
heard of you in the papers
of the London and Paris.
I have heard of you in the
papers of the London and
Paris. I have heard of you
in the papers of the London
and Paris. I have heard of
you in the papers of the
London and Paris. I have
heard of you in the papers
of the London and Paris.

From the corner of his way
I have heard of you in the
papers of the London and
Paris. I have heard of you
in the papers of the London
and Paris. I have heard of
you in the papers of the
London and Paris. I have
heard of you in the papers
of the London and Paris.

111 EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

March 16th 1882.

III EAST SIXTEENTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

My dear Dr. Merriam:
I have been through
Dr. Trivett of Newport
who has been spending
much time in Ireland
this summer studying
agricultural conditions
there, that Dr. Bennett,
Secretary of Agriculture
for Ireland, is very
anxious indeed to
visit America this

write but lacks sufficient excuse to urge
him to ask for a leave of absence.

It occurred to me that some sort of an
invitation to visit Washington when in this
Country, coming from you or some of your
Associates, might be the most influential
Country which might help him at the same
time to face his nerve. It is certainly a
wonderful thing for an unassuming ~~man~~ ^{Irishman}.
I saw some of his results in Perry two years
ago. If for any reason whatever you would
prefer not to write Mr. Campbell or have
the Department of Agriculture make any
recognition of his proposed visit, nobody's
business will be hurt but the note may be

Forward into the
Blank book. In
any case please
don't take the trouble
to reply.

Very sincerely yours
C. J. [Signature]

November 12th 1902.

Recd. Dec. 1, 1902 - [Signature]

III EA

My dear
Mr. [Name]
who has
much
this
Agriculture
[Name],
Secretary
for
[Name]
visit

but that you should have given such
a treasure to somebody else is the
thought that overweighs. Really it was
most kind of you and I am very grateful.
The photograph with the valuable notes on
the back increases its value many times.
Now enduring is the charm of these
Indian baskets! I value mine more every year,
especially those that recall the enthusiastic
appreciation of a fellow collector so this
gift of yours always will.

From August to December we have
been in deep anxiety over the illness of our
second son (Stephen James) and to some
as he was fairly convalescent I was glad that

Blanchard, R

1893-1896

83/129
c

SOCIÉTÉ ZOOLOGIQUE DE FRANCE

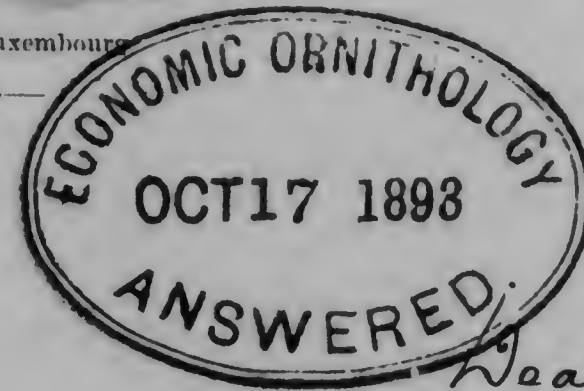
7, rue des Grands-Augustins

SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL:

Dr R. BLANCHARD

32, rue du Luxembourg

Paris, le 20 septembre 1893



Dear Sir,

Returning these days
from the country, I find
at the Zoological Society
your letter of July 31.
I beg your pardon for
having not answered
you sooner, and I am
eager to send you the cir-

cular letter who was sent
to Natural science and
many other scientific news
papers. The august number
of the American Naturalist
has given a translation
of this programme.

As opportunity offers
itself, I beg you to accept
my best thanks for the
regular sending of the
North American Fauna, a
most valuable series of

memoirs published under
your direction.

Very respectfully yours

S. M. Plantard

CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL DE ZOOLOGIE
COMITÉ PERMANENT SIÉGEANT A PARIS
7, Rue des Grands-Augustins, 7

SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL :
D^r R. BLANCHARD
32, Rue du Luxembourg

Paris, le 22 nov. 1893

Cher Monsieur,

En réponse à votre lettre
du 17 octobre, j'ai l'honneur
de vous faire savoir que le
Comité permanent attend, en
réponse à la question qu'il
a posée, des mémoires relatifs
à la distribution géographique

des animaux, et aux condi-
tions générales de leur exis-
tence, dans une des grandes
régions du globe. Je pense
donc qu'un essai sur la
distribution géographique des
animaux dans l'Amérique
du nord, tel que celui que
vous m'indiquez, répondrait
à la question.

Veuillez agréer, cher
Monsieur, l'expression de

mes sentiments les plus
dévoués

JR. Blanchard

CARTE POSTALE

Ce côté est exclusivement réservé à l'adresse



Mr C. Hart Merriam

Division of mammalogy

Department of agriculture

Washington, D.C.

Etats-Unis

Le 9 janvier 1896

Paris, 32, rue du Luxembourg.

Le DOCTEUR R. BLANCHARD a reçu les huit
volumes de Proceedings de la
« Fur Seal arbitration » qui lui sont
parvenus par l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis
et que M. C. Hart Merriam a eu l'amabilité de lui envoyer.

Il le remercie de son bon souvenir et lui adresse ses compliments les
plus respectueux et dévoués

R. Blanchard

Blanford, William Thomas, 1832 - 1905

1895

Recd. Oct. 6/95

72. Bedford Gardens,
Camden Hill, W.

London Jan^r 2nd 1995

My dear Dr Mackinnon

I find that I have
fortunately two or three copies
of very rather ancient papers
of Annularium Sales and I
send one herewith. In
hunting for these papers I
came across copies of others
of varying antiquity and have
added them in case some
might be of interest to you.

I am much indebted
to you for your paper on the
Effect of temperature on the
distillation of life and for
other papers that I
have seen so good as to
lead to me at various times.

Believe me

Yours truly

W. D. Mansford

1884-1907

Blasius, Rudolf

83/29
c

INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.
(Permanent Committee)

Most honoured Sir!

You will kindly understand from the inclosed register of the sessions of the first International Ornithological Congress that the latter have appointed you member of the created International Permanent Committee, whose tasks are expressed in the annexed register. We beg your honour kindly to accept of this office in reference to the high importance of the task put to this Committee; the latter would be much afflicted by missing your famous name and tried abilities at their works, and would be much honoured and encouraged if you would kindly accept of this office.

We beg you to adress your kind answer to the secretary of the Committee, and in case of your acceptance add your name and titles in full for the behoof of establishing the personalities, and be pleased to proceed in accordance to the registers of the Congress III Section, IV.Paragraph article a to g.

The instructions for the Austrian-Hungarian Observation Stations, and the specification of the birds of Germany ~~Austria-~~ Hungary by Homeyer and Tschusi will be forwarded to you at once.

Awaiting your immediate kind answer
we remain, dear Sir,
Yours most respectfully

The President

Dr.R. Blasius.

The Secretary

Gustavus von Hayek, Ph.D.

Vienna, the 30th September 1884.

To Dr.C.Hart Merriam, Esq.

Locust Grove, Lewis County,

New-York.

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT ORNITHOLOGIQUE.



INTERNATIONALES PERMANENTES ORNITHOLOGISCHES COMITÉ.

Protecteur : Son Altesse Impériale et Royale Monseigneur l'Archiduc RODOLPHE Prince héritier d'Autriche-Hongrie.
Protector : Seine kaiserliche und königliche Hoheit der durchlauchtigste Herr Erzherzog RUDOLF Kronprinz von Oesterreich-Ungarn.
Président : M. le Docteur RODOLPHE BLASIUS à Brunswick, Petriithor-Promenade, 25.
Präsident : Dr. RUDOLF BLASIUS in Braunschweig, Petriithor-Promenade 25.
Secrétaire : M. le conseiller du gouvernement D. GUSTAVE de HAYEK, à Vienne, Marokkanergasse 3.
Secretair : Regierungsrath Dr. GUSTAV von HAYEK in Wien, Marokkanergasse 3.

Braunschweig. 22/2. 1884

N^o 205

Herrn

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lounst Grove. New-York.

Sehr geehrter Herr!

Zunächst habe ich sehr um Verzeihung zu bitten, dass ich Ihnen erst so spät sowohl für Ihren liebenswürdigen Brief vom 3/11 antworte, als auch erst jetzt mich bedanke für die so ausserordentlich werthvolle Sendung, die Sie mir zukommen liessen. Ich bin ganz beschämt und weiss gar nicht, wie ich mich Ihnen gegenüber verhalten soll.

Was Ihre Anfragen anbetrifft, so trägt bis jetzt zu den Kosten des permanenten internationalen ornithologischen Comité's bei: Oesterreich 1000 Gulden, Preussen 2000 Mark und Braunschweig 400 Mark. Ich hoffe sehr, dass wir noch von andern Ländern weitere jährliche Beiträge erhalten (obige Beiträge werden jährlich gezahlt!), vorläufig ist uns aber weiter nichts sicher garantiert.

Ich bedauere sehr, dass das Sitzungsprotokoll in deutschen Lettern gedruckt ist, es wird das nie wieder vorkommen, und werde ich dafür sorgen,

dass künftig von uns alles in lateinischen Lettern
veröffentlicht wird.

Mit einer kleinen Abriß von mir sende ich Ihnen
auch einige Aufzüge, wie ich sie jetzt für Deutsch-
land etamen habe. Ähnlicher Weise rerthe ich Ihnen
auch für Amerika vorzugehen.

Hoffentlich führen Sie Ihren Plan, bald nach
Deutschland zu kommen aus, und habe ich dann das
Vergnügen und die Ehre, Sie hier zu sehen.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung

Ihr

D. Marins.

Dr. Rudolf Blasius.

Braunschweig

Petrikor-Promenade 25

den 3. Febr. 1885

Herrn Dr. Frank Merriam
in New York York von
mir ein Schreiben, in
Angelegenheit der
Jahre 1884 ein
Schreiben.

R. Blasius.

Dr. Rudolf Blasius.

Braunschweig
Petritzhof-Promenade 25

den 6. März 1885

Gechter Herr College!

Anbei sende ich Ihnen den Brief
für Nehring und Karten für Bode
und Lippmann.

Am besten fahren Sie hier fort 4 Uhr
50 Min Nachmittags, nehmen Billet nach
Berlin, Bahnhof Friedrichstraße.

Unmittelbar bei demselben ist Centralh.
Tel, wo Sie am besten wohnen.

Nehring ist zu treffen in Königl
Landwirthschaftsschule, Invaliden-
straße, von 10 - 5 Uhr, Bode
und Lippmann im Königl Museum
von 10 - 2 Uhr.

Mit bestem Grusse

Thr

Morgen früh
bringe ich Ihnen
noch einen Bidecker
von Berlin.

R. Blasius.

WELTPOSTVEREIN. (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)
POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND.
(ALLEMAGNE.)



An Fr. C. Hart Merriam

Loxust Grove, Lewis County

New York

United States of America

Strammekowig. N. 85.

Hochgeachteter Herr College!

Es war nicht leicht, eine derartige Wohnung für Sie zu finden, heute ist es mir aber gelungen und da besitze ich mich, Sie zu beschreiben. Steigen Sie im Hotel hier ab, kommen Sie zu mir, dann bringe ich Sie zu der Familie. Ich und mein Bruder freuen uns ganz auferwöhnlich, Sie kennen zu lernen und längere Zeit hier zu sehen.

Ergebenst und hochachtungsvoll

H. R. Baring

Dr. Rudolf Blasius.

Braunschweig
PetriThor - Promenade 25

den 26. März 1885.

Verehrter Herr und Freund!

Endlich habe ich die Schädel für Sie erhalten, die ich Ihnen schenken wollte.

Es sind: 2 Wildschweine (*Sus scrofa*),
1 Reh (*Cervus capreolus*), 3 Füchse
(*Canis vulpes*), 1 Hase (*Lepus timidus*),
1 Dachs (*Meles lepus*), 2 Katzen (*Felis domestica*),
2 Baummarder (*Mustela martes*), 3 Misse (*Mustela putorius*),
2 Fischottern (*Lutra vulgaris*).

Ich bitte Sie nun, mir zu schreiben,
ob und wann und wohin ich sie Ihnen
schicken soll!

Von Foster erhielt ich heute die
Drucksachen!

Hoffentlich geht es Ihnen gut. Schrei-
ben Sie bald zurück.

Ihre ergebenen

R. Blasius.

Dr. Rudolf B

Terre

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

p. add. Dr. J. L. Sitater.

Eudli

erha

Es s

1 Re

(Can

1 Da

Feli

Mus

put

sch

Ob

sch

Dr

ben

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT ORNITHOLOGIQUE.



INTERNATIONALES PERMANENTES ORNITHOLOGISCHES COMITÉ.

Protecteur : Son Altesse Impériale et Royale Monseigneur l'Archiduc RODOLPHE Prince héritier d'Autriche-Hongrie.
Protector : Seine kaiserliche und königliche Hoheit der durchlauchtigste Herr Erzherzog RUDOLF Kronprinz von Oesterreich-Ungarn.
Président : M. le Docteur RODOLPHE BLASIUS à Brunswick, Petrihor-Promenade, 25.
Präsident : Dr. RUDOLF BLASIUS in Braunschweig, Petrihor-Promenade 25.
Secrétaire : M. le conseiller du gouvernement D. GUSTAVE de HAYEK, à Vienne, Marokkanergasse 3.
Secretair : Regierungsrath Dr. GUSTAV von HAYEK in Wien, Marokkanergasse 3.

Braunschweig. 17/2. 86.
J. N^o 42.

Lieber Dr. Hart Merriam!

Sie verzeihen, wenn ich erst so spät
Ihren lieben Brief vom 3 Januar
beantworte. Eine überaus fräunige

Verantwortung liegt darn vor. Unsere gute
Mutter, die Sie im vorigen Frühjahr noch in voller Rüstig-
keit bei uns gesehen haben, ist einer Lungenentzündung
erlegen. In meinem und meines Bruders Namen muss
ich Ihnen diese fräunige Mitteilung machen und
bitte Sie, auch Dr. Trudley in unserem Namen davon
Anzeige zu machen. Es war mir in der ersten Zeit
nach diesem uns so überaus harten Verluste nicht möglich,
viele Briefe zu schreiben, erst allmählig komme ich jetzt
zur weiteren Erledigung der etwas aufgehäuften Cor-
respondenz.

Haben Sie vielen Dank für Ihren lieben Brief
und für den Inhalt von 200 Mark, die ich im
Namen des Comité's vereinnahmt habe. Später hoffe
ich aber doch, dass unser Comité ähnlich wie von
vielen anderen Ländern (jetzt auch Russland
mit 1000 Rubel) auch von der Regierung der
Vereinigten Staaten einen regelmäßigen Beitrag
erhält. Wollen Sie mir vielleicht angeben, an
wen man sich in dieser Beziehung officiell zu

zu werden hätte, ich will dann doch lieber noch einmal
in Gemeinschaft mit Kayak schreiben. Sehr begierig bin
ich auf Ihre ersten Publicationen des amerikanischen Comité's,
ist die Liste der amerikanischen Vögel bereits herausgekorn-
men? Sie würden mir einen sehr großen Gefallen thun, wenn
Sie mir die Sachen nach dem Erscheinen schicken könnten.

Neulich habe ich eine ganze Reihe von Schädeln für Sie
in einem Packer geschickt, der Ihnen in einer der nächsten
Sendungen die ganze Sammlung mitschicken wird.

Als Sie vor jetzt einem Jahr hier waren, boten Sie
mir eine Reihe von amerikanischen Vogelbeilagen an, die Sie
mir im Tausche senden wollten. Ich versprach Ihnen eine
Liste meiner Desiderata und erlaube mir, Ihnen dieselbe
auf der folgenden Seite aufzustellen. Wenn Sie mir eine Sen-
dung machen, bitte ich sehr, die Form der Packet- oder
Frachtsendung zu wählen, nur nicht die Brief-Form.
Mein Packer hat neulich für Ihre Sendung sehr viel
Toll auf alle Reitanctionen bei der Post zahlen müssen.

Für die Grippe, die mir neulich bei Dold von Ihnen
und Hoadley brachte vielen Dank! Leider kann ich mich,
durch unsern Transpott verhindert, jetzt sehr wenig um
ihn kümmern. Wann erhalte ich das Bild von Hoadley,
das er mir versprach.

Meine Frau und die Kinder, die alle sehr wohl sind,
küssen Sie vielmals grüßen.

In treuer Freundschaft Ihr
Rudolf Martin.

Fulio perquium L. *anatum* Bp.
Nauclemus juniatu L.
Ephialtes affio L.
Picus villosus Lth.
Coccyzus americanus L.
 " *erythrophthalmus* Wils.
Ceryle aliyon L.
Progne purpurea L.
Sylvicola virens Gm.
Taxostoma rufum L.
Mimus carolinensis L.
Turdus solitarius Wils.
 " *minor* Gm.
 " *Wilsoni* Bp.
 " *migratorius* L.
Anthus ludovicianus Gm.
Scothia canescens Gld.
Zonotrichia curvirostra L., *americana* Wils.
 " *leucoptera* Gm.
Agelaius phoeniceus L.
Citropistes migratoria L.
Lagopus Reinhardtii Bp.
Charadrius plumbeus L., *virginicus* Bk.
Totanus flavipes Gm.
Catoptrophorus semipalmatus Lth.
Actidulum longicaudus Bchth.
 " *rufescens* Vieill.
Actitis macularia L.
Macroramphus griseus Gm.
Tringa macularia Vieill.
 " *melanotos* Vieill.
 " *pusilla* L.

Numenius hudsonicus Lath.
 " *borealis* Lath.
Botaurus lentiginosa Mont.
Anas discors L.
Mareca americana L.
Fuligula maritima Vig.
 " *collaris* Donar.
Glaucion Albesta L.
Mergus cucullatus L.
Sterna fuliginosa Gm.
Rhodostethia Rossii Sab.
Aema Sabine Leach.
Chroicocephalus atricilla L.
 " *Bonapartei* Richards.
Oceanites oceanica Kuhl.
Tuffinus fuliginosus Strkl.
Columbus Holboellii Bp.

Diese sind meine
 34 in meinem Beside
 amerikanischer Vögel, die
 sich nach Europa verpflanzen
 haben. Selbstverständlich
 denke ich nicht daran,
 so seltene Thiere hause
 Rossii jemals für mich
 zu erhalten.

The
 Mann.

Die Verlobung unserer Tochter Anna mit dem
Herzoglich Braunschweigischen Domänenpächter und
Premier-Lieutenant der Reserve des Westphälischen
Dragoner-Regiments Nr. 7 Herrn Hermann
Wahnschaffe beehren wir uns ergebenst anzuzeigen.

Professor Dr. Rudolf Blasius
und Frau Malby, geb. Hausmann.

Braunschweig, am 1. März 1896.

Meine Verlobung mit Fräulein Anna Blasius,
Tochter des Herrn Professors Dr. Rudolf Blasius
und dessen Frau Gemahlin Malby, geb. Hausmann
beehre ich mich ergebenst anzuzeigen.

Hermann Wahnschaffe
Herzoglich Braunschweigischer Domänenpächter
und Premier-Lieutenant der Reserve
des Westphälischen Dragoner-Regiments Nr. 7.

Ueptingen bei Warleben, am 1. März 1896.

Professor Dr. Rudolf Blasius.

Braunschweig, Inselwall 13

Fernruf Nr. 240

den 5. Juli 1907

Lieber Hr. Herr Merriam!

Es ist lange Zeit her, dass wir uns nicht geschrieben haben, das thut aber hoffentlich unser Braunschweiger Freund. Ich habe Ihnen Schaden und da freue ich mich denn ganz außerordentlich, dass ich Ihnen heute unsern längst geplanten Gegenbesuch in America anmelden kann. Mein Bruder Wilhelm und ich haben die Absicht, den III internat. Signalen Zoologen - Congress in Boston mitzumachen und werden schon am 27. Juli von Hamburg mit der Pennsylvania der N. A. G. nach New York abfahren, wo wir gegen den 5. August einzu treffen gedenken. Abgesehen vom Congress ist es nun aber unsere Haupt - Absicht, unsern amerikanischen Freunde wieder zu sehen und zu besuchen und erlaube ich mir daher anzufragen, wo und wann wir Sie in Washington aufsuchen können. Nach dem Programm sollten wir ja am 3. September doch

meiner
Office,
St., post
sicher
New-York
dieser
sind
einer
mit vor
in
Wieder.
us.
hinter

sein. Sicherlich sehen wir Sie
aber schon wieder in Boston!

Nun habe ich noch ein ganz
besondere Anfrage und Bitte an
Sie. Ich bin leider sehr krank
gewesen. Seit Anfang Mai leide
ich an einer Pleuritis mit Eosinophilie,
habe 4 Wochen fest im Bette gelegen
und erhole mich nun, nachdem das
Eosinophilie subsistiert ist, langsam, in-
dem ich viel mehr in frischer Luft
aufhalte. Bis vor Kurzem konnte
ich aber nicht entscheiden, ob ich
noch Boston fahren könnte oder
nicht. Jetzt hat mein Arzt mir
die Reise empfohlen. Er hält eine
längere Seereise für sehr gut,
wünscht aber, dass ich in America
nicht vor dem Herbst etwas austrin-
quiere. Congress mehrere Wochen
im Gebirge in einer Gebirgs- und
Sommerfrische aufhalte. Da hatte
ich nun an die Adirondacks
gedacht! Sie haben mir seiner
Zeit Thompsons Buch über die

Sie
Boston!
ein ganz
Bitte an
kennt
Nai leide
Esudas,
Bitte geleg
ihdem das
ungsam, in.
iter Luft
zem konnte
u, ob ich
nte oder
Post wie
hält eine
er gut,
k in America
was austr
e Weiten
lings - und
Sa hatte
vondait's
ir seiner
über die

Adirondait's gutezeit. Wenn ich
dies mit den im Bädiker erweisen.
den Sommerfrische vergliche, so
muss es ja dort zur Erholung
für mich ein ganz praktischer Auf.
enthalt sein. Ich bitte nun die
grosse Bitte an Sie, da Sie ja
doch sicherlich in den Adirondait's
ganz genau orientiert sind, mir
eine sehr gute Sommerfrische,
womöglich noch in einer vor.
logisch interessanten Gegend, anzuem.
pflegen, wo ich gute Verpflegung
und ein sonniges schönes gesundes
Zimmer bekommen kann. Ich
würde dann von New-York direkt
dorthin fahren und zum 19/8 in
Boston eintriften.

Leider konnte ich mich meiner
Beurteilung halber nicht eher zur
Reise entschliessen, ich wurde daher
von Ihnen kaum vor dem 25/7
(dann fahre ich hier ab) nach
hier eine Nachricht bekommen
können und bitte Sie daher, mit

Nachricht zu geben unter meiner
Adresse: General Post Office,
New-York, City Hall Park, post
anstalt, ich werde mir dann sofort
nach meiner Ankunft in New-York
Ihren Brief dort abholen.

Hoffentlich trifft Sie diesen
Brief in Washington und sind
Sie nicht gerade wieder auf einer
großen Reise begriffen!

Mit besten Grüßen, auch von
meinem Bruder Wilhelm, in
der Hoffnung auf festes Wieder-
sehen

Ihr

sehr ergebener

Rudolf Blocher.

Vielleicht können Sie mir hierher
noch ein Postkarte senden!

Reed. + Ansd. of San Francisco, Calif.
July 31, 1907. - Cohn

Es
nicht
hoffen
schafft
mich
ich
gegen
kam
ich
hinn
mit
27.
Den
yon
5.
Ab
ab
an
sch
ich
w
se
30

RUDOLF BLASIUS

DR. MED.

BRAUNSCHWEIG.

RUDOLF BLASIUS

DR. MED.

BRAUNSCHWEIG.

Lieber Herr

Hr. W. Bode, Direktor der
Königl. Gemäldesammlung,
zum Einverständnis dieser Königl.
Gem.

Hr. Hart Merriam

gütigst beifällig sein zu erbitten.

Lieber Herr

Hr. Lippmann

Direktor des Königl. Kupferstechka-
binets,

zum Einverständnis dieser Königl.
Gem., Herr

Hr. Hart Merriam

gütigst beifällig sein zu erbitten.

Blasius, Wilhelm

1815 - 1907

83/29
c

Ich mit persönlich bekannte Herr Dr. med. C. Hart Merriam
aus Locust Grove im Staate New York, der sich zu wissenschaftlichen
Zwecken einige Monate in Braunschweig aufhält, wünscht zum
Zwecke der Präparation von Thieren weissen Arsenik (Arsenik-
säure) zu kaufen. Auf Wunsch des genannten Herrn übernehme
ich hiermit die Garantie, dass der gekaufte bzw. noch zu
kaufende Arsenik zu keinen anderen als wissenschaftlichen Zwecken
benutzt wird.

Braunschweig, den 3. Februar 1885

Professor Dr. Wilh. Blasius.

1 lb Arsenik
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Alaun in Pulver
werde mit einander gemischt!

473

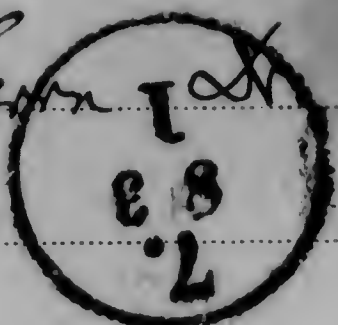
DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST.

POSTKARTE.



An

Herrn H. E. Hart Merriam



in Berlin C.

Central-Hôtel

C. 154

473

DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST.

POSTKARTE.



An

Herrn H. E. Hart Merriam

aus New-York



in Berlin C.

Central-Hôtel

C. 154

Herrn H. E. Hart Merriam aus New-York wird
hierdurch auf das Beste dem Herrn Professor Dr.
Rob. Hartmann empfohlen durch,

DR. WILH. BLASIUS,

PROFESSOR AN DER HERZUGL. TECHN. HOCHSCHULE

(Herr Merriam hat ein besonderes Interesse daran,
die grossen Sammlungen des Anatomischen Institutes,
an Säugthier-Skeletten und Schädeln zu studiren)

Brs. 7/3 1885.

zu Braunschweig.

Braunschweig, 7. März 1885.

Gleichzeitig mit dieser Karte schreibe ich an Prof. Nehring, dass Sie denselben in der Landwirtschaftlichen Hochschule am Montag morgen 10 Uhr aufsuchen würden, dass Sie am Sonntage vermutlich den Zoologischen Garten und später die Museen besuchen würden ^{wahrscheinlich nicht} um schließlich vor der Dämmerung (Dunkelwerden) nach dem Hotel zurückzukehren; wenn Nehring Montag 10 Uhr nicht Zeit hätte oder sich schon am Sonntage Ihnen widmen könnte, so möchte er Ihnen nach dem Hotel Nachricht geben. Nehring's Privat-Wohnung ist Berlin N. W. Alt Moabit 98. Dies für den Fall, dass Borzig's berühmte Palmenhäusle in Moabit Sonntags geöffnet sind und Sie einen Besuch des Gewächshäusle von Borzig mit einem Besuche Nehring's in seiner Privatwohnung verbinden können. Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen Ihr Wilh. Blasius.

Braunschweig, 9. März 1885.

Vielen Dank für Ihre Karte! Gleich nach Ihrer ~~Postkarte~~ Abreise kam die Kiste von Schüttes in Halle. Alle Schädel waren schon verkauft. Es sind aber zur Auswahl 3 Factorius Evermanni, 6 Factorius Esmirena, 2 Myodes Lemmus, 1 Myodes lagurus, 4 Myodes sibiricus in Bälgen gesandt. Wenn Sie bis Donnerstag wieder hier sind, kann ich die Sachen solange liegen lassen. Sonst, wenn Sie erst Freitag oder später kommen, so schreiben Sie mir, was ich nach bestem Ermessen für Sie behalten soll, um dann das Andere zurückzusenden. Die Bälge enthalten alle Schädel und Bein-knochen. Die Erhaltung und Güte der Schädel ist aber nur zu vermuten, da sie in Felle stecken. — Die Bestellung von Koch in Münster mache ich so, dass das Packet etwa zum Freitag hier erwartet werden kann.

Nun noch viel Vergnügen und Nutzen in Berlin!

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen Ihr Wilh. Blasius

Herr Dr. C. Hart Merriam aus New-York wird
hierdurch auf das Beste dem Herrn Professor Dr.
Rob. Hartmann empfohlen durch,

DR. WILH. BLASIUS,

PROFESSOR AN DER HERZUGL. TECHN. HOCHSCHULE

(Herr Merriam hat ein besonderes Interesse daran,
die grossen Sammlungen des Anatomischen Institutes
an Säugthier-Skeletten und Schädeln zu studiren)

Bz. 7/3 1885.

zu Braunschweig.

Herr Dr. C. Hart Merriam aus New-York
wird hiermit Herrn Dr. Westerman, Director
der Königl. Zoologischen Gesellschaft „Artis“ auf's
Beste empfohlen durch

DR. WILH. BLASIUS,

PROFESSOR AN DER HERZUGL. TECHN. HOCHSCHULE

Besten Falls und Bitte, Herrn Dr. Hart
Merriam gütigst beizuhelfen!

Rudolf Marius

Bz. 19/3 1885.

zu Braunschweig.

Herrn Dr. C. Hart Merriam

mit vielen Grüßen von

Wilh. Blasius.

Unter der Adresse der Zoological Society London
wurde ich außerdem 2 aus Amerika gekommene
Douchesachen. Hoffentlich ist Ihre Reise durch Holland
gut verlaufen!!! Bitte in Betreff der nachkommenden Briefe
um weitere Anweisung!

Nota
für Herrn Dr. Meriam
über:

2	Muötelar	Eversmanni	9	Mark	8,00
1	"	Erminea W.	.		2,50
1	"	d. S.	.		2,00
1	Myodes	schisticolor ad	.		9,00
1	"	d. med	.		4,50
				Zs. Mark	29,00

Darüberfinden Lehraz von:
 9 Neun und Zwanzig Mark
 Auf der Gedr. richtig ausgegeben und für mich
 beachtet habend.
 Halle's am 19. März 1885.
 W. Schlichter

Braunschweig, 8. Mai 1885.

Sehr lieber Freund!

Hoffentlich ^{sind} Sie gut nach Amerika zurückgekommen! Es war damals gerade eine recht stürmische Zeit. Ihren lieben Brief aus London habe ich noch richtig erhalten. Ich danke Ihnen sehr für die lieben Worte, die Sie über Ihr Hierin an mich richteten. — Ich habe Ihre Abreise sehr schmerzlich empfunden. Ich hatte mich an das fast tägliche Zusammentreffen mit Ihnen sehr gewöhnt, und Ihr Wesen und Ihr Arbeiten hatten mir die größte Anerkennung und Hochachtung für Sie eingeflößt. — Hoffentlich erneuern wir bald die Freundschaft, die sich so schnell geknüpft hat. — Für heute wollte ich Ihnen nur einen herzlichsten Gruss senden und die Bitte, mir bald einmal wieder Nachricht zu senden nebst Photographie.

Mit herzlichsten Grüßen Ihr

Wth. Blasius

Ans. Sept. 8 '85.

WELTPOSTVEREIN. (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)
POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND
(ALLEMAGNE.)



An H. C. Hart Merriam

Locust Grove, N. Y.

U. S. America

WELTPOSTVEREIN. (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)
POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND
(ALLEMAGNE.)



H. C. Hart Merriam



Locust Grove N. York

U. S. America

Braunschweig, 19. Juli 1885.

Vielen Dank für Ihren lieben Brief vom 28. Juni! Tags darauf erhielt ich ein Eigarrenkistchen mit 17 Vogelbälgen, prächtig präpariert, von Ihrer Hand, wofür ich vielmals danke. In Ihrem Briefe schreiben Sie von "five (5) packages". Ich wartete einige Tage mit dieser Benachrichtigung, um noch zu warten, ob vielleicht noch andere Packetchen kämen; allein bis heute ist ausser dem einen kein weiteres Packet angelangt. Sollte die Adresse vielleicht falsch geschrieben sein? — Für etwaige weitere Sendungen erwähne ich noch, dass das Kistchen, das ich erhielt, in Amerika offenbar nicht genügend präpariert war, sodass ich hier ein nicht unbeträchtliches und jedenfalls unerschwingliches hohes Strafpotio bezahlen musste. Ich erwähne dies nicht, um das Geschehene zu beklagen, sondern nur um für die Zukunft die Wiederholung zu vermeiden. — Mein Bruder will mit dieser Tage gabelbehe Schädel von Säugthieren für Sie übergeben, j. Th. skams, wie von Jus Lofsa u. dergl. Ich will dann sehen, was ich von unseren Säugthieren als doublett auswählen kann, evnt. auch von sibirischen, und Ihnen dann eine Sendung mit Fracht machen. Es kann allerdings noch etwas dauern, weil ich augenblicklich gerade viel, sehr viel zu thun habe. — Hoffentlich senden Sie mit auch Ihre Säugthiere, dabei zur Ansicht und Vergleichung alle Ihre Gymnophiles, und Arviculades Bälge und Schädel, einige vielleicht auch zum Behalten. Ihre Mittheilung über Factorius nigripes interessiert mich sehr. Bald schreibe ich ausführlichen Brief. Mit besten Grüßen
H. Th. Blasius

Esabrowsky ist Anfang Juni nach Neu Guinea abgereist. Alle den jungen Ratt seiner Bomo - Kisten in Gladwin und nicht häufig die jetzt noch verhandene Karte von J. A. Allen.

Braunschweig, 27. Mai 1885.

Gestern erhielt ich Ihren lieben Brief vom 13. Mai, auf welchen ich heute nur kurz antworten kann, nur um den Empfang des guten Nachricht von Ihnen zu constatiren. Es wird mir sehr lieb sein, von Ihnen in einiger Zeit zu erfahren, was Sie mir in Tausche von den amerikanischen Säugthieren (evnt. auch Vögeln) senden können. — Mich wundert, dass es bei Ihnen noch so kalt ist und noch Schnee liegt. — Wir hatten hier Anfang Mai schon das herrlichste Frühlingswetter. Dass Hoadley mit Ihnen zurückgekehrt ist, hat mich auch gewundert. Hoffentlich kräftigt sich seine Gesundheit mehr und mehr. — Esabrowsky, dessen Adresse bis jetzt Königsberg i/ Preussen, Münchensplatz II, ist, hofft auch wie wir hier in Braunschweig bald auf Hoadley's und Ihre Photographie. Esabrowsky reist wahrscheinlich schon Ende Juni als Angestellter des neuen deutschen Neu-Guinea-Expedition nach Neu-Guinea, und ich erwarte noch manche schöne zoologische Entdeckungen von ihm. — Ihren Brief selbst grüßen theile ich noch heute meinem Bruder mit. — In den nächsten Tagen ist hier in Braunschweig die Versammlung der Deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft. Dieflich grüßt Herr Blasius

Birds sent Prof. Wm. H. Henshaw
June 27, 1885 - by W. H. Henshaw.

- 1 *Corvus americanus* ♀
- 2 *Colaptes auratus* ♂
- 3 *Sayornis fuscus* ♂ juv.
- 4 *Cyanura cristata*
- 5 *Turdus migratorius* ♂
- 6 *Myiarchus crinitus* juv.
- 7 *Vireo gilvus* ♀
- 8 " *solitarius* ♀ juv.
- 9 " *flavifrons* ♂
- 10 *Carpodacus purpureus* ♂
- 11 *Turdus pallasi* ♂
- 12 *Agelaius phoeniceus* ♂ ad. ♀
- 13 *Mel. erythrocephalus* ♂ ♂ yg.
- 14 *Contopus borealis* ♀
- 15 *Setophaga ruticilla* ♂
- 16 *Den. palmarum* ♂
- 17 *Tyrannus carolinensis* ♂
- 18 *Lophophanes bicolor* ♂
- 19 *Icterus baltimore* ♂
- 20 *Pyrranga rubra* ♂
- 21 *Vireo olivaceus* juv.
- 22 *Geothlypis trichas* ♂ ad.
- 23 *Den. coronata* ♂
- 24 *Parus atricapillus* ♂
- 25 *Mol. pecoris* ♀ ♂
- 26 *Quiscalus purpureus* ♂ ♀
- 27 *Holichonyx oryzivorus* ♂ ♀ ♀

- 28 *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* ♂
 29 *Goniaphea ludoviciana* ♂
 30 *Den. virens* ♂
 31 " *cornata* ♂
 32 *Chaetura pelagica* ♀
 33 *Harpobrychus rufus* ♀
 34 *Zonotrichia leucophrys* ♀
 35 " *albicollis*
 36 *Sialia sialis* ♂ ad.
 37 *Galeoscoptes carolinensis* ♂
 38 *Turdus mustelinus* ♂
 39 *Sitta carolinensis* ♂ ♀
 40 *Picus villosus* ♂ ♀ juv.
 41 *Sphyrapicus varius* ♂ ♀
 42 *Den. pinus* ♂
 43 *Helminthophaga ruficapilla* ♂
 44 *Den. caeruleus* ♂
 45 *Den. aestiva* ♂
 46 *Ampelis cedrorum* ♂
 47 *Passerella iliaca* ♂
 48 *Plec. nivalis*
 49 *Spizella pusilla*
 50 " *socialis* ♂
 51 *Cyanospiza cyanea* ♀ ♂ ad.
 52 *Curvirostra americana* -
 53 *Mel. erythrocephalus* ♀ im.
 54 *Ammodramus maritimus* ♂
 55 *Chrysomitris pinus* ♂
 56 *Den. striata* ♂ juv. ♂

- 57 *Regulus calendula* ♂
58 *Ammodramus caudacutus* ♀
59 *Spizella monticola* ♂
60 *Pooecetes gramineus* ♂
61 *Helv. pennsylvanica* ♂
62 *Parula americana* ♂
63 *Junco hyemalis* ♂ ♀
64 *Regulus satrapa* ♂ ad.
65 *Chrysomitris tristis* ♂ ♀
66 *Helv. castanea* ♂
67 " *blackburniae* ♂ ♀
68 *Empidonax minimus* ♂
69 *Telmatodytes palustris* ♀
70 *Picus pubescens* ♂ ♀

Braunschweig, 31. Juli 1885.

Liebes Doctor Merriam, verehrtes Freund!

Kurz schrieb ich Ihnen schon auf einer Correspondenzkarte, dass ich Ihre liebenswürdige Sendung von Vogelbälgen in einem Kistchen erhalten habe, und sagte Ihnen vielen Dank dafür. Sie schreiben jedoch von 5 Packetchen, die Sie abgesendet hätten; ausser dem einen Kistchen habe ich jedoch bis jetzt Nichts erhalten. Es ist vielleicht bei der Adressierung im Verschen passiert, sowie dies auch beim Verschluss und der Frankierung des an mich abgehenden Kistchens geschehen zu sein scheint. Auf dem anderen Blatte dieses Briefes schicke ich Ihnen die Worte, welche auf meine Anfrage und Beschwerde das hiesige Postamt mit geschrieben hat. Damit Sie genau wissen, welches Kistchen mir zugekommen ist, so wiederhole ich, dass sich 17 Vogelbälge darin befanden, und zwar *Empidonax minimus* ♂, *Turus hyemalis* ♂, ♀; *Dendroica pennsylvanica* ♂; *D. striata* ♂, juv., ♂, ad., ♂, autumn. ♂; *Tarula americana* ♂; *Regulus calendula* ♂; *Ticus pubescens* ♂, ♀; *Ammodramus caudacutus* ♀, *Cyanospiza cyanea* ♂, ad.; ♀, *Toductes grammacus* ♂; *Solichonyx oryzius* ♂; *Chonimitris pinus* ♂. — Hoffentlich machen sich spätere Sendungen besser und mit weniger Missverständnissen. — Liebe lieb würden mir

auch Säugthiere von Nord-Amerika sein und zum Zwecke des Ueberblicks, welche ich mir gerade für die von mir beabsichtigten Monographien zu verschaffen gedenke, ganz besonders Mustelidae (Festorius), Arvicolidae und Spermophilinae. - Ich interessirte hat mich Ihre Bemerkung über Ihren *F. nigriceps* und dass Sie darüber und über das Verhältnis zu *F. evermanni* bald eine Publication machen wollen. Wenn Sie mir gelegentlich, wenn auch nur zur Ansicht, *nigriceps* übersenden könnten, so wäre mir dies sehr lieb. - Ebenso würde ich in einer grösseren Frachtsendung sehr gern auf einige Zeit leihweise von Ihnen zur wissenschaftlichen Vergleichung erhalten, was Sie an Musteliden, Arvicoliden und Spermophilinen von Nord-Amerika haben. Ich werde mich bemühen, für Sie *Festorius foetidus* (Festorius), *ermineus*, *vulgaris* und *leucocela* und Arvicolidae und Spermophilus von Europa und Asien zu erhalten bzw. anzuschaffen und Ihnen dann zusammen mit den Schädeln, die mein Bruder für Sie hat, eine grössere Sendung machen. Doch habe ich augenblicklich noch viel zu thun und das Material ist noch nicht genügend zusammen, sodass es noch einige Zeit dauern kann.

Mein Bruder wird bald wahrscheinlich auf einige Monate nach dem Kaukasus reisen und erst im October zurückkehren. Mit herzlichem Grüssen

Ihr
Wilhelm Blasius.

Das I
schreibt

" da
" ang
" her
" J
" h
" des
" fan
" 72
" w
" den

Das Kaiserliche Postamt in Braunschweig
schreibt mir am 22. Juli 1885

„ dass die betreffende Sendung, wie aus dem
„ auf dem Umschlage ersichtlichen Vermerke
„ hervorgeht, so verschlossen gewesen ist, dass eine
„ Prüfung des Inhalts nicht hat stattfinden
„ können. Demgemäß ist die Sendung seitens
„ des Postamts in New York als ungenügend
„ frankiertes Brief behandelt und als solches mit
„ 720 Pfennigen (7 M 20 S) richtig austaxiert
„ worden. Ausserdem trägt der Umschlag nicht
„ den Vermerk „Muster ohne Werth“ .“

Wth. Blasius.

geni und zum
gerade für
zu ver-
idae (Factoris),
lekt interessiert
an F. nigripes
Verhältniss zu
machen wollen.
nur zur Ansicht,
mit dies sehr
grösseren
Zeit leih-
Vergleichung
Arvicoliden
haben. Ich
torius foetidus
und Arvicolidae
zu erhalten
anmen mit
the hat, eine
ich augenblicklich
rial ist noch
noch einige
inlich auf einige
en und ist
Grossen
Blasius.

U. S. Department of Agriculture,

DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY.

ECONOMIC ORNITHOLOGY.
DR. C. HART MERRIAM,
AGENT.

Washington, D. C., 188

Sent Prof. Wm. Blasius, Braunschweig, Germany. Aug. 1885.

Skins:

- 1 *Arvicola austerus*
- 1 " *pinetorum*
- 2 " *riparius*
- 1 *Sigmodon hispidus*
- 1 *Thomomys talpoides*
- 4 *Peromyscus 13-lineatus*
- 2 " *Richardsoni*
- 1 *Sciuropterus velucella*
- 1 *Arctomys monax*
- 2 *Sciurus Hudsonius*
- 2 " *Carolinensis leucatus*
- 2 *Tamias striatus*
- 1 *Tamias Harrisii*

Alcoholics:

- 1 *Arvicola riparius*
- 2 *Hesperomys leucopus*
- 1 *Taxus Hudsonius*
- 1 *Vespertilia cululata*

Skulls:

- 1 *Arvicola austerus*
- 1 " *pinetorum*
- 2 " *riparius*
- 1 *Sigmodon hispidus*
- 1 *Thomomys talpoides*
- 2 *Peromyscus 13-lineatus*
- 2 " *Richardsoni*.

WELTPOSTVEREIN. (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)
POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND.
(ALLEMAGNE.)



An Dr. C. Hart Merriam

(Sunt Grove, New York)

frei.

Ling Ling
New York, U.S.A.

WELTPOSTVEREIN. (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.)
POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND.
(ALLEMAGNE.)



An Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Ling Ling
New York, U.S.A.

Braunschweig, 19. September 1885.

Heute Abend habe ich Ihre ^{große von Hamon, Gs. Wiedel} Kiste empfangen.
Noch ehe ich dieselbe ausgepackt habe, will ich mich bei Ihnen meinen verbindlichsten Dank zu sagen, das Sie hoffentlich noch bis zum 30. Sept. in Ling Ling antrifft. Ich habe bis jetzt keine Ladung an Sie abgeben lassen können, mein Bruder hat eine grössere Reise nach dem Kaukasus gemacht und ist in Tiflis. Er wird in der ersten Woche October zurückkehren, und dann wird es mir erst die für Sie bestimmten Schädel überantworten können, da dies vor der Abreise versäumt ist, weil es damals sehr eilig war. Mit herzlichen Grüßen
Wilhelm Blasius

Braunschweig, 8. August 1885.

Gestern erhielt ich Ihren lieben Brief vom 26. Juli d.d. Washington und die beiden Photographien. Diejenige von 1883 hatte ich für viel besser, als die neue. Werden Sie meinem Bruder und Grabowsky direct auch Bilder zuschicken? Oder soll ich die eine von 1885 von Grabowsky schicken? Dieselbe ist jetzt in Java und wird, nachdem es dort heute angeworben hat, nach Neu-Guinea weiterreisen. — Dr. Hadley wird uns hoffentlich auch noch mit seinem Bilde erfreuen. — Dass ich die andere Tackete mit Bälgen (bis auf eines mit 17 kleinen Vogelbälgen) nicht erhalten hatte, schrieb ich Ihnen schon; der Brief klärt nun auf, weshalb dies nicht geschah. — Es hat ja gar keine Eile damit. Und vielleicht können Sie nach Ihres Rückkehr nach Louis Grove im October mit den Tacketen zugleich als Schiffsfracht diejenigen Bälge und Schädel etc. von Spermophilus, Arvicola und Musteliden zur Ansicht und. Vergleichung schicken, welche ich so sehr gern zum Abschluss meines Studien über diese Gruppen aus Nord-Amerika gern haben möchte. — Längsther (Bälge und Schädel) von Deutschland und der alten Welt überhaupt suche ich für Sie einige zusammenzubekommen, um sie Ihnen im Herbst zu schicken mit den Schädeln, die mein Bruder für Sie hat. Viele herzliche Grüsse von Ihrem
Wilh. Blasius.

Braunschweig, 23. September 1885.

Sehr lieber Freund!

Gleich nach Empfang Ihrer Kiste, noch ehe ich dieselbe ausgepackt hatte, schrieb ich Ihnen schon eine Karte, um Ihnen verbindlichst zu danken. Als ich die Kiste ausgepackt fand ich ja einen übermäßig reichen und interessanten Inhalt, für den ich Ihnen vielmals, vielmals danke. — Die drei Tackete schickte ich am anderen Tages an St. Neukom, der mir auch schon sehr spent darüber schrieb. — Gleich nachher empfing ich Ihren lieben Brief vom 8. September mit der speziellen Erläuterung Ihrer Sendung. Sie schreiben aber nichts von dem einen Kistchen, welches die Adresse von Mr. Leebohm trug, mit Bonaria u. Isotopax (ich öffnete das Kistchen, um zu sehen, ob noch Näheres über die Bestimmung darin zu ersehen war). Da es nun möglich war, dass Sie nur zufällig eine Hülle mit Leebohm's Adresse benutzt hatten, das Kistchen aber für einen Anderen ^{vielleicht}

etc, in
über
nach

Wolle Druck-
es für
sind zu
neuen
wilen Dank!

sch vermitteln,
"Stuk"
guten pro
oft für
Subscriptionen
Berlin Wien oder
aber in

zu leiten,
über mit
Subscriptionen
in Deutschland
o theu ich
Madarasz'
Hologen-Gesellschaft
is in London

des Amus-
es mit ein
kleine Erwiderung
an Sie bitte,

Blasius.

bestimmt war, so habe ich dasselbe vorläufig
noch nicht nach London gesandt, sondern
bei Leeborn angefragt, ob er diese Sendung
von Ihnen erwartete und glaubte, dass sie
für ihn bestimmt sei. Wenn ich von
Leeborn oder, warum ich bitten möchte,
von Ihnen eine bejahende Antwort er-
halten haben werde, so werde ich das Kist-
chen sofort als Post-Packet an Leeborn
schicken.

Um Ihren Wünschen in Betreff des Schädel
von *Toxotus putorius* (*Toxotus foetidus*)
sogleich nachzukommen, sandte ich Ihnen
als Probe ohne Werth" erögerten schon ein
kleines Pappkästchen mit 3 Schädeln: 1. *Tox.*
und 2, alle von Braunsehwarz. Dieselben
sind natürlich für Sie als Eigenthum be-
stimmt. Ebenso die kleinen *Arvicola*-Schädel
und Balge, die ich beifügte, um zu füllen.
Die Schädel sind bis auf einen von *Arvicola*
amphibius (mit diversen Knochen) nicht gut erhalten.
Später kommen bessere. Den Balg von *Arvicola*
agrestis sandte ich, weil ich denselben schon
vor einiger Zeit für einen anderen Correspondenten,
der ihn dann nachher nicht gebrauchte,
als doublett ausgesucht hatte, er also parat lag.

zufüg
ändern
Sendung
sie
von
sichte,
st es -
Kist-
bebohen
Schädel
tidus)
nen
ein
n: S. (Hf)
ben
be -
a - Schädel
füllen.
trisola
- halten.
trisola
schon
respondenten,
spite,
wat lag.

Es ist etwas gewiss, was ich zu entschuldigen bitte.
Es ist ein altes Stück, das meinem Vater schon unter
Händen war. Die Schachtel mit „*Arvicola agrestis*“
Schädel ist von meinem Vater beschrieben. Der eine
Schädel stammt von ihm, den anderen in Fragmenten
nahm ich aus einem Bussarden - Gewölle. —
Einige andere *Arvicola* - Bälge und dergl. schicke
ich in nächster Zeit als Probe ohne Werth. Eine
grössere Sendung mit Schiffsfracht schicke ich,
wenn mein Bruder mir die für Sie ge-
stimmten grösseren Schädel nach seiner Rückkehr
gibt. — Ich bedauere, dass ich hier wenig
Gelegenheit habe, für unsere einheimischen
kleinen Säugethiere für Sie zu sammeln. Ich
habe viele Aufträge gegeben, aber man bringt wenig.
Sie wissen ja selbst, dass hierin auch in der
Zeit Ihre Anwesenheit wenig zu machen war.
Wenn ich mehr hinaus käme, wäre dies besser.
Nochmals für Ihre beiden schönen Photo-
graphien vielen Dank! Die ältere finde ich
am Ähnlichsten. — Nach den Circularen, die
Sie mitsandten, müssen Sie jetzt viel, viel
zu thun haben. Ich glaube aber, dass Ihre
Arbeit eine gediegene und schöne werden
wird. Dass Sie eine Zeit lang krank waren
und dass jetzt Dr. Hoadley sehr krank ist,
thut mir sehr Leid. Dem Letzteren wünsche
ich recht gute Besserung! — Mein Bruder

was im Kaukasus, am Kaspischen Meere, in
Tiflis und ist jetzt auf des Rückreises ^{über} nach
Constantinopel. —

Lieben erhalte ich noch Ihre werthvolle Zusen-
dung. Ich danke Ihnen vielmals für
die "Mustelidae" von Coues. Sie sind zu
lieblich. Auch für die vielen neuen
kleinen Druckarbeiten von Ihnen vielen Dank!

Wollen Sie gelegentlich vielleicht noch vermitteln,
dass ich auch den I. Band von "Iuk"
erhalte, d. h. für mich die Subscriptionen von
1884 auslegen und ebenso in Zukunft für
meinen Bruder und mich die Subscriptionen
für 1886 ff. — Sie haben hier ^{Berlin Wien oder} ~~oder~~ in

London vielleicht andere Zahlungen zu leisten,
die ich dann für Sie mache, worüber wir
dann abrechnen. Z. B. wenn Sie Subscriptionen
für Zeitschriften oder Mitgliedschaften in Deutschland
oder Österreich zu bezahlen haben, so thue ich
dies dann für Sie (etwa z. B. für Madarasz's

Zeitschrift in Budapest, Deutsche Amnithologen-Gesellschaft
d. R. Journal für Amnithologie, oder "The Iris" in London
u. dgl. —

Wenn Sie Schrenck's Säugehiere des Amur-
Landes noch nicht haben, so würde es mir ein
Vergnügen machen Ihnen diese als kleine Erinnerung
für die "Mustelidae" zu schicken. Schreiben Sie bitte,
ob Sie dieselben gebrauchen können.

Mit den freundschaftlichsten Grüßen Ihr
Wm. Blasius.

Braunschweig, 5. März 1886.

Verehrter Freund!

Seitdem Sie mir die grosse Sendung von Säugthieren und Vogel-Bälgen gemacht hatten und ich Ihnen dafür zunächst gedankt hatte und dabei angefragt hatte, ob das eine Kästchen mit zwei Vogelbälgen, das in ein Papier mit Leibohm's Adresse gewickelt war, diesem übersendet werden sollte, habe ich von Ihnen noch gar keine Nachricht erhalten. Ob mein Brief oder eine Antwort von Ihnen verloren gegangen ist, weiss ich nicht. Die für Nekrom bestimmten Kästchen habe ich ihm gleich zugesandt. Ihnen habe ich dann auch als Probenendung einige *Foetorius guttorius*-Schädel nebst *Arvicola* u. u. dgl. übersandt, die Sie hoffentlich richtig erhalten haben. Für Sie gewünscht habe ich Bälge und Schädel von *Arvicola*-Arten, *Mus sylvaticus*, *Erictus pennsylvanicus*; auch habe ich von meinem Bruder für Sie verschiedene Säugthier-Schädel zur Vermittlung an Sie erhalten, die ich im

Folgende kurz verzeichnet:

- 2 *Lus sorex* jun
- 1 *Urocyon cafer* ♂ jun
- 1 *Lepus timidus*
- 2 *Canis vulpes* ad.
- 2 *Felis domestica*
- 1 *Meles taxus*
- 2 *Lutra vulgaris*
- 1 *Mustela martes*
- 2 *Foctorius putorius* ad.

Zur Abendung bin ich noch nicht gekommen, weil ich immer noch mehr aus unseren Vorräthen aussuchen wollte, wozu ich jetzt keine Zeit habe. Wenn Sie aber besondere Wünsche haben, so können diese jederzeit gleich erfüllt werden.

Dass Sie jetzt mit den ökonomischen Anstellungen viel beschäftigt sind, habe ich aus Ihrem Briefe und aus anderen Erzählungen erfahren.

Welches augenblicklich Ihre Adresse ist, weiss ich nicht, deshalb adressire ich nach Louisa Grove.

Sie haben mir auch Vol. I von „The Auk“ inquirieren benutzt und die neue

Lut
we
10
d
So
Ex
by
fu
wa
di
bl
18
J
A
A
w
w
ge
m
de
5
J
A

Subscription für Vol. III ausgelegt. Zur theil-
weisen Bückstigung dieser Schuld füge ich
10 Dollars bei. Mein Bruder weiss nicht
ob Sie auch für ihn pro 1886 3
Dollars ausgelegt haben; es schiebt ein
Exemplar von "The Auk" übersandt
bezeichnet "Exchange". Wenn Sie auch
für ihn subskribiert haben, so wollen Sie
von den verbleibenden 10 Dollars
diese Subscription mit decken. ^{Just ist mein Bruder mit "Exchange" zufrieden.}
bleiben mir für die Subscription für
1887 vielleicht 4 Dollars zu Gute.

Ich fragte auch, ob ich Ihnen die
Abtheilung "Säugethore" von Schenck's
Armutlande oder noch andere in Europa
erhobene Mammalogische Bücher schicken
soll. Schenck's Säugethore würde ich Ihnen
gern schicken, um noch etwas mehr
meine Schuld abzutragen. Ich habe das
heute in Händen. - Auch auf diese Frage
erhielt ich keine Antwort bis jetzt.
Hoffentlich geht es Ihnen gut. Mit
herzlichen Grüßen

Ich
Wm. Blasius.

gekommen,
unseren
jetzt
besondere
degen

omischen
habe ich
dieser

ist,
ich

von "The
reue

Meine am 28. September d. J.
stattgefundene Vermählung mit Fräulein
Margarethe Uhde, Tochter der Frau
Geheimen Medicinal-Räthin Uhde,
Emilie geb. Baumgarten, hieselbst beehre
ich mich anzuzeigen.

Braunschweig, im October 1886

Professor Dr. Wilh. Blasius.

Vermählungs-Anzeige.

Professor Dr. Wilh. Blasius

Margarethe Blasius,
geb. Uhde.

Braunschweig, d. 28. September 1886.

*Herrn Dr. E. Hart Merriam
freundschaftlichst d. Verf.*

Johann Heinrich Blasius.

Biographische Skizze

von

Dr. Wilhelm Blasius

Director des herzoglichen naturhistorischen Museums zu Braunschweig.

Separatabdruck aus Raoul Ritter von Dombrowskis „Allgemeiner Encyclopädie der gesammten
Forst- und Jagdwissenschaften“.



Wien und Leipzig.
Verlag von Moritz Perles.
1886.

Johann Heinrich Blasius wurde am 7. October 1809 zu Edenbach (einer Vereinigung weniger größerer Bauergüter) dicht bei dem Städtchen Nümbrecht im Kreise Gummerbach (Reg.-Bez. Köln am Rhein, Rheinpreußen) als ältester Sohn des dort ansässigen Adergutsbesitzers Johann Heinrich Blasius und von dessen Gattin Luise, geb. Edenbach, geboren. Er starb am 26. Mai 1870 zu Braunschweig als Professor der Naturgeschichte an dem Polytechnicum (Collegium Carolinum) und Director des Herzoglichen Museums, des Herzoglichen Botanischen Gartens u. s. w. — Die erste Kindheit verlebte er (nach seinen eigenen Worten) unter den Augen der Eltern ohne gleichaltrige Gespielen in beständigem Verkehre mit der freien Natur und schweifte fast Tag und Nacht in Berg und Thal, auf Wiese und Feld, in Wald und Flur umher, jagte und fischte und half säen und pflanzen, überall wo dies nur irgend auf dem ziemlich großen elterlichen Besitzthum angien. Später besuchte er die Bürgerschule zu Nümbrecht, wo die Lehrer Gösser und Rothstein die bedeutenden Anlagen desselben früh erkannten und förderten. — Im Sommer 1828 kam Blasius, vom Lehrer Rothstein empfohlen, auf das unter Diesterwegs Leitung stehende preußische Schullehrerseminar in Mörs. Die hier den Hauptunterricht bildenden Fächer beherrschte er schon bei seinem Eintritt derart, daß er anfangs den Verdacht der Faulenzerei auf sich lenkte, bis es durch einen Zufall bekannt wurde, daß er während der scheinbaren Vernachlässigung seiner Ausbildung eingehende Privatstudien auf den Gebieten der Algebra und Geometrie, der Physik, Chemie und beschreibenden Naturwissenschaften gemacht, ja sogar über die meisten dieser Wissenschaften ausführliche Hefte ausgearbeitet hatte. Infolge dieses Beweises selbständigen Weiterstrebens wurde Diesterweg aus einem Tadler von nun an der eifrigste Fürsprecher und Förderer, und nur durch Diesterwegs Empfehlungen erklärt sich das Interesse, das später das preußische Staatsministerium, besonders der geistreiche und scharfblickende Kultusminister Freiherr von Altenstein für die weitere Ausbildung Blasius' in den Naturwissenschaften an den Tag legte. Nachdem er am 24. März 1830 das Schullehrerexamen mit dem Zeugnisse Nr. 1 „vorzüglich“ bestanden und darauf etwas länger als ein Jahr hindurch den mathematisch-naturwissenschaftlichen Unterricht an der Privatlehranstalt des Superintendenten Jüllesen in Wickrathsborg versehen hatte, wurde er zunächst provisorisch an der höheren Stadtschule zu Crefeld angestellt. Inzwischen hatte er sich durch Selbststudien, ohne eine Universität besucht zu haben, bis zu dem Grade weiter ausgebildet, daß er auf Veranlassung der königlichen Regierung zu Düsseldorf mit Genehmigung des Staatsministeriums zum Examen vor der

königlichen wissenschaftlichen Prüfungscommission (Diesterweg u. a.) zu Bonn zugelassen wurde und bei der Prüfung am 22. October 1831 mit Leichtigkeit die Berechtigung zur Anstellung an einer höheren Bürgerschule erhielt. Darauf wurde er dann definitiv zum ordentlichen Lehrer (später Oberlehrer) und Ordinarius der 5. Classe an der höheren Stadtschule zu Crefeld mit dem Unterrichte in Mathematik, Naturgeschichte und deutscher Sprache ernannt. Die Prüfung hatte auf Lateinisch und Französisch nicht ausgedehnt werden können. Doch wurde Blasius durch Selbststudien binnen kurzem mit beiden Sprachen, sowie auch später mit dem Griechischen, Englischen und anderen Sprachen Europas gut vertraut. Mit einigen, zum Theil wenig jüngeren Schülern (Schramm, v. Beckerath etc.) schloß er in Crefeld innige Freundschaft; noch im späten Alter waren diese begeistert von seiner Gabe, zu unterrichten und den Schüler zu fesseln. In dieser Zeit suchte er, wie er später selbst schreibt, die Fülle der aus der Kindheit mitgebrachten Bilder der Natur begriffsmäßig zu ordnen und in seinem Innern systematisch zu verarbeiten. Eine in Düsseldorf abgehaltene kurze Militärdienstzeit brachte ihn in nahe Verbindung mit den dort wohnenden Meistern der Literatur (Zimmermann) und der Kunst (C. F. Lessing u. a.), wodurch Blasius' Sinn für schöne Literatur und Kunst eine wesentliche Anregung erhielt. Mit einigen Künstlern, z. B. Lessing, blieb er fürs ganze Leben durch Freundschaft verbunden. Von Crefeld aus machte er in den Herbstferien 1833 (October) eine erste größere Studienreise nach Paris, durch Frankreich, Belgien, Holland u. s. w. Die Tagebücher geben den Beweis, wie überall sowohl die Natur und Naturwissenschaft als auch die Kunst seinen Geist zu fesseln verstand. Nachdem Diesterweg 1833 nach Berlin berufen war, erhielt Blasius im Herbst 1834 von dem preußischen Ministerium (v. Altenstein) die Aufforderung, unter Belassung im preußischen Staatsdienste als Oberlehrer und unter Fortbezug eines Gehaltes ohne weitere Verpflichtung, nur zur Erweiterung seiner naturwissenschaftlichen Studien nach Berlin zu kommen. Diese mit Freuden erfüllte Aufforderung ist wohl die entscheidendste Wendung in seinem Leben. In Berlin gestattete Lichtenstein das beständige Arbeiten und die Benützung aller Sammlungsgegenstände im zoologischen Museum, wo er den gleichstrebenden Alexander Grafen Rejserling kennen und als Freund lieben lernte. Er lebte fast nur im Museum und in den Hörsälen der Universität, wo er besonders Erdkunde bei Karl Ritter, Mathematik bei Dirksen, Naturwissenschaften bei Lichtenstein, Weiß, Hoffmann, Roße u. a. hörte. In den Vorlesungen lernte er als Studiengenossen Grisebach, Schleiden und viele andere damals noch junge und später bedeutend gewordene Naturforscher kennen. Die Freund-

schaft mit Grisebach und die sich daraus später entwickelnden innigen Beziehungen mit anderen Gelehrten der Göttinger Universität, an der Grisebach wirkte, haben einen stets anregenden Einfluß auf seine wissenschaftliche Thätigkeit ausgeübt. Mit Keyserling wurde der Plan zu weit ausgedehnten gemeinsamen zoologischen Arbeiten unterworfen; mit ihm bereiste er darauf vom 22. August bis zum 7. November 1833 die Karpathen, um hauptsächlich die Centralalpen, besonders die Nordseite und die umgebenden Sandsteingebirge zu erforschen. Im Anfange des Jahres 1836 wurde Blasius von Dichtenstein für die Besetzung der Professur der beschreibenden Naturwissenschaften an dem neu organisierten Collegium Carolinum in Braunschweig empfohlen, und am 9. April d. J. erfolgte mit sehr anerkennendem Schreiben die Entlassung aus dem preussischen Staatsdienste und gleichzeitig die Ernennung zum Professor extraordinarius in Braunschweig, zugleich auch an dem dortigen anatomisch-chirurgischen Institute. Er hatte bis zu seinem Tode zumeist im Sommer Vorlesungen über Botanik und Geologie, im Winter solche über Zoologie und Mineralogie zu halten und daneben naturhistorische Übungen zu leiten. Gleichzeitig und später wurden ihm noch viele Neben- und Ehrenämter übertragen. In verschiedenen staatlichen Prüfungskommissionen hatte er z. B. mitzuwirken, besonders auch in der forstlichen, sowie auch die Vorlesungen und Übungen eine ganz besondere Rücksicht auf die in Braunschweig bestehende Forstschule zu nehmen hatten. Alexander Graf Keyserling siedelte als Privatmann mit Blasius nach Braunschweig über, und beide brachten hier zusammen die im zoologischen Museum in Berlin begonnenen Arbeiten zu einem gewissen Abschlusse. Im Anfange des Jahres 1840 wurde Blasius und später auch sein Mitarbeiter Keyserling von der russischen Regierung aufgefordert, als Naturforscher sich an einer Reise durch Rußland zu beteiligen, die Baron Alexander von Meyendorff im Auftrage des Finanzministers Grafen Cancrin geplant hatte, um Einsicht in die Hilfsmittel zu gewinnen, welche die Natur dem Gewerbesleiß Rußlands darzubieten vermöchte. Zu diesem Zwecke von der braunschweigischen Regierung beurlaubt, reiste er, nachdem er sich mit seiner späteren Gemahlin Luise Thiele verlobt hatte, Ende Mai nach Rußland ab, um erst fast ein Jahr später, im Frühjahr 1841, wieder nach Braunschweig zurückzukehren. In Petersburg knüpfte sich ein enges Freundschaftsverhältnis mit J. F. Brandt, ferner mit seinem älteren Gönner Karl Ernst v. Baer und vielen anderen Gelehrten an. Während jener Reise (1840) wurde Blasius ehrenhalber vom Naturwissenschaftlichen Verein des Harzes und von der Kaiserlichen Naturforschergesellschaft zu Moskau zum ordentlichen Mitgliede ernannt, welchen ersten Ehrenbeweisen von naturwissenschaftlichen Vereinen später eine große Zahl anderer ähnlicher (Ernennung zum correspondierenden oder Ehrenmitgliede), sowie auch fürstliche Ordensverleihungen folgten. Am 7. October 1841 schloß Blasius die Ehe, in welcher ihm zwei Söhne geboren wurden. Im Frühling

1842 besuchte er, seit dem Verlassen Grefelds zum erstenmale, wieder seine rheinische Heimat und seine damals noch lebenden Eltern, denen er stets mit kindlicher Liebe und Dankbarkeit ergeben war. Im selben Jahre war nach seinen Plänen die Begründung des neuen botanischen Gartens in Braunschweig, dessen Leiter er wurde, abgeschlossen. Die Ernennung zum ordentlichen Professor folgte am 29. December 1842. Als im Jahre 1844 die Arbeiten für die Beschreibung der russischen Reise beendet waren, machte Blasius von Ende Juli bis Anfang October desselben Jahres eine größere Studien- und Erholungsreise durch die Alpen, von Istrien (Triest) bis durch die Schweiz und durch Oberitalien. Zur weiteren Stärkung der in Rußland festig angegriffenen Gesundheit unternahm er ferner zusammen mit dem ihm befreundeten Dichter Grafen Hans v. Veltheim von April bis September 1847 eine große Reise durch ganz Italien, durch einen Theil Frankreichs und durch die Alpen. Andere Alpenreisen folgten im Sommer 1850, 1852 und 1853. Am 19. October 1853 war er zum ordentlichen Mitgliede der kaiserlich Leopoldinisch-Karolinischen Akademie der Naturforscher erwählt, mit dem für die Richtung und den Geist seiner Arbeiten charakteristischen Beinamen „Pallas“. Die Urrede: „Eruditio Tua et in perscrutandis Naturae operibus admirandis studium, non nobis solum, sed toti orbi litterario cognita perspectaque jam existunt“ deutet auf das Ansehen, das er schon damals in dem Kreise der Naturforscher besaß. Im Sommer 1856 vervollständigte er seine Studien über europäische Wirbelthiere durch eine Studienreise, welche Mainz, Frankfurt, die belgischen und die holländischen Museen u. s. w. berührte, und bei welcher in Leyden die Freundschaft mit Schlegel befestigt wurde. Schon vorher schloß er sich unter reger Theilnahme an den Bestrebungen der deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft den berühmtesten Ornithologen Deutschlands: J. F. Naumann, C. L. Bechm u. a., eng an. Bis dahin hatte er in Braunschweig nur die von ihm selber begründeten zoologischen Lehrsammlungen des Collegium Carolinum unter Händen gehabt; die Schätze und Hilfsmittel des dortigen herzoglichen naturhistorischen Museums dagegen konnte er nur in beschränkter Weise und nur immer zeitweilig benützen. Am 22. Januar 1857 wurden jedoch beide Sammlungen vereinigt und ihm die Direction des naturhistorischen Museums übertragen. Am 30. Juni 1857 ernannte ihn „qui indefessus peregrinator acutissimusque scrutator in terrarum orbe aequae scientiae regnis immortalis Pallasii vestigia strenue et feliciter premens de Zoologia optime meruit“, die philosophische Facultät der Universität Rostock ehrenhalber zum Doctor philosophiae. 1858 folgte im Herbst wieder eine Studienreise nach Frankfurt, Mainz, Wiesbaden, Neuwied u. s. w. sowie nach Helgoland, 1859 eine neue Reise nach Leyden und an den Rhein. Inzwischen war 1860 die Neuauftellung des naturhistorischen Museums in Braunschweig beendet. Die Bereitwilligkeit, mit welcher man ihm von Seite der Regierung hiebei und bei früheren Gelegenheiten entgegengekommen war,

und das angenehme Verhältnis zu seinen vielen dortigen Fremden veranlaßte ihn, wiederholt Anfragen wegen Vernunft in auswärtige Professuren (z. B. Hamburg, Berlin) dankend zu verneinen. Im selben Jahre (1860) reiste er wieder in seine Heimat und besuchte dabei auch einige Museen der Rheinlande; im Herbst 1861 mit seinem ältesten Sohne durch die Alpen und Oberitalien, im Juni 1862 mit beiden Söhnen nach Sydt. Am 28. Juli 1862 wurde Blasius in das Directorium des Collegium Carolinum berufen. Diese Stellung, in welcher er wesentlich bei der Reorganisation desselben als Polytechnicum mitzuwirken hatte, gab er 1866 auf, als er unter Beibehaltung seiner naturgeschichtlichen Professur am 20. Mai desselben Jahres mit der Direction des herzoglichen (Kunst-) Museums zu Braunschweig, also mit der Gesamtverwaltung der herzoglichen Museen betraut wurde. Diese verschiedenen seit 1862 von ihm bekleideten, zwar sehr ehrenvollen, aber auch sehr arbeitsreichen und verantwortlichen Stellen nahmen die Körperkräfte leider allzu sehr in Anspruch. Die bis zur Mitte der sechziger Jahre regelmäßig ausgeführten, oft sehr weiten Spaziergänge zum Beobachten und Sammeln der Pflanzen- und Thierwelt in der Umgegend von Braunschweig, die besonders früher oft mit größeren Jagdtouren verbunden waren, mußten wegen zunehmender Kurzatmigkeit mehr und mehr unterbleiben. Wiederholt suchte er in Nordseebädern (Borkum, Sylt u.) Abänderung der Leiden. Die letzte größere Reise unternahm er 1866 nach dem Rhein und mit seinen beiden Söhnen im Herbst 1867 in die Alpen. Die Schwächung der Gesundheit hinderte ihn in keiner Weise, seinen dienstlichen Pflichten obzuliegen und wissenschaftlich zu arbeiten, und bis zuletzt arbeitete er oft noch bis spät in die Nacht hinein für die ihm anvertrauten Sammlungen. Ein Schlaganfall führte am 26. Mai 1870 zu einem plötzlichen Tode. — Dies Lebensbild deutet schon darauf hin, daß Blasius fast alles, was er geworden ist und geleistet hat, seinem eigenen rastlosen Eifer, seiner eigenen Arbeitskraft zu danken hat. Die Eltern konnten liebevoll die erste Kindheit behüten und leiten; schon früh aber gieng er, durch einen unerschöpflichen Wissensdrang getrieben, seine eigenen Wege, auf denen ihm die Eltern nicht folgen konnten. Das große Verdienst derselben ist aber, daß sie dem Streben des Sohnes kein Hindernis entgegensetzten. Später hat er viele einflussreiche Gönner gehabt, ohne die er sein Ziel nicht erreicht haben würde. Diese aber, wie Diefterweg, v. Altenstein, Dichtenstein und manche andere, hat er sich durch eigene mühevollen Arbeit selbst erworben.

Die literarischen Veröffentlichungen und wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten liegen auf sehr verschiedenen Gebieten. Merkwürdigerweise gehören die ersten und die letzten dem Gebiete der Kunst an. In der Mitte der dreißiger Jahre und später erschienen wiederholt von ihm in öffentlichen Blättern sachkundige Besprechungen von neuen Gemälden, besonders der Düsseldorfser Schule, C. F. Lessings u. s. w. Als Museumsdirector gab er 1867 ein kritisch durchgearbei-

tetes Verzeichnis der Gemäldesammlung des Herzoglichen Museums in Braunschweig heraus, das später in neuen Auflagen erschien. Bei seinem Tode hinterließ er ausgedehnte Vorarbeiten für die Anstellung eines Kataloges der Münzsammlung des Museums. Alle diese wie auch die naturwissenschaftlichen Studien wurden ihm sehr erleichtert dadurch, daß er selbst eine große Gewandtheit im Zeichnen besaß, wovon überaus zahlreiche, auf den Reisen ausgenommene landschaftliche und andere Skizzen Zeugnis ablegen. Durch sachverständigen Rath hat er stets an der Förderung der Kunstbestrebungen Braunschweigs regen Antheil genommen.

Auch den politischen und religiösen Verhältnissen seines neuen Heimatlandes hatte er ein reges Interesse zugewandt und auf diesen Gebieten stets eine liberale Gesinnung durch Wort und Schrift bethätigt. Für den deutschen Zollverein und die Einheit Deutschlands sowie bei Gelegenheit der Besprechung von staatlichen Fragen des Herzogthums und von Gemeindeangelegenheiten hat er wiederholt in den politischen Zeitungen die Feder ergriffen.

In religiöser Beziehung auf einem freisinnigen evangelisch-reformierten Standpunkte stehend, tolerant gegen alle, welche duldbian, aufrichtig und ohne Heuchelei einem anderen Glauben anhängen, kämpfte er wiederholt gegen die Intoleranz und die Orthodoxie, besonders wenn dieselben die mühsam errungenen Ergebnisse der Naturforschung in Frage zu stellen suchten. Im Anfange des Jahres 1858 entstand so z. B. ein humoristisch-satirischer Artikel in der Deutschen Reichszeitung (Nr. 29): „Über Ausbrüche einiger Geistlichen gegen die Naturforscher“ und die scharfe Broschüre: „Über die brennende Frage der Zeit. Der Standpunkt der Zionswächter im Kampfe gegen die Naturforschung“ (Braunschweig, Fr. Vieweg & Sohn).

Auf dem Gebiete der Länder-, bzw. Reisebeschreibung wird vielfach Blasius' zweibändiges Werk: „Reise im europäischen Rußland i. d. J. 1840/41“ (Braunschweig 1844) als ein Muster hingestellt. Es behandelt in klarer, oft mit Humor gewürzter Sprache ebenso wohl die Bewohner wie das Land, ebenso die Kunst- wie die Naturproducte des von ihm bereisten größten Theiles von Rußland. Architekten und Kunsthistoriker haben aus dem Werke zuerst die Kirchenbaukunst der Russen kennen gelernt; der Naturforscher findet auf fast jeder Seite klassische Schilderungen der geognostischen Verhältnisse sowie des Pflanzen- und Thierlebens. Noch jetzt erklären die russischen Geologen das anfänglich wegen seiner freimüthigen Sprache über russische Verhältnisse in Rußland selbst verbotene Werk für unentbehrlich bei den neuen geognostischen Aufnahmen des Landes. Einen kurzen Bericht über die wichtigsten geognostischen Ergebnisse seiner Reise hatte Blasius schon 1841 auf der XIX. Naturforscherversammlung in Braunschweig gegeben (Bericht, p. 236). Zu bedauern ist es, daß nicht auch die 1833 ausgeführte Karpathenreise und einige der späteren Reisen eine zusammenhängende Bearbeitung erfahren haben. Die wissenschaftlichen Resultate der Reise in den Karpathen, besonders die Höhen-

messungen und meteorologischen Beobachtungen, wurden übrigens später der physiographischen Commission der k. k. wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft zu Krakan zum Zwecke der Benützung übergeben.

Auf dem Gebiete der Botanik liegen nur wenige Veröffentlichungen vor. Einen praktischen Zweck bei Begründung des botanischen Gartens verfolgte das 1842 erschienene „Verzeichnis der einheimischen medicinisch-gebräuchlichen und giftigen Gewächse“ etc. Ein Aufsatz „Über die Gattung *Cyclamen*“ beweist, daß *Blasius* ebenso sicher in der Unterscheidung der Pflanzen- wie der Thierwelt war.

In Bezug auf die Zoologie ist zunächst der eingehenden historischen Arbeit „Über den Seorm oder die Seeschlange der Norweger“ (Braunschw. Magazin, Januar 1843, Nr. 4—6) zu gedenken. Es zeigt dieser Aufsatz, so wie fast alle seine zoologischen Arbeiten, wie unterrichtet in der alten zoologischen Literatur er war.

Von wirbellosen Thieren beschrieb er mit Keyserling eine neue Krebsform des Harzes, *Limnaetes Wiegmanni* (Nationalzeitung, 2. September 1839, Nr. 207); auch beschäftigte er sich später bisweilen mit praktischen Fragen der Entomologie, z. B. mit den „Maßregeln gegen die Überhandnahme der Maikäfer“ (Braunschw. Magazin, 7. März 1863, Nr. 10). Von niederen Wirbelthieren hat er Amphibien und Reptilien Europas eifrig gesammelt und erforscht. Veröffentlicht hat er jedoch diesbezüglich nur einige Notizen über eigenthümliche Gebirgsformen von *Rana temporaria* und *Bombinator igneus*, welche letztere er zusammen mit Keyserling unter dem Namen *B. brevipes* beschrieb (Nationalzeitung, 2. September 1839, Nr. 207).

Die höheren Wirbelthiere (Vögel und Säugethiere) waren das eigentliche Feld seiner wissenschaftlichen Thätigkeit. In Bezug auf die Charakteristik und Naturgeschichte der europäischen Vögel und Säugethiere ist er (anfangs im Verein mit Alex. Graf Keyserling) vielfach bahnbrechend gewesen. Die naturgemäße Systematik, die richtige Sonderung der Familien, Unterfamilien, Gattungen und Unter-gattungen zusammen mit einer scharfen Kennzeichnung der Arten erschien ihm als anzustrebendes Endziel. Mit derselben Festigkeit hielt er an der Sonderung der Arten fest, wenn er durchgreifende Unterschiede aufgefunden hatte, wie er die Anstellung von Formen, die nicht bestimmt zu kennzeichnen waren, bekämpfte. Diese letztere kritische negative Thätigkeit, das Ausmerzen unberechtigter „Arten“ und Namen aus der Wissenschaft, dürfte mit Recht als seine wichtigste wissenschaftliche Leistung betrachtet werden; doch liegt es in der Methode der Wissenschaft, daß der Name des Autors danernd bleibt, und daß im Folgenden nur auf diese Rücksicht zu nehmen ist.

Zahrelange mühevollen Arbeiten in den zoologischen Museen von Berlin, Braunschweig u. a. D. waren vorausgegangen, als *Blasius* zusammen mit Keyserling im Jahre 1839 seine ersten wissenschaftlichen Abhandlungen veröffentlichte, u. zw. in Wiegmann's Arch. f. Naturg. (Jg. V, p. 293 ff.). In einer „Übersicht der Gattungs-

und Artcharaktere der europäischen Fledermäuse“ (l. c., p. 293—331, nachträgliche Bemerkungen *ibid.*, Jg. VI, p. 1—12) gaben dieselben gewissermaßen ein Muster der von ihnen beabsichtigten Behandlung der europäischen Thierwelt, wobei *Vesperugo* und *Synotus* als neue Gattungen, *Vesperus* als neue Unter-gattung und *Vesperugo Nathusii* und *Nilssonii* als neue Arten aufgestellt wurden. Mit dem unmittelbar darauf folgenden Aufsatz „Über ein zoologisches Kennzeichen der Ordnung der Sperlingsartigen oder Singvögel“ (l. c., p. 332—334; und weiter „Erwiderung“, *ibid.*, Jg. VI, 1840, p. 362), in welchem der Beweis geführt wurde, daß die mit einem Singmuskelapparat versehenen Vögel auch äußerlich an der Bildung der Hornbekleidung der Hinterseite des Lauses zu erkennen wären, wurde der Ornithologie ein neuer zündender Funke zugeführt. Es waren dies die Vorläufer des 1840 erschienenen, leider unvollendet gebliebenen selbständigen Werkes über „Die Wirbelthiere Europas, I. Buch: Die unterscheidenden Charaktere“, „Säugethiere und Vögel“, nebst einem einleitenden, die wichtigsten Synonyme und Citate enthaltenden „Systematischen Verzeichnisse“, eines Werkes, welches damals mit Recht als ein bedeutender Fortschritt in der Kenntnis der europäischen Thierwelt betrachtet wurde. Obgleich in einigen Punkten infolge neuerer Untersuchungen veraltet, bietet dasselbe noch jetzt wegen der kritischen Sichtung des literarischen Materiales und der Schärfe in der Kennzeichnung der guten Arten, Unter-gattungen, Gattungen, Unterfamilien und Familien den besten Anhaltspunkt bei jeglicher Betrachtung der höheren Thierwelt Europas. Besonders bemerkenswert ist unter den Säugethiern die scharfe Scheidung der Mäuse, Wiesel und Mörze von einander, die Aufstellung der neuen Gattung *Foetorius* für dieselben und der Gattungen *Capella* und *Sminthus* sowie der neuen Art *Spermophilus rufescens*; zwei andere neue Artnamen (*Mus Nordmanni* und *Sminthus Nordmanni*) wurden in einem aus St. Petersburg datierten Schreiben der Verfasser vom Juni 1840 widerrufen und eingezogen (Wiegmann's Arch. f. Naturg., Jg. VI, p. 330). Von den neu aufgestellten Vogel-gattungen haben *Aegolius*, *Ephialtes*, *Aleimon* (*Alaemon*), *Lusciola*, *Ortygion*, *Glaucion*, *Oceanites*, ferner die anfangs als Bezeichnung für Unter-gattungen benützten Namen *Acanthis*, *Dryospiza*, *Iduna*, *Melodes* und *Scotaeus* mehr oder weniger allgemeine Annahme gefunden. Nachdem Keyserling und *Blasius* in Rußland noch zusammen eine neue Wühlrattenform, *Arvicola raticiceps*, entdeckt und in den Schriften der Petersburger Akademie 1841 beschrieben hatten, sind die folgenden zoologischen Veröffentlichungen ohne Keyserling's Mitarbeiter-schaft entstanden.

Der zeitlichen Aufeinanderfolge nach gehören diese zunächst hauptsächlich der Säugethiere-kunde an. Auf der XIX. Versammlung der deutschen Naturforscher zu Braunschweig 1841 gab *Blasius* zunächst hauptsächlich auf Grund der in Rußland ausgeführten Studien und Beobachtungen eine „kritische Revision neuer und ungenügend bekannter europäischer Säugethiere“

(Bericht, p. 86). Kurz werden hierin die wichtigsten Ergebnisse der neueren Studien über die Gattungen *Vespertilio*, *Sorex*, *Spermophilus*, *Tamias*, *Pteromys*, *Dipus*, *Sminthus*, *Arvicola*, *Myodes*, *Spalax* (*Ommatostergus* wird eingezogen), *Lepus*, *Capra* und *Ovis* erwähnt und dabei *Ovis cyprinus* als eine neue Art und ferner eine russische Form des gewöhnlichen Hasen als *Lepus aquilonius* beschrieben. Jedes Wort dieser gedrängten Darstellung ist das Ergebnis langwieriger, mühevoller Arbeiten. Auf derselben Versammlung (Bericht, p. 62) sprach er „Über den Zusammenhang der Flug- und Lebensweise der Fledermäuse mit ihrer Körperform“ und gab dabei gewissermaßen ein Muster wissenschaftlich-biologischer Betrachtungsweise der europäischen Säugethiere, wie solche für das große Werk geplant war. Zugleich wurde an dem Beispiele von *Vesperugo Nilssonii* das Ziehen und Wandern der Fledermäuse erläutert und die geographische Verbreitung der europäischen Flatterthiere gesetzmäßig dargestellt. Von wenigen Gelegenheits-veröffentlichungen (z. B. über einen bei Braunschweig gefundenen *Bos primigenius* im Braunschweig. Magazin, 29. Mai 1841, Nr. 22) abgesehen, waren bis zur Mitte der fünfziger Jahre fast alle Studien *Blasius'* auf die bessere Erforschung der Naturgeschichte der central-europäischen Säugethiere gerichtet, wobei er ganz besonders in den Abtheilungen der Fledermäuse, Spitzmäuse und kleinen Nagethiere viel Arbeit zu bewältigen vorfand. Als ein Beweis der Gründlichkeit ist es anzusehen, daß er erst 1853 mit der Beschreibung einiger von ihm entdeckter neuer deutscher Säugethierarten die Reihe der diesbezüglichen Veröffentlichungen begann. Im März d. J. übergab er Wiegmann's Arch. f. Naturg. (Jg. XIX, p. 35) die „Beschreibung zweier neuer deutscher Fledermansarten: *Vesperugo Maurus* und *Rhinolophus Euryale*“, denen er im December desselben Jahres noch eine dritte neue Art, *Vespertilio ciliatus* (*ibid.*, p. 288), hinzufügte. Die Beschreibung der beiden ersteren hatte er im Juli desselben Jahres in den Schriften der bayrischen Akademie der Wissenschaften wiederholt und dabei wichtige „Beiträge zur Kenntnis der Gattung *Arvicola*“ mit der Beschreibung einer neuen Art, *A. campestris*, gegeben (Gelehrte Anz., Nr. 13, p. 105). Auf der im folgenden Jahre abgehaltenen Göttinger Naturforscher-versammlung behandelte er ebenfalls dieselbe Gattung und konnte schon die ersten Druckbogen seiner „Naturgeschichte der Säugethiere Deutschlands und der angrenzenden Länder von Mitteleuropa“ vorlegen, die nach einer Veröffentlichung von kritischen „Bemerkungen über neue europäische Säugethiere“ (Wiegmann's Arch. f. Naturg., 1856, Jg. XXII, p. 258—280) im Mai 1857 in Braunschweig als ein selbständiges, im Laufe der nächsten Jahrzehnte unübertroffen gebliebenes, für die Förderung und weitere Ausbreitung der Kenntnis von unserer einheimischen Säugethiere-welt ausschlaggebendes Werk erschien. Alle Abtheilungen sind zwar gleich gründlich behandelt; als besonders wertvoll ist aber die Darstellung der Fleder- und Spitzmäuse, der kleinen Nagethiere, der Marder und Katzen sowie der horn- und

geweihtragenden Säugethiere zu bezeichnen. Die Gesetzmäßigkeiten in der Ausbildung der Hörner und Geweihe sind hier zum erstenmale ausführlich dargelegt. Wenn auch einzelne Ansichten und Darstellungen sich inzwischen als unrichtig herausgestellt haben, so ist das Werk doch noch immer als die beste Grundlage aller Studien über mitteleuropäische Säugethiere zu betrachten. Die Resultate der mammalogischen Studien zweier Jahrzehnte sind in so durchgearbeiteter Form in diesem Werke niedergelegt, daß der Verfasser später eigene Nachträge und Verbesserungen zu geben für überflüssig hielt, wenn er sich auch rathend und helfend bis kurz vor seinem Tode an fast allen Arbeiten betheiligte, welche von anderen Gelehrten über mitteleuropäische Säugethiere veröffentlicht wurden.

Seit dem Abschlusse des Manuscriptes der „Säugethiere Deutschlands“ gehören infolge dessen mit einigen schon oben erwähnten Ausnahmen alle zoologischen Veröffentlichungen *Blasius'* dem Gebiete der Ornithologie an. In allen diesen ornithologischen Arbeiten, die erst am Schlusse des Jahres 1855 in der „Naumannia“ beginnen, ist wie ein rother Faden das Bestreben bemerkbar, über die europäischen Vögel sich und anderen diejenige Kenntnis zu verschaffen, die für die Säugethiere zu gewinnen ihm bereits gelungen war. Da empfand er zunächst das Bedürfnis, „über die verdächtigen Arten im Verzeichnisse der europäischen Vögel“, u. zw. diejenigen, deren Vorkommen in Europa zweifelhaft ist, Klarheit zu erhalten (Naumannia, 1855, Jg. V, p. 480—489). Dann kamen diejenigen verdächtigen Vögel an die Reihe, deren Artberechtigung zweifelhaft erschien (*ibid.* 1856, Jg. VI, p. 136—160). In demselben Jahrgange der „Naumannia“ stehen die Verhandlungen der X. Versammlung der deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft, wo *Blasius* sich eingehend an den Besprechungen „über den Speciesbegriff“ (p. 313—324) betheiligte und über einzelne zweifelhafte Vögel Europas: *Sitta europaea*, *Certhia familiaris*, *Anthus*-Arten, *Brehm's Falken*, *Parus*-Arten, *Verchen*, *Passer rufidorsalis*, *Blaukehlchen*, *Rotvornern* und *Goldregenpfeifer* (p. 433—474), einen Vortrag hielt — ferner die „Ornithologischen Bemerkungen“ über *Falco concolor*, die *Brehm'schen Falken*, *Larus Heinei* und *Michahellesii* (p. 475—484). Auf der XI. Versammlung der Deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft (Naumannia, Jg. VII, 1857) wurden „Aphorismen über Falken“ (uordische Jagd-, Würg-, Lemmer- und Wanderfalken) vorgelesen (p. 223—264) und in dem Aufsatze „Über die Weihen Europas“ scharfe plastische Unterscheidungsmerkmale dieser Arten gegeben (p. 307—324). Außerordentlich wichtig sind die ebendort (p. 266—305) veröffentlichten „Aphorismen über den Bau des Vogel-Flügels“. Die Bestrebungen, die Unterscheidung der Vögel wesentlich mit auf die Formverschiedenheiten der Flügel zu gründen, sind hier in innige Beziehung zur Biologie der Vögel gesetzt. Diese Darstellungen und kleine biologische Notizen (*ibid.*, p. 180 und 181) beweisen, wie große Aufmerksamkeit von *Blasius* auch den Lebensverhältnissen der Vögel geschenkt wurde, die er

niemals bei den systematischen Betrachtungen außeracht ließ. Mit letzteren beschäftigten sich wiederum „Einige Bemerkungen über Beständigkeit und Schwanken der Speciescharaktere“ auf der XII. Versammlung der deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft 1858 (Naumannia, p. 243—251) und „Vermischte Bemerkungen über zweifelhafte Arten der europäischen Vogelfauna: *Hirundo cahirica*, *Muscicapa*-, *Calamohërpe*, *Hypolais*-Arten und *Alauda Duporti* (ibid., p. 254). Die im Sommer 1858 ausgeführte Reise nach Helgoland und das Studium der Gätke'schen Sammlung führte zur Abfassung der aufsehenerregenden „Brieflichen Mittheilungen über Helgoland“ (ibid., p. 303 bis 316), in denen u. a. für die dort aufgefundenen und von ihm neu beschriebene Art *Phyllopneuste borealis* die neue Untergattung *Acanthopneuste* aufgestellt wurde. Als ein Zeichen, mit welcher Gründlichkeit Blasius die klassischen Werke Linnés, Gmelins, Pallas', Latham's, Brisson's u. a. studierte, mag „Ein Wort über die Möwen der Zoographia Rosso-asiatica von Pallas“ (ibid., p. 316—320) erwähnt werden. — Die nächste wissenschaftliche Aufgabe bestand für Blasius darin, die „Nachträge zu Naumann's Naturgeschichte der Vögel Deutschlands“ im Verein mit Baldamus und Sturm zum Abschlusse zu bringen. Er selbst hatte die Synonymie, Kritik und naturhistorische Beschreibung zu bearbeiten. Wenngleich hierbei nothwendigerweise auf die harmonische Durchführung des ganzen Werkes und auf die besonders in den letzten Bänden oft sehr abweichenden artsplitternden Naumann'schen Anschauungen Rücksicht genommen werden mußte, so konnte er doch schon bei dieser Gelegenheit viele Ergebnisse seiner bisherigen Forschungen auf dem Gebiete der Ornithologie zur Darstellung bringen. Es ist, weil die beabsichtigte Herausgabe der Ornithologie von Europa leider durch den Tod verhindert ist, dies eine der zusammenhängendsten und wichtigsten ornithologischen Veröffentlichungen Blasius' geworden, in der besonders die Abschnitte über die Jagdfalken, Weihen, Laubbögel, Wasserpfeifer, gelbe Bachstelzen, Gold- und weißstirnige Regenspfeifer große Beachtung verdienen. Die Veröffentlichung geschah 1860. Im gleichen Jahre sprach er auf der XIII. Versammlung der deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft über europäische Adler und Tannheher (Bericht, p. 52—54), „Über das Verhältnis der Dologie zur Systematik der Ornithologie“ (ibid., p. 46—51) und „Über die Verschiedenheit im Bestand der europäischen Ornis und deren Gründe“ (ibid., p. 77—84). Auf derselben Versammlung wurde ihm Gelegenheit gegeben, seine damaligen zurückhaltenden und zweifelnden Ansichten über den Darwinismus zum Ausdruck zu bringen (ibid., p. 41 ff.). Später verhielt er sich nicht mehr vollständig verneinend gegen gewisse Lehren Darwins. 1862 brachte er „Über die nordischen Jagdfalken“ seine durch neue Untersuchungen etwas veränderten Anschauungen zur

Wiedergabe (Journ. f. Ornith. 1862, p. 43—59). Im selben Jahre ließ er für den eigenen Gebrauch im Braunschweiger Naturhistorischen Museum als Manuscript ein kritisches „Verzeichnis der Vögel Europas“ drucken und an einige seiner Freunde vertheilen, das kurze Ergebnis langjähriger Studien. Der hohe wissenschaftliche Wert desselben wurde in England bald erkannt. Auf Veranlassung der englischen Ornithologen erschien es dort unter dem Titel „A List of the Birds of Europa (reprinted from the German with the author's corrections), Norwich-London 1862“ im Buchhandel. Später, 1864, wurde in den „Kritischen Blättern“ (XLVII. Bd., 1. Heft, p. 218—237) ein Brief Blasius' vom 10. Juli 1864 „Über das Fausthuhn der asiatischen Steppe, *Tetrao (Syrhaptès) paradoxa* Pall.“ bei Gelegenheit des damaligen merkwürdigen massenhaften Vordringens dieses Vogels nach Europa veröffentlicht. In demselben Jahre gab er in einem Aufsatz: „Zur Unterscheidung des Dunenkleides der Raubbögel“ (Journ. f. Ornith., 1864, p. 276—289) den auf Grund langjähriger Beobachtung und Sammelthätigkeit gewonnenen Beweis, daß die Vögel sich in der Regel schon in ihrem ersten Dunenkleide leicht erkennen lassen. Nachdem er auf der Naturforscherversammlung in Hannover 1865 in weiterer Ausführung eines seit längerer Zeit wiederholt behandelten Themas „Einige Bemerkungen über den Bau des Vogelflügels und dessen Beziehung zur Lebensweise und Systematik der Vögel“ (Bericht, p. 213) zum Vortrage gebracht hatte, folgten als eine letzte größere ornithologische Veröffentlichung „Kritische Bemerkungen über Lariden“, (Journ. f. Ornith., 1865, p. 369—384, und 1866, p. 73—88), in deren zweitem Theile zwei neue Seeschwalbenarten, *Sterna macrodactyla* und *macroptera*, beschrieben wurden. Auf Grund der Schlegel'schen Monographie und eigener Studien in den Museen Deutschlands, Italiens, Petersburgs und Leydens werden in dieser Arbeit einerseits die vollständig aufgeklärten und andererseits die noch zweifelhaften Punkte über Möwen und Seeschwalben dargelegt und so die Vorarbeiten zu einer definitiven Übersicht über sämtliche Möwen und Seeschwalben gegeben, zu welcher das Material fast vollständig gesammelt war. Leider hat die in den letzten Lebensjahren dienstlich nothwendig gewordene Beschäftigung mit der Kunst und der vorzeitige plötzliche Tod die Abfassung einer solchen Monographie sowie die Vollendung der Ornithologie von Europa, zu welcher bereits sehr viel Stoff an Manuscripten, Beschreibungen, Auszügen und Maßtabellen gesammelt war, verhindert. — Zum Schluß mag noch erwähnt werden, daß Blasius' Name in allen drei Gebieten der Naturgeschichte von anderen Gelehrten verewigt worden ist. Ein von ihm zuerst geognostisch erforschter Berg bei Khrilow in Rußland, ferner Pflanzen und aus der Thierwelt: Säugethiere, Vögel, Amphibien und Insecten, sind ihm zu Ehren benannt worden.

Ans. of letter
June 7/89.

Braunschweig, den 13. Februar 1889.

Hochgeehrter Freund!

Recht sehr ich mich danach, von Ihnen einmal ausführlichere persönliche Nachrichten zu erhalten. Sie haben mir ja viele interessante literarische Zusendungen gemacht, und ich habe immer große Freude darüber gehabt, wenn ich sah, mit welchen Erfolgen Sie die Arbeiten, die Sie sich vorgenommen hatten, ausführten. Ihr "Report of the Ornithologist for the year 1886" hat mich recht interessiert, und die "Check-List of North American Birds", die Sie mir freundlichst sandten, ist mir sehr werthvoll gewesen. — Offenbar verdanke ich zahlreiche literarische Verbindungen, die sich mit verschiedenen gelehrten Nord-Amerikas eröffnen haben, Ihrer freundlichen Fürsprache. — So gedenke ich Ihrer noch oft mit Liebe und Dankbarkeit. Allein ich vermisse sehr, dass Sie mir seit Jahren nicht geschrieben und von Ihren persönlichen Erlebnissen erzählt haben. — Ich hatte verschiedene Anfragen an Sie gerichtet, ob ich Ihnen einzelne namhaft gemachte Bücher schicken sollte, von denen ich annahm, dass Sie denselben gern besitzen würden, was mit der Sendung geschehen sollte, die ich an H. Seebohm ebenfalls

adressirt, in Ihrer grossen Sendung von Vögeln und
Säugethieren Nord-Amerikas wand, die Sie an mich
richteten und für welche ich Ihnen sehr dankbar
sind. Auch über die Schädel, die mein Bruder Ihnen
senden wollte und die ich schon in Verwahrung habe, schreibe
ich Ihnen; allein ich habe meines Wissens niemals
eine Antwort darauf erhalten. Ob ein Brief verloren
gegangen ist? — Sie sind so freundlich gewesen,
immer für mich auf „The Auk“ zu abonniren,
und es ist jetzt Zeit, dass ich Ihnen die neuerdings
ausgelegte Summe wieder ersetze. Sie werden sich
erinnern, dass ich Ihnen die Summe für die
Subscription auf Vol. II (1885) hier in Braunschweig
zahlte; Sie wollten nach Ihrer Rückkehr nach
Nord-America Alles bringen und haben dies auch gethan.
Später sandte ich Ihnen am 5. März 1886 in
einem eingeschriebenen Briefe eine 10 Dollars-Note
für Vol. I (1884) und Vol. III (1886) und IV (1887), und
es ist davon, wenn jeder Jahrgang 3 Dollars gekostet hat,
noch 1 Dollar übrig geblieben. Nun bin ich Ihnen
für 1888 noch die Summe schuldig, nämlich, wenn wir
den 1 Dollar mit dafür anrechnen, noch 2 Dollars und
für 1889 den Betrag von 3 Dollars, also zusammen
5 Dollars. Ich füge diese kleine Summe dem
vorliegenden Briefe hinzu und bitte Sie, zu ent-
schuldigen, dass ich Ihre Auslage erst so spät wieder
ersetze. — In Zukunft werde jährlich 3 Dollars im
Briefe überbrannt können. Oder soll ich zukünftig die

Subscription gleich direct an die Verlagsbuchhandlung schicken,
die „The Auk“ herausgibt. — Ich freue mich mehr
und mehr über das sehr rege wissenschaftliche Leben
und Streben, das besonders auch auf dem Gebiete der
Archäologie in Nord-Amerika herrscht. — Der von
uns beabsichtigte Besuch in Nord-Amerika hat leider
sich bis jetzt nicht verwirklichen lassen. Ich hoffe aber
noch immer darauf, dass ich später einmal dazu
komme, die wissenschaftlichen Institute Nord-Amerika's
zu besuchen und die guten Freunde wieder aufzusuchen.

In meinen persönlichen Verhältnissen hat sich seit
Ihrem Hinsin Vieles verändert. Meine liebe Mutter
starb im Januar 1886. Im ~~April~~ März darauf zog
ich in ein anderes, eigenes, von mir angekauftes
Haus, wo ich behaglicher wohne, als in meiner früheren
Wohnung. Im September desselben Jahres verheiratete
ich mich wieder und im August 1887 wurde uns
ein Töchterchen (nach meiner Mutter „Luise“ genannt)
 geboren, das gerade jetzt anfängt, das Gehen zu lernen.
Vorgestern ist ein zweites Töchterchen bei uns angekommen,
und das Haus ist lebendig von Kindergeschrei. — Mein
ältestes Kind, Otto, ist nun bald 13 Jahre alt und
krommt im Gymnasium gut weiter. Es ist sehr
weit für sein Alter und macht mir viel Freude.

Hoffentlich erzählen Sie mir bald einmal auch von Ihrem
und Ihres lieben Verwandten Wohlergehen. Was macht
Mr. Bradley? Ein Bild von ihm habe ich nie erhalten.

Nun leben Sie wohl! Leiben Sie herzlichst gegrüßt
von

Ihrem treuen ergebenen

Wilh. Blasius

Professor Dr. Wilh. Blasius

(Am Fallersleberthore 4)

Director des

Herzogl. Botanischen Gartens

(Am Fallersleberthore 6)

und des

Herzogl. Naturhistor. Museums

(Neue Promenade 5,

im Gebäude der Technischen Hochschule).

(Bitte, alle kleineren Postsachen, Briefe, Drucksachen etc., private und dienstliche, zur Vermeidung von Verwechslungen ausdrücklich nach der Privatwohnung zu adressiren; grössere Sendungen dagegen, auch solche von privater Natur, nach den entsprechenden Instituten.)

Braunschweig, den 31. August 1889.

Mein lieber Freund!

Ihr Brief vom 7. Juni d. J. hat mich sehr erfreut. Es ist durch Ueberhäufung an Arbeiten und durch Unwohlsein allein zu entschuldigen, dass ich Ihnen erst jetzt darauf antwortete und nur Allen Ihnen meinen herzlichsten Glückwunsch zur Verheirathung nachträglich darbringe. Sie haben mich mit dieser Nachricht vollständig überrascht. Vielleicht haben Sie die Güte, mir gelegentlich noch Genaueres über Ihre Frau Gemahlin zu schreiben. Es freut mich, von Ihnen zu hören, dass Ihre Gemahlin im Stande ist und Lust dazu hat, Ihnen bei Ihren übermässig gesteigerten Arbeiten zu helfen. Schreiben Sie mir doch gelegentlich auch, wo Ihr Haus liegt, das Sie sich in Washington gebaut haben. — Es ist ja eine schöne Sammlung, die Sie von nordamerikanischen Säugethieren

zu machen.
viel mit
Schlusses
Jamm-
ger zu
nach
unvoll-
mein Bruder

Ihren
wischen
haben
- Dank!
nikanischen
aufgeldt
leht; wahr-
Empfehlungen.
Drucksaarten
ächstens
erhoffe ich
ni die
re.

Blasius.

jetzt angesammelt haben. Und Sie streifen in
der Erforschung des Säugethier-Fauna vielen Erfolg
zu haben, dass Sie schon 20 neue Arten und
2 neue Genera jetzt wieder aufgefunden haben.
Mit vielem Interesse habe ich Ihre Separatab-
drücke und Abhandlungen empfangen und an-
gesehen, in denen Sie z. B. *Hesperomys Anthonyi*,
Vulpes macrotis, *Arvicola pallidus*, *longicaudus* und
austrius, *Eutamias carolinensis* und *Saxsoni*, sowie
Geomys Beldingi beschrieben haben. — Ihre
Abhandlung über das Messen der Säugethiere und
die Zubereitung von Museum-Bälgen hat mich
auch sehr interessiert, sowie Ihre *Reports of
the Ornithologist and Mammalogist* und die
Check-List of North American Birds von 1886.

Die Summe, welche die Regierung für die
Erforschung der Verteilung einiger Säugethiere und
Vögel für das nächste Jahr bewilligt hat, ist
ja für unsere Begriffe ganz ausgezeichnet hoch.
Damit lässt sich schon etwas machen. Und 5
Sammler haben Sie also aussenden können!?

Dass Sie mit Ihrer beabsichtigten Veröffentlichung
über die „American Fauna“ regelmässig geschrieben
wollen, freut mich sehr, und ich bin Ihnen
sehr dankbar dafür.

bestimmen in
viele Epflg
Arten und
haben.
Leprotab-
und an-
ys Anthonyi,
icaudus und
ami, sowie
- Ihre
githive und
hat mich
gesto of
und die
von 1886.
für die
athive und
hat, ist
act hoch.
Und 5
können !?
röffnung
geschicken
in Ihnen

In Zukunft werde ich die Subscription für "The
Auk" regelmäßig an den Herausgeber (Publisher)
senden. Ich glaubte früher nur es Ihnen senden
zu müssen, weil ich vermuthete, dass Sie die
Summe ausbezahlt hätten.

Dass ein Brief von mir an Sie vermuthlich
verloren gegangen ist, bedauere ich sehr. Ich glaube,
dass ich meist nach Louis Grove Ihnen ge-
schrieben habe, ehe ich wusste, dass Sie dauernd
in Washington sich niedergelassen haben.

Noch immer habe ich den Wunsch, Sie in
den nächsten Tagen einmal in Amerika zu
besuchen und dabei dann auch kennen zu
lernen, was Ihr grosser Staat Alles an
vortrefflichen wissenschaftlichen Instituten und
Sammlungen besitzt, vielleicht bei Gelegenheit
der geplanten internationalen Ausstellung in New
York. Meine Frau kann sich allerdings an den
Gedanken, mich über das Meer reisen zu sehen,
noch nicht recht gewöhnen; aber es wird dann
doch wohl sein müssen. Denn jetzt, wo ich
ausser Otto noch zwei ganz kleine Töchterchen
habe, wird meine Frau schwerlich die Reise
mitmachen können. - Nun wir müssen sehen!

Morgen gedenke ich mit meiner Frau eine
Kurzweilungs- und Erholungs-Reise von einigen Wochen

nach der Ostsee-Küste und Rügen zu machen.
In der letzten Zeit habe ich sehr viel mit
dem Ordnen des wissenschaftlichen Nachlasses
und der hinterlassenen sehr bedeutenden Samm-
lungen des verstorbenen S. F. von Horniger zu
thun gehabt. Die ganzen Sachen sind nach
Braunschweig übergeführt. Die noch unvoll-
endeten Werke Horniger's gedenken mein Bruder
und ich zu vollenden.

Nun empfangen Sie nochmals für Ihren
lieben Brief und für die zahlreichen
literarischen Sendungen, die Sie mir haben
zugesandt, meinen verbindlichsten Dank!

Auch mit verschiedenen anderen amerikanischen
Gelehrten, Tove, Lawrence, Allen, Gusefeldt
stehe ich im literarischen Austausch; wahr-
scheinlich mit durch Ihre warmen Empfehlungen.
Allen hat mir kürzlich zahlreiche Drucksaften
zugesandt, für die ich ihm nächstens
selbst danken werde. Von Lucas erwarte ich
einige Reste von *Alca impennis*, für die
ich mich noch immer sehr interessiere.

Mit vielen herzlichsten Grüßen

Ihr
Wilh. Blasius.

Professor Dr.

(Am Falle)

Direc

Herzogl. Bota

(Am Falle)

Herzogl. Natu

(Neue P

im Gebäude der Te

(Bitte, alle kleineren
sachen etc., private und
von Verwechslungen
Privatwohnung zu
dungen dagegen, auch
nach den entsprechenden

Recd. May 11/92
Recd. July 26/92

Braunschweig, 28. April 1892.
Geusp-Strasse No 17.

Sehr lieber Freund!

Ihr lieber Brief vom 1. d. Mts. nebst dem anderen Briefe vom 2. d. Mts. über Ihre höchst interessanten Beobachtungen im Bering's-Meer über Galluskinus urinus hat mich sehr erfreut. Den letzteren Brief werde ich Ihnen später ausführlicher beantworten, nachdem ich die Beobachtungen, die Sie gemacht haben, gründlich studirt haben werde. - Zunächst aber möchte ich Ihnen aussprechen, wie sehr ich mich gefreut habe über die vielen interessanten Forschungsreisen, zu denen Sie berufen sind, und wie sehr ich staune über Ihre grosse Arbeitskraft, mit welcher Sie das unendlich grosse, sich Ihnen bietende Material zu verarbeiten wissen. Ihre zahlreichen literarischen Zusendungen, die ich leider noch nicht ein-

mal alle, habe gründlich studiren können,
haben mich wahrhaft in Erstaunen gesetzt.
Ich wünsche Ihnen von ganzem Herzen
Glück zu Ihren schönen Erfolgen auf
wissenschaftlichem Gebiete.

Sie fragen, ob ich nicht einmal zu
Ihren nach Nord-Amerika kommen
kann. Mein Wunsch ist es ja seit
Jahren, wie Sie wissen. Aber ich bin bis
jetzt noch nicht dazu gekommen, den
Plan ernstlich zu erwägen. Seit meiner
Wiederverheirathung werde ich natürlich
auch wieder mehr an das Haus und
die engere Heimath gefesselt. — Ich hoffe
im Stillen, dass vielleicht die Weltausstellung
in Chicago eine ausserordentliche
zur Reise bieten möge, wenn z. B., wie
dies möglich ist, unsere technische Hochschule
mit bei der Ausstellung vertreten sein
wird. Doch kann ich in dieser Beziehung
noch gar keine sichern Pläne machen.

Seit einem Jahre hat man mir die

können,
versetzt.
lergen
auf
zu
men
seit
bis
, den
meines
stlich
so und
Ich hoffe
Altanstellung
nung
B., wie
Hochschule
sein
Beziehung
die

Ehre angethan, mich auf 3 Jahre zum
Rector unserer technischen Hochschule zu
erwählen. Das macht viel Arbeit und
lässt mich zum wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten
wenig kommen.

Mein ältester Sohn Otto ist jetzt nach
Ober-Secunda des Gymnasiums versetzt und
kürzlich confirmirt. Er ist jetzt $15\frac{1}{2}$ Jahre
alt.

In meiner zweiten Ehe, die sich sehr glücklich
gestaltet und auch Otto wieder die mütterliche
Liebe zu Theil werden liess, sind mir 3
Kinder geboren: Luise am 25. August 1887,
Lopie am 11. Februar 1889 und Heinrich, ein
zweiter Sohn, am 4. Juni 1890. Abgesehen
von kleinen Krankheiten und Erkältungen
gedeihen alle Kinder sehr gut und machen
uns viele Freude.

Es hat mich sehr gefreut, von Ihnen zu
erfahren, dass auch in Ihrer Ehe eine
Tochter geboren ist, die jetzt 2 Jahre alt
ist, und die Ihnen viel Freude bereitet.
Möge das Kindchen zur Freude der Eltern
weiter gedeihen!

Im vorigen Jahre freute ich mich sehr, von
Ihren durch einen amerikanischen Ornithologen
in Budapest einen schriftlichen Gruss zu erhalten.
Leider erhielt ich Ihr Schreiben erst in
den letzten Tagen des Congresses, sodass ich sehr
wenig Zeit hatte, mit jenem Herrn über Sie
zu sprechen. Als ich zu einer der schönen
Excursionen, die die Budapester veranstaltet hatten,
nämlich nach dem Plattensee, abrückte, konnte
ich mich nicht einmal mehr persönlich
von demselben verabschieden und konnte nur
meine Karte als Gruss zurücklassen, da ich ihn
nicht traf.

Hier am Museum ist jetzt der Borneo-
und Neu-Guinea-Reisende Fritz Grabowsky
als Assistent. In den letzten Jahren haben
wir viel zu thun gehabt und jetzt noch
weiter zu thun mit den Ausgrabungen
diluviales Thierreste und menschlicher Knochen
in den Höhlen bei Bücheland am Harze.

Nun leben Sie recht wohl! Grüßen Sie unbekanntes
Weise Ihre Gemahlin und Ihre kleine Tochter
von Ihrem
treuen ergebenen

Wilk. Blasius.

Recd. May 11/92

Recd. July 26/92

[translation]

Your dear letters of the 1st and 2d instants relating to your highly interesting observations in the Bering Sea on Callorhinus ursinus gave me great pleasure. I shall answer your last letter more exhaustively, as soon as I have studied thoroughly the observations made by you.-- Above all I want to express the great pleasure I felt in your behalf when hearing of the scientific expeditions to which you have been called, and how astonished I am at the great energy with which you elaborate the immense material which presents itself to you. Your numerous literary publications which I have received and which unfortunately I have not yet been able to study all thoroughly, have indeed astonished me. I congratulate you with all my heart to your great success in the department of science.

You ask, If I can not come to North America some time and visit you. As you know, it has been my desire for years. But up to the present I have not had an opportunity to consider the plan seriously. Since my re-marriage I am also naturally tied more to my house and the narrower home circle.-- I hope secretly that perhaps the World's Fair in Chicago may present an outer occasion for the voyage, if, for instance, our technical high-school is represented at the exhibition, which is not impossible. I can, however, form no certain plans in this direction. A year ago I was shown the honor of being elected Principal of our technical high-school for three years. This gives me much work to do and leaves me but little time for scientific work.

My oldest son Otto is now transferred to 'Ober-Secunda' of the college

and recently confirmed. He is now 15 and $1/2$ years old.

In my second marriage which proves very happy and which also gave back to Otto a share of the motherly love, three children have been born to me: Luise on the 25th of August, 1887, Sophie on the 11th of February, 1889, and Heinrich, another son, on the 4th of June, 1890. With the exception of slight sicknesses and colds all the children thrive very well and give us much joy.

I was very much pleased to learn that to you also a daughter is born, who is now 2 years old and gives you much joy. Would that the child may continue to thrive to the pleasure of its parents!

Last year I had the pleasure to receive by letter a greeting from you through an American ornithologist. Unfortunately I did not receive your letter until one of the last days of the Congress, so that I had very little time to speak about you with that gentleman. Going on one of the beautiful excursions which our hosts at Budapest had arranged, namely to the Plattensee, I could not even take leave of him personally, and could only leave my card for him, as I did not find him.

The Borneo and New-Guinea traveller, Fritz *Grabowsky* is at present here at the museum as an assistant. During the last years we have been and are still very busy with the unearthing of diluvial animal remains and human traces in the caves near Rübeland in the Harz.

And now farewell ! Please, give my regards though a stranger to your wife and your little daughter.

Yours faithfully,

Braunschweig, 19. Juli 1907.

Sehr geehrter und lieber Freund!

Sie haben schon durch meinen Bruder Rudolf erfahren, dass wir die Absicht haben, auf dem Dampfer "Pennsylvania" des Hamburg-America-Linien am 27. Juli von Hamburg abzufahren, um dem Internationalen Zoologen-Kongresse in Boston beizuwohnen, und dass wir hoffen, Sie bei dieser Gelegenheit nach langen Jahren wieder begrüßen zu können. Der Dampfer ist ein langsam fahrender Frachtdampfer, der voraussichtlich nicht vor dem 9. August in New York eintreffen wird. Eine etwaige Nachricht von Ihnen würde ich nach New York, General Post Office, City Hall Park, Poste restante, schicken. - Während mein Bruder seiner Gesundheit wegen, wie es Ihnen geschrieben haben wird, bis zum Kongresse noch eine Sommerfrische, vielleicht in den Adirondak-Bergen aufzusuchen will, habe ich den Wunsch, die 9-10 Tage bis zum Kongresse zu einer Besichtigung solcher grösserer Museen und wissenschaftlichen Institute zu benutzen, die mit später bei den Veranstaltungen des Kongresses nicht mehr besucht werden, und die in dieser Zeit erreichbar sind. Ich denke dabei hauptsächlich an Pittsburg und Chicago. Ob ich noch die Zeit habe, auch St. Louis zu besuchen ist mir fraglich. Auf dem Wege nach Chicago könnte ich auch an einen kurzen

Besuch von Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit etc. denken,
auch noch einen Abstecher von Chicago nach Milwaukee
machen. Auf dem Rückwege käme vielleicht noch
Cincinnati, Columbus etc. in Betracht. — Zum 19. August
müsste ich ja dann in Boston eintreffen. Dann
folgt der Kongress und die Fahrt nach New York,
Princeton, Philadelphia und Washington bis zum 5. Sept.
Dann wollte ich die Fahrt nach den Niagara-
Fällen mitmachen bis zum 10. Sept. — Bis zur
Rückfahrt mit dem Dampfer „Amerika“ am 19. Sept.
würden noch einige Tage bleiben, die ich vielleicht
noch zu einem Besuche von Buffalo, Rochester
und Albany benutzen könnte.

Ich würde Ihnen sehr dankbar sein, wenn Sie
mir für eine zweckmäßige Benutzung der Tage
vor dem Kongress und der Woche zwischen
dem 10. und 19. September Ihren Rat erteilen
wollten und besonders für die Touren vom
10. bis 19. August eine kurze schriftliche Benach-
richtigung nach New York, Post restante, General
Post Office (City Park Hall) vor dem 8. August
schicken könnten.

Ihren und Ihrer Familie geht es hoffentlich
gut! Ich bin durch eine lange Krankheit
meiner lieben Frau, die im Februar d. J. mir durch
den Tod entrissen wurde, in tiefe Trauer versetzt.

Auf ein baldiges Wiedersehen mit Ihnen nach so
langer Zeit freut sich mit herzlichem Grüßen

Ihr
Wilhelm Blasius.

Enid. St. Louis Francis
August 18, 1907.

Bliss, Robert Woods, 1875-1962

1923

83/129
u

TELEPHONE FRANKLIN 5981

1785 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

January 3, 1923.

*Accepted
Jan 6, 1923*

My dear Dr. Merriam:

On Tuesday evening, the ninth, Count Byron de Prorok is to lecture to the members of the Archaeological Society and their friends on his work at Carthage, and will show for the first time in Washington a film of the explorations.

As it has occurred to Dr. Mitchell Carroll that it might be of mutual interest to Monsieur de Prorok and a few Washingtonians interested in scientific questions, to meet informally before the lecture, I should be very glad if you would give us the pleasure of coming to an informal supper at my apartment on Tuesday evening at half past six o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Wood Peck

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

Boardman, George A

1878

83/189
2

Wilmington N.C. May 18, 1878

Dear Mr. Merriam

Many thanks

do not
you
again
review

for your review of the birds of Cuba,
Do not understand why I did not get
the list sent me to Calais last fall,
as half my mail goes to Calais N.E.
I left for the South early, left no 2 at
the post office to have my letters
forwarded, but any books or papers
to remain until my return. I spent
the winter in Washington, took rooms
expecting to go to Florida when the
weather got rough, but remained there
until into April, Had quite a
nice winter, and Mrs Boardman
was better pleased than with
Florida where we have spent so
many winters, I see by the

Answer

Amh mhs 25, 1878.

papers Prof Baird has been appointed over 4
to Prof Hensley's place, which I think he has well earned

Sorry
You and Mr Brewster did not
Come up and see me when at
Eastport, my Collection of the birds
of this locality is very full, when
and I have found many new
species since 1862, when I sent
a hurried list to Mr Verrill, there
was quite a number of mistakes
in the list and I send you one
with the birds I have found since
as far as I can recollect,
since my return this spring I
have a nearly full plumage
Sabine Gull, which I have mounted,
although I have known them to be
the Barn Swallow, never seen one
I don't
have not had much time to look when

an apparent over your list quite interested in
which I the reports of Mr Thompson about
at the Chimney Swifts, we have had
Dorsey some Waller Crows here, but not
to not all fine, strange Mr Thompson
seen at could not understand how so many
tion of the wings and tail, should be found
very full, when they are so fond of fat
my own little Wallers, and they always
in I sent like the wings and tail, of small
ill, these birds, as does no other, and
mistake, hawks, &c, Coates has been
you are writing quite a paper about
and since hibernation of Waller, and
select, at one time he had believed the
ing I nonsense I expect the paper
unaffected out soon,

Mounted, I have not done much collecting
to the mill for some years and you I get some rare
Scarcely one bird or egg, my collection is so full I
I don't often get anything new, and
of course when I am away give all my

Collections, anyway, I do not
have in my collections any
species not found in this
locality.

If you come down this
May again, hope to see you

Thanking you for the review
I am sincerely yours

W. B. Boardman

Amh mhs 2-8, 1878.

W. B. Boardman
Dear
for you
Do not
the list
as half
I left for
the post
forward
to retain
the birds
expected
weather
until
Nice. M
was her
in birds
many

Milltown St. Stephen N. B

April 29, 1875

Mr C. H. Merriam

Dear Sir,

As a lover of birds, I hope you will excuse me in asking where I can purchase your paper of the birds of Connecticut. I saw a copy at Mr. Cones office in Washington, a few moments ago and he gave me your address.

Yours Very Truly

W. A. Boardman

Boas, Franz, 1858-1942

1929-1931

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

October 17, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

If you have written a check it
did not reach me. Probably it would be best for
you to cancel it and send me a new one.

Yours very sincerely,

Franz Boas

Franz Boas

FB:B

*Duplicate sent Nov. 5, 1929.
cbm*

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECTION OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY
CHAIRMAN, FRANZ BOAS, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK CITY

*Amad July 11, 1930
Voted for Lowie - done*

July 2, 1930.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The preliminary vote for candidates for
an anthropologist in the Section of Anthropology is as
follows:

Lowie 4
Cole 2
Dixon 2
Kidder 1
Morley 1

I should like to suggest that we confine our next vote to
the three candidates who received the greatest number of
votes and I should also like to suggest that in case one
of them receives a majority of the anthropological section
we make his candidacy unanimous. There are eight who vote.

I should be much obliged for an early
answer to this note.

Yours very sincerely,

Franz Boas

Franz Boas
Chairman

One member voted for
three candidates

FB:B

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SECTION OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY
CHAIRMAN, FRANZ BOAS, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK CITY

May 4, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

On June 4, 1930 I sent you the list of proposed candidates for the Anthropological division of the Section of Anthropology and Psychology as follows:

Previous candidates

Roland B. Dixon
Walter Hough
A. V. Kidder
Edward Sapir

New Proposals

Fay-Cooper Cole
George A. Dorsey
E. A. Hooton
Robert H. Lowie
Sylvanus G. Morley
A. M. Tozzer

Among these Dr. Lowie has been elected, and Dr. Dorsey has died.

On July 2 I reported the vote

Lowie	4
Cole	2
Dixon	2
Kidder	1
Morley	1

Sapir was not voted on because he became a citizen again only during the present year.

Dr. Merriam

-2-

May 4, 1931

On account of the complex organization of our Section it is necessary that we agree upon a candidate as soon as possible. I, therefore, beg to ask for further nominations and I would suggest an arrangement of the proposed candidates in preference order.

I wish to add the name of John R. Swanton to the list of proposed candidates.

I beg to ask you most urgently to reply to this letter not later than May 15th so that the preliminary steps can be completed before the close of this academic year.

Yours very sincerely,

Franz Boas.

Franz Boas
Chairman

FB:B

Boetticher, Frederick John Louis, 1852 -

1915

C. Hart Merriam
Papers
BANC MSS
83/129 c

Dr. C. Hart Merriam Ph.D.

Dear Sir,

I heard too late of the meeting of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, now in session here, and since you, by your work in the past are most earnestly interested in it, I come to you to see if you will kindly present the few words or see to it that it is properly presented by some one already treating the subject.

I cannot find terms strong enough to urge the inquiry as the University of Tokyo alone has already 700 Chinese students. We are, as it were, on the Rapids above Niagara Falls.

Very Respectfully

Fr. L. J. Paetters (M.Sc.)

1211 G St., N.E.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 29., 1915.

Recd. & returned to author
Dec. 31, 1915. - con

Bolton, Harbert Eugene, 1870 - 1953

1923

Letter of Nov. 22 written on behalf of the
California State Historical Association

83/129
2

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 18, 1923

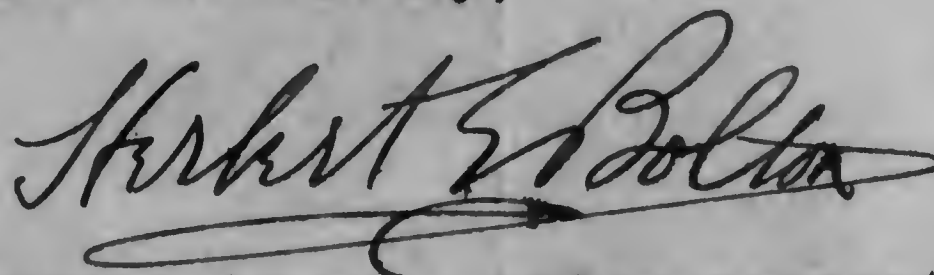
Recd. & ailed. June 20, 1923

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have been very much interested in your study of the route of Jedediah Smith. It so happens that Mr. J. J. Hill, one of my assistants in the Bancroft Library, is an expert on that very subject, so I turned the paper over to him and am enclosing his comment. He is convinced that you are correct in your conclusion as to the route, but raises a question in regard to the different versions of the Smith letter, as you will see. I recommend that you submit the article for publication to the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, of which the Managing Editor is Dr. E. C. Barker, University of Texas, Austin. I am one of the Editors, and my recommendation may help in the case.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours most sincerely,



HEB:C

P.S. I am returning the manuscript to you, under separate cover, and Mr. Hill's letter is sent with the manuscript.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, California.

OFFICERS:
WILLIAM J. HAYES,
TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN
LOUIS J. PAETOW, CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

OFFICE OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
DOE LIBRARY, BERKELEY

STAFF:
HERBERT E. BOLTON, SUPERINTENDENT
OWEN C. COY, DIRECTOR
JESSIE H. DAVIS, STAFF SECRETARY

November 22, 1923

*Recd. Dec. 26, 1923
Enclosing \$3.00*

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

The enclosed leaflet will inform you of the project for a California State Historical Association to continue and enlarge upon the work hitherto done by the Historical Survey Commission. The Regents of the University of California, to whom the duties of the Commission were transferred, have given their official approval to this plan, so the Association is now legally constituted as a state organization.

We desire to make the Association wide-reaching in its appeal and in service rendered, hence we have greatly enlarged upon the program of the Historical Survey Commission. Already many of the largest historical and patriotic organizations of the state have become affiliated with the movement.

We are writing to you and other leaders of thought in the state, asking that if you are in sympathy with our object, you write us a brief letter of endorsement, giving us your permission to use it in obtaining support.

Thanking you heartily for any assistance which you may render, I am

Yours very truly,

Herbert E. Bolton

Bond, Frank, 1856-1940

1915-1935

Some written for U.S. General Land Office; some for the U.S.
Geographic Board

83/129

c

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO ~~103~~

"A"

Ans'd. Feb-24

yes

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1915.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

: State maps forwarded

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 13th and take pleasure in forwarding to you, under separate cover, one copy each of the maps of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Colorado, published by this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Frank Bond
Chief Clerk.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

"A"

*Recd -
March 7, 1916*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 2, 1916.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In compliance with your request of March 1st, I have directed that one copy each of the following maps published by this Bureau be forwarded to you: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Very truly yours,

Frank R. Gould
Chief Clerk

GCB

ackd
1924

Wm Q.C. 3127 Newark St. N.W.

August 22, 1924.

Dear Dr. Merriam;

I was glad to get your letter of the 15th which arrived at my desk in the office this morning, and to know of your continued thoughtfulness in my affairs. I left the hospital July 16, but was not able to get down to the office until Aug. 2. I began with an hour or two and increased the length of my stay gradually until now and for a week or more I have been putting in full time. I find, however, that when I get home the couch is a most comfortable place and I occupy it for an hour or two, sometimes taking a little nap. Mrs. Bond is in usual health, which of course means a limitation on what she must try to do, but I am again helping her some and then she does not have the daily trip to the hospital, which was a pretty severe experience. She did not miss a single day of the ten weeks I spent in No. 10, Ward A. I am progressing favorably toward complete restoration I think, though slowly. I have passed 9 or ten days at a time without a sign of a leak, and then discovered a slight

and coming to
Mrs. Bond gives me in most kindly remembrance. With
me she fully appreciates the interest and sympathy shown
by Dr. Merriam during the recent sojourn of many weeks
at Garfield hospital of one Frank Bond, her husband
and your friend.

Sincerely yours

Frank Bond

Voicing from the old incision. I have gone to the
Dr's office and enjoyed the use of ^{the} silver nitrate
stick twice since leaving the hospital but I
find that there is but one remedy - patience.
Of course I have to be careful, and I am,
reasonably so I think. With the exception of
some painless ~~swellings~~ swellings of my ankles and a
more or less general stiffness, possibly due
to long time on the hospital bed, I feel
well, look well, and am well. In fact -
some of my fellow employees advised me
that I looked as if I had had an enjoyable
and profitable vacation and rest.

It was, no doubt, most enjoyable to find
your home in Calif. looking well and extending
a welcome, after your long automobile trip, and
your absence here for so many months.

I have seen Mr. McCormick and incidentally
inquired of him if Col. Martin had filed new
Geographic Board appointment from the Congress-
ional Library and he said no. He understood
Col. Martin was still handling for the States
of Mich. & Wis. a matter relating to the ~~down~~
Union ^{state} boundary between lakes Mich. & Superior,

and was not expected to finish that investigation until the end of Sept., I think. Martin has been giving an intensive study to our boundary records, but he had concluded before my return, I think, since I have not seen him around here. I have been told by one of the Land office representatives on the Board of Surveys and Maps that Col. E. Lester Jones has had a severe falling out with that Board and no longer attends its sessions. I am not certain that he was a full member and has resigned, but it appears that he has disassociated himself from all of its activities. There were some severe and irritating differences, I think.

Mrs. Bond joins me in most kindly remembrance. With me she fully appreciates the interest and sympathy shown by Dr. Merriam during the recent sojourn of many weeks at Garfield hospital of one Frank Bond, her husband and your friend.

Sincerely yours

Frank Bond

1/2 page from the old mission. I have gone to the
New Office and enjoyed the use of silver nitrate
stick twice since leaving the hospital but I
find that there is but one remedy - patience.
Of course I have to be careful and I am,
naturally, so I think. With the exception of
some painful swellings of my ankles and a
more or less general stiffness, probably due
to long time on the hospital bed, I feel
well, look well, and am well. In fact -
some of my fellow employees advised me
that I looked so if I had had an enjoyable
and profitable vacation and rest.
It was, no doubt, most enjoyable to find
you home in Calif. - looking well and extending
a welcome, after your long automobile trip, and
your absence here for so many months.

I have seen Mr. McCornick and incidentally
inquired of him if Col. Martin had filed new
Geographic Board appointments from the Congress-
ional Library and he said no. He understood
Col. Martin was still handling for the States
of Mich. & Wis. a matter relating to the down-
fall of state boundary between Lakes Mich. & Superior,



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 24th, inclosing correspondence and recommendations of the Sierra Club, and have turned them over to Mr. McCormick with a copy of my letter to President Huber, acknowledging receipt, etc.

In glancing through the recommendations I do not seem to see a large number of pencil checks by you, comparatively few in fact, but I am glad to have them. They will no doubt have their influence with the Board.

I notified President Huber that these papers would be considered by the Board at the earliest possible date but that I could not at this time state when that would be, but he would be duly advised of the action taken by the Board when final conclusions were reached.

Very truly yours,

Frank Bond
Chairman.



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1926.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have your note of January 7, inclosing a communication from the Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army, with which were included recommendations looking to the naming of an arm of Hillsboro Bay for a former mayor of Tampa, Florida, now living. The matter, of course, will be taken up by the Executive Committee of the Board in the regular way, of which I have advised the Chief of Engineers.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Frank Bond
clerk

Ackd. 1926
Aug 10

3127 Newark St., N.W.,
Washington July 18, '26

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have been wanting to write you for a long time - wanted to have a talk with you while you were still here but could not get a chance except during the evening when I needed to stay at home and get a rest from the work and worries of the days recently past.

You may have heard some rumors of the situation with which I was confronted and of the efforts made in my behalf. Dr. Work last year began refusing to grant any two year extensions under the retirement Act. Efficiency, experience, good health, the desire of the employee, the good of the service, in fact everything which the law contemplated as warranting a further two years employment were cast aside as wholly irrelevant and retirement forced. It was his purpose in my case as in others we very much desired to retain. However, a few of my influential friends upon the hill got busy and much to their regret, ^{and} while he refused to retain me because of his arbitrary rule he did finally get his machinery at work in an effort to get me transferred to another department. So far as his own efforts were concerned he failed and his

machinery stalled and then finding there were but two days left before the law automatically retired me another effort was made to get him to extend my service long enough to make further effort - if only for a week but he would not give me a day. The first-assistant-Secretary, Gov. Sperry and others were in that last-meeting. I am not quite able to understand how the Secretary could go to another department and ask them to take me on when everyone without an exception, ^{in Interior} so far as I heard had ~~my~~ urged my retention. All that was necessary was to sign his name to the formal paper placed before him. My transfer meant retention on the gov't payroll. You will be interested in learning he went to Mr. Walcott, Smithsonian, and asked him to take me, but Mr. Walcott told him he had three men around 82 years of age, one of whom would have to go to make a place for me. He would like to have me but refused to consider the forced retirement of either of the three to get me a place.

My sympathies were with Mr. Walcott and it would appear that further comment would be superfluous.

Dr. Palmer now being advised of my dilemma and the wishes of the ~~wishes~~ ^{wishes} of the Interior Department, the Secretary excepted, got busy and

3

in half a day got-me transferred to the Biological Survey, the day before I would have been automatically retired. Secretary Jardine signed the request for my extension two years but-gave us to understand that-he did not expect to keep ^{me} longer than three months. Mr. Palmer no doubt advised that-my services were actually needed to examine land office records and see if vacant public land might-not be found along the upper Mississippi river for the Wild Life and Fish refuge created by an Act of Congress a year ago last-March. I am now combing the tract books in that-search.

It requires tedious and painstaking work, and the records being old and much faded out-are hard on the eyes. But-I am going to put it-through to the satisfaction of the Biological Survey and I hope much before the three months expire.

In the mean time my effort-along other lines is going to bear fruit. When I finally learned that-in all probability-Mr. Work would not-sign my retention, I prepared a memorandum for the Chairman of the Senate Appropriation ^{Committee} in support of Gov. Spry's plea that-the appropriation for the Geographic Board be increased sufficiently to pay the salary of the Chairman who, hereafter, would give

his whole time to that work. I was called up to his office by Senator Warren and he said if I would prepare the supplemental estimate in proper form he would visit his friend Genl Ford and learn what could be done. This was done but - Genl Ford, in a couple of weeks ~~re~~-wrote me the law would ^{not} permit the appropriation under the existing conditions citing Comptroller's decisions, the laws etc. I studied the matter carefully and the creation of a new position by an appropriation act seemed to be the big stumbling block. So I re-wrote the supplemental estimate in another form agreeing with those we make annually under the classification act of 1923, and asked simply for funds to pay salaries as well as for printing and binding. Our first Asst. Secy Mr. Finney, who is the Budget representative of the Interior Dept, looked it over and said at once it was fool proof and that the Budget could reject it under the administration economy plan only. However, after some further conversations between the Senator and Genl Ford I was called over to the Budget office and helped formulate their recommendation for the appropriation which went to the White House. The President approved it;

5

calling the attention of Congress to Genl Lord's recommendation which fully explained the matter. In spite of all this, Madden, Chairman of the House appropriations committee, failed to include the item in the deficiency bill although much effort was made to get him to do so. However the Senator not only put it in as an amendment in the Senate but saw to it that the joint conference committee retained it. It has been the law since the President signed the bill July 3rd. My long friendship with Senator Warren whom I helped make Senator 36 years ago but from whom I had never asked favors of any kind - like "casting bread upon the waters" - he did not forget in the time of trouble.

You no doubt may be curious about the memorandum that went along with the other papers to Genl Lord and upon the Hill. It outlined in a general way a plan to create an official Gazetteer of the United States, and Territories, and insular possessions. It is my intention, if I shall succeed in getting a proper allocation to grade by the Personnel Classification Board and transferred to the new appropriation, after completing the Biological Survey work, - with the approval by the Geog. Board - to ask the Governors of the States to appoint State Boards or Commis-

6

series, and also smaller County boards if desirable to prepare lists of the geographic names within their respective jurisdictions for recommendation to the U.S. Board; these may include the elimination of existing offensive names and new names (under our general rules) for features without names but which should be named. I assume that the living person principle may require somewhat more liberal interpretation than the Board has heretofore given it. For my own part - I should be glad to support the name of Merriam for any worth-while feature in any place but - particularly within the wide areas covered by his scientific labors.

The correspondence with the Governors will have to be diplomatic and strongly deserving of hearty and painstaking, non-partisan support - and co-operation which will insure a gazetteer practically satisfactory to the State and the Nation. I don't know whether this can be done but - I am going to try it out, if let alone; and if you can find the time to give me the benefit of your advice with suggestions, for which I have great regard, I will be much obliged. I assume that the whole matter will still be in the preliminary correspondence stage by the time the first meeting on Oct-6, arrives.

I trust - this will find you and yours in good health. Am perfectly well myself except my dentist - who has been photographing the roots of my teeth insists that - they or some of them must be removed at once - specifically at 4:15 tomorrow. I guess I am in for a siege. Sincerely yours

Frank Bond



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

WASHINGTON

Room 5329 Interior Bldg
Washington, Oct 12, 1924

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of some weeks ago, in reply to mine telling of occurrences here, was duly received and appreciated. I have a little time this morning waiting for some addressing of letters and envelopes and so am going to tell you some of the Geographic Board happenings since my last letter. I may possibly repeat some things but you will overlook that. After preparing a description of my job as Chairman of the Board I submitted it to the Personnel Classification Board and they allocated it to grade 10 which I was in as Chief Clerk and at the same salary. I took the papers over to the Civil Service and they advised me that their action thereon would be expedited and that it would take possibly twenty minutes. It took about that long. Having completed my work, laid out by the Biological Survey, I requested Secretary Jardine to approve my transfer from the Survey to the Geog. Bd to be effective at the close of business Sept. 20th. The Secretary did approve and in a few days I received a letter from him advising me that my work for the Biological Survey was very satisfactory etc. which was a somewhat different treatment from Dr. Wolk's, and corresponding by (over)

2

appreciated. I am now and since the 20th of Sept receiving my pay check from Secretary McCormick who is authorized to act as disbursing agent for the board without bond by the appropriation act of 1923. I laid the whole situation before Comptroller Gen'l McCarl suggesting that if it were proper we would like to designate the Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior whom I have known well for twenty years, as disbursing officer for the Board. It would save us, especially McCormick, with unnecessary labor and especially worry. There is as much red tape required to disburse one salary as there is a hundred. McCarl wrote me a nice letter saying there would be no objection to the proposed plan if the requirement of the appropriation act, to which I called his attention, were not the law. So "Mac" is acting and has drawn one check in my favor. I told him I am living in fear of a visit from the U.S. Marshall ever since I cashed it.

Following my transfer to the Board roll Mac told me he heard a rumor that ~~Col. E. Foster~~ ^{some one} was going to prevent me from acting as the representative of the Biological Survey on the Geog. Bd. He refused to give any more information saying he was tongue-tied or words to that effect. I am not yet representing the Survey on the Board and although Mr. Palmer had mentioned the matter a situation arose that may cause them to defer request to the President. Gov. Spry, Commr. G. L. O. sent a letter to the Secretary of the Interior urging my appointment as representative of the Gen'l Land Office on the board because of my long service in that capacity and my longer service and familiarity with all G. L. O. activities.

This letter went forward to the White House and

came back "Approved, Calvin³ Coolidge." I was given a carbon of the papers and sent it over to Mr. Palmer, who hesitates, I think, to request also that I shall represent the Biological Survey as well. I told him, however, that there was "no law agin it" and I thought I could serve both Bureaus as I had in fact done in a way for some time.

McCormick's rumor worried me a little as it evidently did him and as a matter of precaution I mentioned it to Senator Warren's secretary the Senator being in the west, and was told not to worry that ~~then~~ they felt pretty certain that E. Lester whom I suspected would not interfere - they knew him well. Well the annual meeting occurred Oct. 6, and after I had announced the election of chairman and secretary was the first order of business, McQuire, to the astonishment of everybody present arose and made a laudatory speech of the present chairman and the work he was now doing and moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the board electing him chairman for another year. This carried and on motion of Mr. Mills the same thing was done for Mr. McCormick. I nominated the present executive committee and they were approved or accepted by the board. After the meeting McCormick told me that the rumor he had mentioned came from Birdseye the Chief Topographer of the Geological Survey who succeeded R. B. Marshall whom you no doubt remember well. Birdseye received a ^{phone} message from the Coast Survey that they were going to head me off, but I could not learn who was at the other end of the phone line "and that's that"

On Saturday the 9th I sent an identical original letter to the Governors of the 48 States inviting their cooperation in the work of creating an official geographic dictionary. I inclose a copy which you can ditch when through reading it. I have also written letters to the presidents of State Universities and to State Historical societies calling their attention to the

fact that I have written ⁴ the Governors, and asking their interest and cooperation, ^{also} if opportunity shall occur. I hardly expect to hear from any of the Governors until after the November elections. Some may never answer and if they don't take any interest I shall attempt to get others in their States busy. I don't just see how they can afford to ignore the matter.

Col. Martin wrote me from Massachusetts shortly before he returned to Wash that he had learned that the Director of the Coast Survey went to Secy Kellogg to get his assistance in compelling the Board to adopt the personal names he desired for the Alaskan boundary, and that the Secretary refused to modify the attitude of Secretary Hughes toward the Geographic Board. Martin wrote that he understood Col. Jones was "gravely disappointed." Martin said, the other day, that the powers that be in the departments of State and Commerce had not yet gotten over or forgotten the long letter I sent to Secy Hoover telling him of the activities of his bureau chief, - and which the Secy of State also saw. However the unexpected attitude of Mc Guire at the annual election may be due to other causes of which we know nothing.

There just came to my desk the first response from a Governor. Gov. Ritchie of Maryland writes he will be glad to take up the gazetteer matter with the appropriate State departments and will again communicate with us.

I trust this will find you and your family well. Mrs Bond is in usual health and I am again walking in from my house to the Interior Bldg as usual rendering other comment or inquiry unnecessary.

Sincerely yours

Frank Bond



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

WASHINGTON

Room 5329 Interior Bldg

Dear Mr. Merriam:

December 13, 1926.

I was pleased to receive and read with much interest the excerpts you sent me - on the "Buffalo of Northeastern California" from the Journal of Mammalogy, and the "Source of the Name Shasta" from the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences. Each discussion may be accepted as a final disposition of the matters treated.

I was just reading a letter to Mr. McCormick, from J. K. Russell, of Chicago, voicing a general complaint against our inability to dictate the return of names lost during the passage of years, and more particularly our inability to abandon long established names for the purpose of honoring early explorers who deserved recognition. He had a wail about Rainier and was "awfully sorry that Rainier name question has a Tacoma focal point." I imagine he thinks the Tacoma campaign is responsible for the board's failure to eliminate Rainier. He spoke of Mt. Shasta, also, and said "Peter Ogden slipped the name of Shasta onto that mountain and records that he did it in protest against the rotten way the Company (Hudson Bay) had named the great mountains above mentioned (St. Helens, Hood, Rainier)

I know you will be surprised and also regret to learn that I am still on the firing line - the Comptroller-General

And in favor
com

having stopped payment of my salary Oct. 15 from the appropriation specially made by Congress for the chairman of the Geographic Board. So far as he is concerned I think I fired my last shot when I delivered to his chief clerk a request for a reconsideration of his decision of Dec. 2, based upon additional evidence not in his possession and therefore not considered by him when his decision was rendered; data which I think vital to the case. May be he will reconsider? If he declines to do so I shall again seek help elsewhere.

If you should happen to be in the neighborhood of room 5329, and have a few minutes, I would like to get your views on many matters, gazetted among them. In ten minutes most men can say more than they can write out in a whole day; I belong with the crowd.

You will be interested in learning that one James Mc Guire, last Friday was relieved and Capt R. S. Patton of the Coast Survey designated to represent that bureau on the Geographic Board, by the President. W^m Bowie, Actg Director, of the bureau signed the letter of transmittal, expressing the hope that cordial relations with the board would hereafter obtain - or words to similar effect. Sad is it not?

Sincerely yours
Frank Bond



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

WASHINGTON

Room 5329 Interior Bldg

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Jan. 20, 1927

I know you will be interested in learning that Senator Warren on the floor yesterday, amended by the addition of a proviso we had prepared with much care, the Geographic Board appropriations bill for 1928, which validates all action taken by the Civil Service Commission in my case including approval of the two-year extension, transfers at a certain grade and salary and making available for the compensation of the present chairman of the Geographic Board not only the appropriations for 1928, but also that of 1927 withheld by the Comptroller-General. Our best lawyers in the Interior Dept- including the first-asst Secy, think the wording of the proviso will compel the Comptroller General to relieve the embargo placed on McCornick as disbursing agent of the board and authorize him to issue checks to pay for the service I have rendered since Oct. 16, I am not yet "out of the woods", however, because the amendment- must- be accepted by the joint-conference committees, the bill passed and approved by the President - And McCord is still living. The first ray of sunshine I have had for a year, however, is most agreeable. I trust this will find yourself and family well.

Sincerely yours

I don't find your name in the last "phone" book.

Frank A. Couch

Anal in person
Jan. 25, 1927 - em



Not american

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD
WASHINGTON

Room 5329, Interior Bldg

September 27, 1927.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

You will no doubt be interested in Geographic Board affairs and so I am going to write you briefly about them and then mention something of especial interest to myself if not to you.

Mr. McCormick will reach Dr. Work's retirement age in February next, I believe, and he tells me the Geological Survey has notified him informally that if they, under the new law, secure his retention for two years more he must revise the Alaska dictionary during that period. Mac was so advised last February or March and told to give at least half of his time until June 30 last to the dictionary work. This meant that I must handle a large percentage of the Secretary's regular duties, and this I have done and am now doing. On August 22 the topographic branch, G.S., sent to McCormick a long list of names for the manuscript sheet of the Lassen Vol. National Park, which includes some 67 or more square miles adjoining the Park which Mather is going, so I understand, to ask Congress to add. A new topographic survey of this region was completed last fall I think.

On examining the manuscript sheet I found thereon many names not shown on any available maps. These were additional to the names furnished the Board for decision. After a careful examination and study of all papers and photographs submitted, and found elsewhere, I concluded to prepare a decision card for every known feature in the park and have spent a little more than a full month at it, having before me 113 cards which are ready for the Executive Committee on October 4th. (I have prepared, also, 20 or 30 miscellaneous cards additional.)

McCormick appears to be much dissatisfied with his present situation and will resign the secretaryship of the Board if the Director of the Survey will permit him to do so. I am concerned over what the outcome will be.

Among the Lassen Park cards are at least two names of living persons - Diller, retired geologist of the Geological Survey; and an earliest settler and road builder in the park named Loomis. Both get a mountain, Diller the higher one. Both are octogenarians, I understand. There are also several other local usage names on both lakes and mountains whose owners probably

have long since passed on but of this I can get no definite information. Local usage, only, is reported by the topographic surveyor of the Geological Survey who has just answered some of my inquiries by mail.

This brings me to the matter referred to above. I have confidentially discussed with two Board members a proper recognition of another living scientist whose work in life I consider second to none living and to few who have gone, and I find that in all probability there will be unanimous approval if we can arrive at a satisfactory agreement on details. The name of this scientist is C. Hart Merriam and if the Board shall support me in my effort to recognize his important contributions to science and to general knowledge, I shall wish to be in a position to recommend not only the kind of feature to be named but the State, or possibly the section of a State, preferred. I shall not, of course, submit a card until I have ascertained in advance that the Board will approve. I am now asking that you give me your kindly assistance in this matter regardless of any personal inclinations or feeling of diffidence you may have. If you will do this for me and desire that your suggestions be held confidential I shall of course comply with your wishes. The alternative is a selection which might be undesirable or in some measure inappropriate both as to kind and location and this to me would be very regrettable. I may say that personally I have never held the extreme view that no living person should be recognized by the Board and rather felt that the principle relating thereto was not intended to discourage recognition under the safeguard stated. But nothing is more certain to me than that the President's action in the "Katmai affair" has, in a measure, modified the views of some Board members who, prior thereto, were adamant against recognizing the availability of any living person. Of course this attitude made it easier to refuse all applicants, but I am recommending Diller and Loomis in the Lassen Park list and I feel certain they will be approved.

Mr. McCormick just came over and said that he was going to refuse a reelection as Secretary at the regular annual meeting on October 5th. He will under the by-laws of course hold over until a successor has been found and elected, but he wants relief as soon as possible. He advises that his superior officers have agreed to this relief with the understanding that his retention for two years more means that all his time will be given to a revision of the Alaska dictionary.

The selection of a new Secretary with neither candidates nor eligible persons subject to draft in sight looks almost appalling to me.

I trust this will find you and yours in good health and that as usual you have had a pleasant and profitable summer in the field.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin Co.,
California.

GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS REPRESENTED BY MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
COMMERCE
CENSUS
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
NAVY
HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE
POST OFFICE
POSTMASTERS APPOINTMENTS
TOPOGRAPHY
STATE
GEOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS—CON.

TREASURY
COAST GUARD
WAR
GENERAL STAFF
LEGISLATIVE ESTABLISHMENTS
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
DIVISION OF MAPS
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT
INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
ETHNOLOGY
OFFICES
CHAIRMAN, Room 5323
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
SECRETARY, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Amend. Oct. 15, 1930

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Dear Dr. Merriam:

September 3, 1930.

I am just going to advise you that "after many vicissitudes," in the language of Robinson Crusoe, I am to be retained in the public service for one year more beginning Sept. 1, and ending Aug. 31, 1931. You will be interested to learn how it came about, so briefly as may be — In May the Board put in a request for my extension for two years in spite of the provision of the retirement law of 1920, that "after 10 years no person shall be retained more than 4 years after reaching retirement age," 70 yrs. The Civil Service Commission advised the Board that under the law my last day of service would be August 20, last. The Commission in its last annual report strenuously urged a modification of this four year limitation for certain specially qualified and expert employees whose reparation at 74 would be a distinct loss to the Public Service. After a strenuous campaign the Congress did so, amending the retirement law making the following exception: "except that where the head of the department or establishment certifies, and the Civil Service Commission agrees, that by reason of expert knowledge and special qualifications the continuance of the employee would be advantageous to the public service, further extensions of two years may be granted." Passed May 29, 1930.

After the passage of the amendment the Board urged my retention for the two years thereby authorized and appointed a special committee to handle the matter before the Commission. This committee accomplished nothing. On August 4, under a new president of the Civil Service Commission, the Board was advised that its recommendations for my continuance did not seem to justify retention under the terms of the amended retirement law but stated that the Act of April 23, 1930, provided that retirements would take effect at the end of the month in which an employee reached retirement age and therefore my last day of service would be Aug. 31, 1930.

The Board then got real busy. No one of them would surrender his better and promising job for that of Chairman of the Board at a lower salary. A special meeting was called and after much discussion two special committees were appointed, one to call at the White House offices to see Mr. Newton, Secretary to the President, in charge of independent establishments, and solicit his support to get a reconsideration of the Commission's letter of August 4, fixing the date of my retirement; and the other to attend a hearing before the Civil Service Commission and urge a reversal of their order. I was pessimistic but did not say so.

I was agreeably surprised to learn that Mr. Newton was not only sympathetic, but actively so, in that he telephoned the new president of the Civil Service Commission that in his view the new amendment to the retirement law was intended to cover just such cases as that of the chairmanship of the Geographic Board. The White House committee was also a part of the larger committee to attend the Commission hearing later the same day. They had a session of an hour and a half and the whole matter was thrashed out from A to Z. Capt R. S. Patton, Director of the Coast Survey, who succeeded E. Lester Jones, was chairman of the large committee and I am advised made a strenuous appeal for a revision of the Commission's order. Patton as a member of the Board, succeeded our old friend Mc Guire when E. Lester Jones withdrew his exequatur. Patton has been a very excellent member of the Board and a worth while member of the executive committee. The result of the hearing on August 14, was the Commission's advice, dated the 14th but received the 19th, extending my time for official obituary to Aug. 31, 1931. I am unable to avoid the conclusion that Newton was influential.

Our chief work the coming ten or twelve months is compiling and printing our 6th Report to contain all standing decisions rendered between Sept 4, 1890, when the Board was created, and June 30, 1930, a period of 40 years, almost. For this work I got the Budget's approval and an appropriation of \$6000. \$700 of which is for temporary clerical help - chiefly typewriting. This appropriation is now available, being made April 19, last.

Mr. Bond and I are living quietly at home as usual without servant which we are unable to afford but enjoying existence, as usual, in spite of the gradually encroaching evidences of physical changes with which old father time tortifies all human creatures who happily, as a rule, escape earlier pains of separation through the ravages of incurable disease or death by violence which seems to be the common method now. If she knew I was writing she would wish to be remembered. I trust this will find you well as usual and successfully prosecuting the important work upon which you have long been engaged; but don't try any more of the precipice jumping exercises, I leave them for younger men. Besides the automobile was not constructed for such purposes, I understand.

Please bear me in kindly remembrance to Mrs. Merriam - and don't work too hard yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Bond.

3127 Newark St., N.W.
Washington, May 4, 1935

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Dr. Palmer has advised me that your visit to Los Angeles is for the purpose of undergoing a major surgical operation similar to that I had ten years ago at Garfield Hospital, here. Dr. Palmer also stated, to my great satisfaction, that surgical methods now employed were much more advanced than those practiced in my case. I am therefore hoping and expecting for you a successful and in every way satisfactory conclusion of the operation now contemplated. I regret very much, however, that I shall be unable to return the many visits you made to my hospital bedside encouraging me by many interesting evidences of your field work, by the loan of interesting books and especially by your visits in person which always were ~~always~~ were most enjoyable and profitable. I am however, pulling hard for you and shall expect to see you in Washington when your seasonal work plans permit your return. Mrs. Bond ^{who} also has most pleasant recollections of your visit at Garfield, joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely yours Frank Bond

3127 Newark St., N.W.,
Washington, June 9, 1935

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Dr. Palmer has advised me that after a short sojourn at the hospital you are now at your old California home at Lagunitas, convalescing to a sure recovery. This was most welcome news for me and I congratulate you most heartily. I trust you will, before many weeks, be again at your old work of piling up worthwhile records of value to the world of science. I am still helping Dr. Palmer at the Congressional Library. My list of Bird Artists of the World will soon contain 400 names or more, the copy-righted publications in the library receiving careful scrutiny since you were here.

Sincerely yours Frank Bond

1907-1939

Boone and Crockett Club

By William Austin Hadsorn (d. 1918), Henry G. Gray

83/24
c

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
11 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK, July 16th, 1907.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Agricultural Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the National Collection of Heads and Horns now being made in behalf of the American Sportsman, by the New York Zoological Society, the Boone and Crockett Club is taking up a kindred work--the gathering together of a collection of American hunting arms, implements and paraphernalia. Both these collections will be exhibited in the Administration Building of the New York Zoological Society.

No such collection exists anywhere in the world, so far as known, and it seems high time that such a series of arms should be got together. While firearms would naturally take the first place in such a collection, the bowie knife, the hunting hatchet, the powder horn, and a multitude of other articles should find a natural place here.

It is the purpose of the Club to establish this collection as a permanent exhibition of the hunting arms used by the American pioneers from early days down to the present time, and members who feel inclined to donate articles to the collection are requested to forward them to Geo. Bird Grinnell, 346 Broadway, New York City, who will duly acknowledge them.

Several members have expressed a wish to contribute weapons in use during the first half of the last century, and it is believed that from the membership of the Club a number of interesting weapons can be secured. Sportsmen at large should be interested in this collection and will, it is hoped, contribute to it freely.

Yours very truly,

N. A. Gadsden
President.

Boone and Crockett Club

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, ex-officio
LEWIS RUTHERFURD MORRIS
EDWARD HUBERT LITCHFIELD
CHARLES SHELDON
WILLIAM K. DRAPER
GEORGE L. HARRISON, JR.
WINTHROP CHANLER

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OFFICERS

President

W. AUSTIN WADSWORTH OF NEW YORK

Vice-Presidents

ARNOLD HAGUE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL OF NEW YORK ARCHIBALD ROGERS OF NEW YORK
WALTER B. DEVEREUX OF COLORADO MADISON GRANT OF NEW YORK

Secretary

HENRY G. GRAY
49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

Treasurer

W. REDMOND CROSS
33 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

GAME PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CHARLES SHELDON, Chairman
J. WALTER WOOD
W. REDMOND CROSS
EDWARD HUBERT LITCHFIELD
CHARLES H. TOWNSEND
E. W. NELSON
ALEXANDER LAMBERT
Advisory Members
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
LEWIS RUTHERFURD MORRIS

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

October 20, 1913.

191

Accepted & attended

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that Maj. W. Austin Wadsworth, President of the Boone and Crockett Club, has appointed you one of five delegates to represent the Boone and Crockett Club at the Fifth National Conservation Congress to be held in Washington, D.C., November 18th, 19th and 20th. The other delegates appointed are Maj. W. Austin Wadsworth, Hon. George Shiras, 3rd, Messrs. George Bird Grinnell and Charles Sheldon.

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the letter received by the President from the Secretary of the Congress. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to whether you will accept the appointment. The President hopes that you will accept even if you are not able to attend the Congress.

Very truly yours,

Henry G. Gray

Secretary.

G/H. P.

Boone and Crockett Club

Ansd. Jan 20, 1915

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, ex-officio

CHARLES SHELDON
WILLIAM K. DRAPER
GEORGE L. HARRISON, JR.
WINTHROP CHANLER
DR. ALEXANDER LAMBERT
MORGAN DAVIS

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OFFICERS

President

W. AUSTIN WADSWORTH OF NEW YORK

Vice-Presidents

ARNOLD HAGUE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL OF NEW YORK ARCHIBALD ROGERS OF NEW YORK
WALTER B. DEVEREUX OF COLORADO MADISON GRANT OF NEW YORK

Secretary

HENRY G. GRAY
49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

Treasurer

W. REDMOND CROSS
83 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

GAME PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CHARLES SHELDON, Chairman
J. WALTER WOOD
W. REDMOND CROSS
EDWARD HUBERT LITCHFIELD
CHARLES H. TOWNSEND
E. W. NELSON
ALEXANDER LAMBERT

Advisory Members
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
LEWIS RUTHERFURD MORRIS

April 21, 1914. 191

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

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have planned in this year's Year Book of the Boone and Crockett Club to place after the name of each member the year when he joined the club, and for that purpose I have made a thorough search of all the records of the Secretary's office, including the old Year Books. I find that your name appeared in the Year Book of 1893; but inasmuch as the next Year Book before that one which I can find is the 1889 Year Book, I must ask you to be good enough to furnish me, if possible, with the exact Year of your joining the Club. I must also ask you to be good enough to give me this information by return mail, as the Book is already in the hands of the printer, and I cannot hold it up longer than the end of this week.

If you happen to have a Year Book for any year prior to 1902 I should appreciate it very much if you would mail the same to me so that it may assist me in fixing the dates of the joining of other members, and I will be very careful to have them returned to you promptly, unless, of course, you would be willing to donate the same to the Club.

Very truly yours,

Henry G. Gray
Secretary.

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
W. REDMOND CROSS
TREASURER
38 PINE STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 12th, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boone and Crockett Club held January 10th, 1917, Mr. Charles Sheldon, Chairman of the Game Preservation Committee, recommended the introduction of mountain goats upon Admiralty Island.

There are no goats there at present and the conditions are exceedingly favorable for the increase of any nucleus herd which the Club may place there, particularly as there are no wolves upon the Island. It would be necessary to capture the goats upon the adjoining mainland, where they are to be found on the mountains which rise sharply from the sea, and to transport them across the intervening twelve miles of water. In Mr. Sheldon's opinion, this operation presents no great difficulties and he estimates that a sufficient number to lay a sound foundation for the stocking of the Island could be caught and ferried across for about \$1,500.

A special fund to make possible the carrying out of Mr. Sheldon's suggestion is suggested by the members of the Executive Committee and they have headed the list with generous subscriptions. It is reasonable to expect that mountain goats on Admiralty Island will exist indefinitely as an enduring monument to the Club and you are urged to do your share towards ensuring the success of the undertaking. If, by chance, the subscriptions should exceed the amount of money necessary for the purpose, the balance will be turned into the Game Preservation Fund of the Club. Cheques should be sent to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

W. REDMOND CROSS,
Treasurer.

\$10.00 sent Jan 23, 1917

Boone and Crockett Club

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, *ex-officio*

CHARLES SHELDON
WILLIAM K. DRAPER
GEORGE L. HARRISON, JR.
WINTHROP CHANLER
DR. ALEXANDER LAMBERT
MORGAN DAVIS

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OFFICERS

President

W. AUSTIN WADSWORTH OF NEW YORK

Vice-Presidents

ARNOLD HAGUE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL OF NEW YORK ARCHIBALD ROGERS OF NEW YORK
WALTER B. DEVEREUX OF COLORADO MADISON GRANT OF NEW YORK

Secretary

HENRY G. GRAY
49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

Treasurer

W. REDMOND CROSS
83 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

GAME PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CHARLES SHELDON, Chairman
J. WALTER WOOD
W. REDMOND CROSS
EDWARD HUBERT LITCHFIELD
CHARLES H. TOWNSEND
E. W. NELSON
ALEXANDER LAMBERT

Advisory Members
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
LEWIS RUTHERFORD MORRIS

191

Dear Sir:

About three years ago the Executive Committee of the Boone and Crockett Club suggested that the Secretary insert in the yearly Club Book opposite the name of each member the year in which the member was elected. At the time I made a thorough investigation of the club files in order to obtain the necessary data and had considerable correspondence with members. As a result of my investigation I was only able to find six Year Books before 1905, namely 1888, 1889, 1896, 1899, 1901, and 1903, although there were Club publications in the years 1893, 1895 and 1897 giving lists of members at the time. From 1905 on there is a club book each year. I addressed letters to all members who joined the Club before 1905 asking them for the exact date of their election. Very few were able to state even the year, and so the project was abandoned for the time; but the Secretary has been urged again to prepare a list, even though it is impossible often to obtain exact dates prior to 1905. Accordingly, I have prepared the enclosed list of members with dates of election and will submit to the Club at the annual meeting the question of incorporating these dates in the next Year Book, subject to whatever changes or corrections may be suggested by members. Each member of the Club is requested to examine this list and to furnish the Secretary at once with any information that will be of assistance to him in revising it.

Very truly yours,

HENRY G. GRAY,

Secretary.

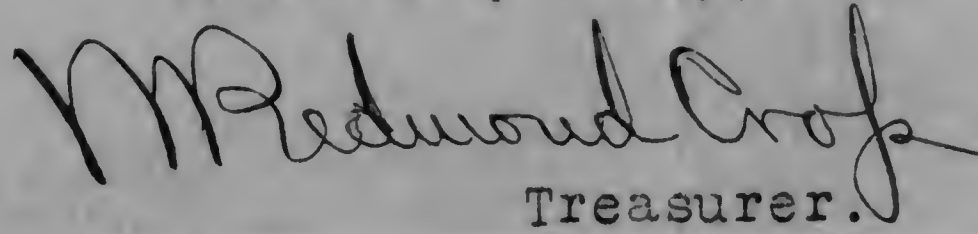
BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
W. REDMOND CROSS
TREASURER
33 PINE STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 26th, 1917.

Dear Dr. Merriam:--

I am in receipt of your cheque for \$10.00, which has been applied to the fund for introducing mountain goats on Admiralty Island and for which please accept my thanks.

Yours very truly,


Treasurer.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

No. 1919 - 16th St.,

Washington, D. C.

Boone and Crockett Club

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, ex-officio

CHARLES SHELDON
WILLIAM K. DRAPER
GEORGE L. HARRISON, JR.
WINTHROP CHANLER
DR. ALEXANDER LAMBERT
MORGAN DAVIS

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OFFICERS

President

W. AUSTIN WADSWORTH OF NEW YORK

Vice-Presidents

ARNOLD HAGUE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL OF NEW YORK ARCHIBALD ROGERS OF NEW YORK
WALTER B. DEVEREUX OF COLORADO MADISON GRANT OF NEW YORK

Secretary

HENRY G. GRAY
49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

Treasurer

W. REDMOND CROSS
33 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

49 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

GAME PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

CHARLES SHELDON, Chairman
J. WALTER WOOD
W. REDMOND CROSS
EDWARD HUBERT LITCHFIELD
CHARLES H. TOWNSEND
E. W. NELSON
ALEXANDER LAMBERT

Advisory Members
GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL
LEWIS RUTHERFORD MORRIS

February 9, 1917.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 7th enclosing Boone and Crockett Club Year Book for 1904. It is the only copy that I have seen and I shall keep it in our files.

Very truly yours,

Henry G. Gray,
per A.C.H.

G/EH/P

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
16~~th~~ BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary

April 18, 1927.

Recd. May 5, 1927

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

Dear Sir:-

The Executive Committee of the Boone and
Crockett Club recently passed a resolution requesting
members of the club to advise the secretary as to the
trips they may have made during the past year, and
also as to the hunting trips contemplated during the
year to come.

It is felt that the Club ought to keep in
touch with the activities of its member, and we trust
that you will find time to let us know of your plans.

Faithfully yours,

Kenneth Roosevelt

Secretary.

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
ELEVEN BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Recd. May 3, 1929

Office of the Secretary

April 29, 1929

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

Dear Sir:

We find on revising the records of the Boone & Crockett Club that the Year Book for 1918 is missing in an otherwise complete set. Will you be kind enough to make a search among your papers and see whether you have a copy of this 1918 Year Book.

In case you have one, we will greatly appreciate your sending it to the office of the Secretary, Eleven Broadway, New York.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Chanler
Assistant Secretary

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
ONE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary

March 27, 1936

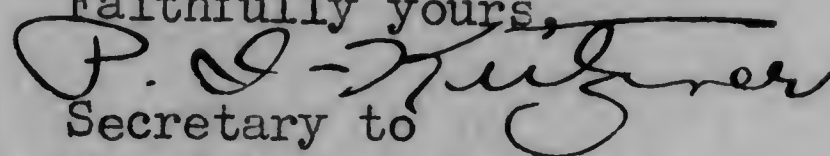
Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In Mr. Roosevelt's absence, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to him with regard to Dr. Witmer Stone of Philadelphia.

If Mr. Roosevelt has not returned when the next Executive Committee Meeting is held, I shall see that your letter is properly presented.

Faithfully yours,


Secretary to
Mr. Kermit Roosevelt

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary
49 Wall Street.

May 10, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 29th concerning the membership in the Boone and Crockett Club of Richard Borden.

Borden has been nominated for membership but I shall record your letter as a seconding letter, which I am sure will carry much weight in securing his election to the Club.

Very truly yours,

DSJr/AS.

Dean Sage Jr

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
BANK BUILDING
NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary
49 Wall Street

November 7, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Merriam:

At the beginning of the year your committee wrote you that at the annual meeting of the Boone and Crockett Club last December it was voted to give the members the opportunity of underwriting the cost of preparation of the Alaskan Brown Bear Group in the Hall of North American Mammals of the American Museum of Natural History.

Having collected \$7,600 of the \$10,000 required for the preparation of the group, from sixty-one members, your committee is now appealing to you again to help in raising the balance of \$2,400.

Because of the importance given this group, it seems most appropriate that it be sponsored by the united membership of the Club.

It is hoped that every member will take some part, however small, in making this group a strictly Boone and Crockett Club gift to the Museum.

Cheques should be made out to the order of the American Museum of Natural History, thereby making them deductible for income tax purposes, and sent to Mr. W. Redmond Cross, Treasurer, 90 Broad St., New York City, so that your committee may report full acceptance of the preparation of this group at the annual meeting in December.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Derby

Drum can P. Ellsworth

For the Committee.

Pro. sent Nov. 14, 1938

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB

W. R. CROSS, TREAS.
90 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 15, 1938

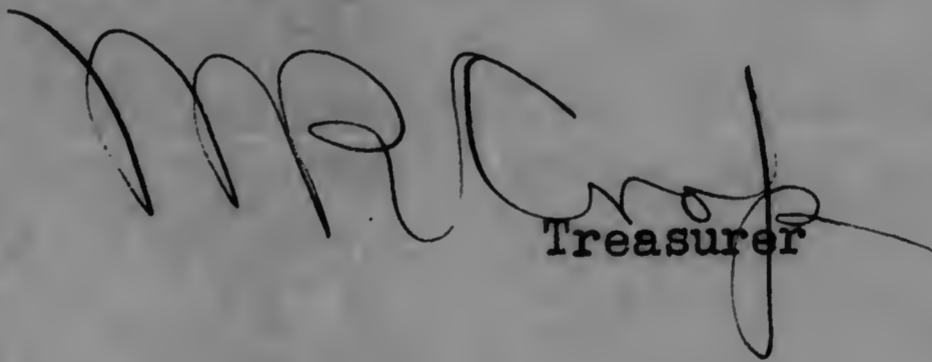
Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$20.00, solicited by the Boone and Crockett Club, to the American Museum of Natural History, toward the cost of the Brown Bear Group for the new Hall of North American Mammals. This will be forwarded to the Museum in due course.

It is understood that the Boone and Crockett Club acts as an agent of the American Museum of Natural History for the collection of this money. If for any reason the Group cannot be completed the amount of your contribution will be returned to you by the Museum.

Very truly yours,


Treasurer

BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB
49 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary

December 20, 1939.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
2590 Cedar Street,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have the honor to advise you that
at the annual meeting of the Boone and Crockett
Club held on December 8th, you were unanimously
elected a Vice-President of the Class of 1942.

Very truly yours,

DSJr/AS.

Dean Sage Jr

Borden, Daniel Leray, 1887 -

1916, n.d.

83/129

DAN. L. BORDEN, M. D.
1621 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 21, 1916

My dear Doctor,

I wish to thank you
for referring Mrs Clemmence
to me for medical attention.
I have seen her twice and hope
that I may be able to give
her relief from her present
illness.

Thanking you again,
I am
most sincerely
Yours,
Dan L. Borden

DANIEL L. BORDEN, M. D.
THE ROCHAMBEAU
815 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

You must have had a premonition of one of my greatest joys when you struck on the subject of fish.

The arrival of your book marked a real event in the Borden family. Two boys, ages six and four, one on each side of their father, went through that wonderful book from cover to cover. It is indeed a treasure!

At Chamout, during the

DANIEL L. BORDEN, M. D.
THE ROCHAMBEAU
815 CONNECTICUT AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

summer months we spend many happy hours in an effort to induce the small mouth blackbass to take our bait. It is and has been one of my favorite sports.

Needless to say your book received the warmest kind of a reception and the thought that directed it to our home is one that will be remembered always.

With grateful appreciation and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, I am,
most sincerely,
Daniel L. Borden

Boston Society of Natural History

1885-1912

By Charles S. Minot and Frederic T. Lewis

83/129
L

BOSTON SOCIETY
OF
NATURAL HISTORY.
BOSTON, U. S. A.

No.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb'y 24th, 1885

Dr C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to
inform you that at the meeting of
The Boston Society of Natural History
held in the District you were duly elected
a Corresponding Member.

Hoping that the relation thus established
may be as agreeable to you as it is to the
Society, I am

With great respect

Your Obedt Servant

J. L. Abbott Secy. Soc. B. S. H.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,

No.

Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.,

Feb. 26th 1912

My dear Dr Merriam,

In accordance with authority given me by vote of the Council of this Society I request you to serve as our representative to promote a bill serving the essential purposes of a bill R. R. 36 now before Congress for the protection of migratory birds.

Dr F. J. Lewis is the Chairman of our Legislative Committee and you are requested to consult with him to determine such action on behalf of the Society as may be desirable.

Yours very truly
Charles S. Minot
President

To Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington
D. C.

Ans Feb 29/12.

Get Miller to Jan

Harvard Medical School,
Boston, Mass.,
Feb. 26, 1912.

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

My dear Sir:-

As Professor Minot has informed you, the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History has endorsed the principles of H. Bill 36, a copy of which is enclosed. Since Rep. John W. Weeks has requested that the Society be represented at the hearing on March 6th, the Council voted to appoint you ^{as} its delegate, and we hope that you can attend the hearing.

The bill at present is limited to game birds, and these are not defined in such a way that sandpipers, herons, and all the so-called marsh, beach, and shore birds are included. It seems to us that the bill should cover not only these, but all migratory birds, and we have written to Rep. Weeks, asking why it was not so drawn. He replies as follows, (letter of Feb. 22):-

"I do not think it is necessary, and probably not expedient, to limit the bill to migratory game birds. As the bill was originally introduced, however, it applied only to game birds. Mr. Shiras of Pennsylvania, when a Member of the House, was interested in this matter and limited his bill to game birds, and there have been some others who have thought it possible to make that limitation. I shall urge, however, that it apply to all migratory birds when the matter comes before the Committee."

Our Society approves of this change.

Sec. 3, beginning with line 15, provides, "That nothing herein contained shall ^{be} deemed to interfere with the local laws of the States and Territories for the protection of game localized within their borders." If this provision means that a State can provide a long, open-season on game localized within its borders, which cannot be interfered with by this act, the act will be of no effect. Rep. Weeks writes - "Our great difficulty is to find a Constitutional warrant for this legislation. I think otherwise it meets with very general approval." In an editorial in the Transcript (Feb. 16) it is said, "Perhaps this latter clause (the one under discussion) will be relied on to save the bill from any serious challenge of its constitutionality." We would suggest that this clause be amended to read - "Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to lessen or diminish the protection afforded by the local laws of the States and Territories ^{to} ~~of~~ game found within their borders." ^(etc. as printed) We do not ask to have this amendment offered, ^(unless you think it desirable) since conditions which led to inserting the clause are not understood; but it seems clear that the clause in question requires revision for reasons which we have pointed out.

I shall be very glad to receive any suggestions from you in regard to modifications in the bill. These will be considered by our legislative committee of which Dr. C. W. Townsend is the ornithologist. In matters of legislation we keep in close touch with Mr. William Brewster, Mr. Charles F. Batchelder, and Dr. G. M. Allen.

Respectfully yours,

Frederic B. Lewis M.D.

Chairman.


Ans'd Feb 29/12

Bowler, Alida C

1928-1936

Some written on behalf of the
U.S. Office of Indian Affairs

83/24
C



With the
Season's Greetings
and
much happiness
to you.

Acad.

My dear Dr. Merriam, -
Tho' my present
"job" is overwhelming
and absorbs all of my
time and attention my
thoughts do stray often
to the Indian life struggle.
If strictly personal
preference could guide
us I would be with
you in the Indian field.
Please remember me to
your wife and daughter.
Best wishes -
Alida C. Fowler

Recd. Dec 27, 1928 con

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
May 28, 1935

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Lagunitas, California

My dear Dr. Merriam:

When I came home Saturday afternoon and discovered you had dropped in but had been unable to wait, I was very much disappointed. I should like to have seen you and talked with you about a great many things. I hope you will be able to keep your promise to come back again sometime this summer. If you can let me know ahead of time I will certainly be right here. My territory is the entire northern half of the State and, of course, I am away from headquarters a great deal of the time. I am finding the work intensely interesting and having a grand time doing it.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

ACB/gcp

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Amended June 9, 1935

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
June 3, 1935

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Lagunitas, California

Dear Dr. Merriam:

It was pleasant to have your letter and to know that you may get back up in this region this summer. I assure you we will do everything we can to find the right people among the Washoes and the Paiutes so that you can obtain information which you want. The Washoes are, as you know, located quite close to the school here and we would be very glad to have you stay with us while you make your contacts with them. I think you might find your best Paiute informants on the Pyramid Lake Reservation which is about 80 miles away from here. There are one or two old Paiutes at the Indian Colony at Reno who might serve your purposes, but I do think it would be well worth your time to spend a couple of days at Pyramid Lake Reservation. If you could let us know about when you would like to see these old folks, we would be glad to talk to them and make arrangements for you.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

ACB/gcp

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE
Carson Indian Agency,
Stewart, Nevada.

*Answered
6/14/35*

June 11, 1935.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am leaving today for a field trip which will take me away from the agency for the rest of this week. Before starting, I wish to let you know that we shall be delighted to have you come and stay here at the agency. We have a comfortable guest room in our Officers' Club which you may occupy and there is also a room in our Home Economics Building for Miss Car. The two men in your party can obtain rooms at Carson City, which is about three miles distant. You and Miss Car may also board at our Officers' Club. The rate there is about 35¢ per meal, unless you wish to take all of your meals there in which case the rate will be about \$17.00 per month.

I shall be back here again either the night of June 14th or 15th and expect to be here following that time, but if you should arrive in my absence, Mrs. Ault, the reception clerk in the main office will look after you and see that you are comfortably located. If you should arrive outside of office hours, she can be found at her apartment on the west side of the grounds.

I am certainly looking forward to your stay here with us.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler
Alida C. Bowler,
Superintendent.

ACB:A

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
July 31, 1935

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Lagunitas, California

Dear Dr. Merriam:

It was very thoughtful indeed of you to send me your book of Mewan myths. I shall enjoy it myself very much and I know that many others here at the school will get pleasure out of it. I am particularly glad that you autographed it for me.

I hope that you have been having a pleasant summer and that you will come this way again. It is always nice to have you drop in.

Please remember me to your very able and attractive secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

ACB/gcp

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
March 2, 1936

Recd. April 10, 1936 - dm

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am sending you herewith a copy of some correspondence which I think you may find of interest. We are very enthusiastic about the possibilities in the research described in the attached papers. If you find it interesting and can do anything to help us obtain funds to carry on this work from any source whatever, we would be delighted to have your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

gcp.

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
February 11, 1936

Honorable Henry A. Wallace
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Request for Funds for Research

Dear Mr. Wallace:

On behalf of the Indian Botanical Institute Committee of Nevada I am sending you herewith an application for funds for research work to be carried on in Nevada as soon as support can be found for it. It is our understanding that you now have available for grants for research work certain appropriated moneys. We are most hopeful that you will see merit in this project, which we believe to be eminently sound and promising of beneficial results.

Should you wish further data of some particular kind, please give us the opportunity to supply it. Dr. Carl A. Alsberg and Professor Paul J. Hanzlik of Stanford University have both been consulted and have expressed genuine interest. You might wish to consult them with reference to our application.

The Committee will eagerly await some word from you as to whether or not there is any hope of favorable consideration of the application.

Respectfully yours,

Alida C. Bowler,
Secretary, Indian Botanical
Institute Committee

ACB/gcp
enc :

APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR RESEARCH WORK

By - THE INDIAN BOTANICAL INSTITUTE
Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
February 11, 1936.

The Indian Botanical Institute is an organization whose present activities are sponsored and directed by the Indian Botanical Institute Committee, whose members are,-

Charles L. Tranter, M.D., Arcade Building, Reno, Nevada.
(Chairman)
Alida C. Bowler, M.A., Superintendent, Carson Indian
Agency, Stewart, Nevada. (Secretary)
Philip A. Lehenbauer, Ph.D., Professor, Biology Department,
University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.
Ross B. Wiley, Ph.D., Principal, Carson Indian School,
Stewart, Nevada.
Meredith R. Miller, M.S., Associate Research Professor of
Agricultural Chemistry, University
of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.
S. Allan Lough, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry,
University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

The Institute has been in operation since June, 1935. A brief history of its organization and its activities to date, prepared by Professor Lehenbauer and Mr. Henrichs, the Botanist-in-charge, is attached. So far the Institute has been entirely dependent for its operation on F.E.R.A. and W.P.A. These emergency Administrations have supplied from their unemployed non-manual workers the Institute personnel. It has been, and is considered one of the most successful and the most valuable of their projects. It is believed that the Institute should now be placed on a sound basis for research work as a continuing project. The Institute Committee therefore respectfully submits herewith a budget for a twelve-month period, and asks that it be given careful and favorable consideration.

BUDGET

- I. For botanical activities -----\$6,000.00
- To continue collecting, classifying, making proper records, and submitting for laboratory examination plants native to the Great Basin, known to have been used medicinally, or for food, by the Indians.
 - To lay out, and plant the botanical gardens at the Carson Indian School at Stewart, Nevada, where forty acres are available for the Institute's use, so as to have in readiness for laboratory research work plant specimens in sufficient quantity, under observed soil and climatic conditions, and at different stages of development.

To get in touch with well-informed older Indians in order to pick up data, much of it as yet unrecorded, about Indian uses of plants native to the Great Basin, working in close cooperation with Indian Service personnel at the Carson Indian School and Agency, and throughout the Great Basin area, in order to locate all possible sources of authentic information.

Budget detail -

A. Personnel -----\$4,000.00
 Botanist-in-charge ----\$2,000.00
 Part-time clerk ----- 600.00
 Laborers ----- 1,400.00
B. Equipment, supplies, etc. ----- 400.00
C. Utility shop and fencing ----- 600.00
D. Miscellaneous expense in connection
 with making Indian contacts, coll-
 ecting plants and seeds, etc. ---1,000.00

II. For chemical research work ----- \$2,500.00

To make chemical analyses of, and seek to isolate compounds from the plant materials made available through the botany unit. Laboratory space available in the Department of Chemistry, University of Nevada.

Budget detail -

A. Personnel; 1 research assistant ---\$2,000.00
B. Equipment, supplies and materials 500.00

III. For pharmacological experiments----- \$3,500.00

To seek to determine through laboratory tests the medicinal value, if any, in plants, or in chemical compounds from plants said to have been used medicinally by Indians, in the Great Basin area.

Budget detail -

A. Personnel; 1 research assistant -- \$2,000.00
B. Equipment, supplies and materials 1,500.00

(Conferences with representatives of Stanford University indicate that if funds for this pharmacological work can be obtained it may be possible to obtain space in the Stanford Laboratories, with all the advantages that means in the way of technical direction and resources. However, if they are as crowded as at present it would probably be necessary to find a supplementary allotment of \$8,000.00 to make certain building alterations that would enlarge their laboratory accommodations. This is Professor Hanzlik's estimate of cost.)

IV. Summary - total budget requirements ----- \$12,000.00
 In botanical activities ----- \$6,000.00
 In chemical activities ----- 2,500.00
 In pharmacological experiments 3,500.00

ADMINISTRATION

If funds are made available so that the Institute's work may be continued after W.P.A. personnel is withdrawn administrative responsibility should be centered in a Board of Directors, which would include the present Institute Committee members together with representatives from any other cooperating institution in which research assistants were given laboratory space and technical supervision. The Committee is more than willing to accept any suggestions or to conform to any requirements in the matter of administrative control that those allotting funds for such research projects may deem desirable.

RESUME OF INSTITUTE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- I. Research in printed material. Sources, - books, pamphlets, technical journals, scientific publications, etc. Some 25,000 cards have been prepared and filed. These contain the botanical name of the plant, the common name, the Indian name, the Indian tribe reported to have used it, and the use to which it was put. There are approximately 5,000 different plants represented on these 25,000 cards, all recorded as having been used medicinally by some group of Indians. They represent approximately 8,000 different curative uses.
- II. Preparation of a list of these medicinal-use plants that are to be found in Nevada.
- III. Collecting seeds of such Nevada plants, cleaning and storing these seeds in 8-dram, metal screw-cap vials. About 250 plants with seed collected, and of this number about 100 vials of different seed cleaned and ready for use have been prepared. These are destined for planting in the Botanical Gardens.
- IV. Separate cataloging by the name of the disease for the relief of which the plants were said to have been used.

JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF INSTITUTE'S WORK

- I. No planned scientific study has ever been conducted looking toward a thorough exploratory review of possible medicinal values in plants reported to have been successfully employed by the American Indian in treating disease. Many remedies now in common use were discovered by white medical men as a result of some contact with Indian practices. It seems not unlikely that a careful scientific survey of the field would discover still others of considerable beneficial value.

- II. The older American Indians, who still possess a considerable body of knowledge of plant uses, discovered painstakingly by scores of generations of their ancestors, are rather rapidly passing out of the picture. They are not to any great extent, in the Great Basin at least, passing this knowledge on to the younger generation. Unless a sincere, dignified, and respectful attempt is soon made to persuade them to share this knowledge it will be lost to mankind.
- III. The Great Basin offers rich and relatively unexplored opportunities for scientific studies of this description. Native wild plants are relatively abundant and undisturbed in many places and are still being used medicinally by Indians native to the region, sometimes with results surprising to white observers.
- IV. Local representatives of the U.S. Indian Service, and the University of Nevada are actively interested in the project, and are ready to cooperate and to contribute space and other facilities. Laboratory men of outstanding importance in the pharmacological field, working in San Francisco and vicinity, are interested and will cooperate, probably to the extent of finding space and supplying some technical supervision to a research assistant in that field.
- V. Initial research has already been done. The next step should be the laying out and planting of the Indian Botanical Gardens at the Carson Indian School, where land and some labor to be contributed by the very much interested Indian students are available. But the work cannot go on unless funds are forthcoming to employ, on a more certain basis than a W.P.A. payroll, a botanist to plan and supervise the work.
- VI. Chemical studies, for which plant material is already collected, should be instituted. Pharmacological experiments should be started within a relatively short time after the chemical work gets under way. Or even sooner, since much material is already available for use in such laboratory work.
- VII. In addition to the probability that scientific research of this character would discover and make available new chemical compounds with true therapeutic values, other benefits should accrue. Plant collecting would offer a means of supplementing the utterly inadequate incomes of a certain number of Indian families in the area. Experiments might demonstrate that certain indigenous plants with commercial value could be cultivated as an additional crop by Indian or white ranchers in favorable localities.

Species of considerable commercial value, now imported from other countries where they grow under soil and climatic conditions similar to those of the Great Basin, might be successfully introduced and cultivated.

INDIAN BOTANICAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

(Sgd.) CHARLES L. TRANTER, M.D.

(Sgd.) ALIDA C. BOWLER

(Sgd.) P.A. LEHENBAUER

(Sgd.) ROSS B. WILEY

(Sgd.) M.R. MILLER

(Sgd.) S. ALLAN LOUGH

A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE
INDIAN BOTANICAL INSTITUTE

By

Professor P.A. Lehenbauer,
Biology Dept., U. of Nevada.

Early in the summer of 1935 there came to my office a Dr. Tranter to discuss with me the subject of medicinal plants. Dr. Tranter is interested in medicinal plants from the pharmacological and medical view points. As a botanist, I was much interested in this group of plants largely due to the fact that for a number of years, from time to time, specimens of plants of purported medicinal value either have been brought to me in person or sent to me for identification and for information in regard to their use. The statement usually made in regard to such plants is that they were or are being used by the medicine men of the native tribes of Indians for the cure of certain ailments or diseases.

Dr. Tranter and the writer agreed that our present knowledge pertaining to plants used by the Indians of the Great Basin was perhaps not only fragmentary but also incomplete and that an effort should be made to study carefully and systematically all the published data in regard to the medicinal plants of the Great Basin and assemble this data in useable form.

This discussion occurred at the time when efforts were being made to find work for so-called white-collar unemployed. It occurred therefor to us that a study of the scientific literature dealing with plants used by the Western American Indians, and particularly with those plants indigenous to the Great Basin, would be a worth while project in that it would not only employ a number of people in need of work but also give us much desired and useful information.

With this in mind it was decided to interview Miss Bowler, the Superintendent of the Stewart Office of Indian affairs at Stewart, Nevada. Not only did Miss Bowler manifest much interest in the project, but she whole-heartedly offered her help and cooperation in the project. The project was then presented to the local office of the F.E.R.A. which organization agreed to provide funds for labor and to provide such trained unemployed as were available.

We were most fortunate to obtain at this time, the services of Mr. James Henrichs, who was unemployed at this time, to undertake the supervision of the work. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada, with a major in botany and has had a year of graduate work in botany in the University of Illinois. Mr. Henrichs was provided with space in the botanical laboratory and initially with the services of two typists. Later, at the opening of school work in August, the University thru its president Dr. Clark, provided him with quarters in the vacated chemistry building. There the project has grown until several rooms are being occupied and as many as 14 people have been given steady employment.

Mr. Henrichs has been working conscientiously with his group of men and women, looking up references in the literature, making card indexes for permanent file and in many cases abstracting scientific articles in journals borrowed from libraries outside the state. He has prepared also a list of plants now growing wild in Nevada which plants have been reported in the literature as having been used medicinally by certain Indian tribes. Under his direction and supervision a number of University students, receiving Federal aid, have been collecting seeds of many native Nevada plants in sufficient quantities for planting. It is planned to grow plants from these seeds in a plant garden in sufficient quantity so that intensive research can be carried out from the standpoint of culture, chemical compounds and pharmacological effects.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE INDIAN
BOTANICAL INSTITUTE

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
MEDICINAL PLANT GARDEN

The committee, consisting of Dr. Tranter, Miss Bowler, Dr. Wiley, the Principal of the Indian School at Stewart and the writer have decided that in connection with the study of the literature dealing with plants used by the Indians a garden in which native plants could be grown for study was most desirable. For such a garden Miss Bowler and Dr. Wiley have offered for use a tract of uncleared sagebrush land, approximately 40 acres in size, lying immediately to the west of the Carson Indian School. It is hoped that this land may be cleared and prepared for planting by means of W.P.A. unemployed labor, early in the year. This garden would provide plant material for chemical analysis and the isolation of compounds for research in pharmacology. In addition much important information could be acquired on culture methods of native plants and on the relations of environment factors to chemical composition.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Investigations in regard to the composition of plants and studies directed towards the use of plants in medicine offer opportunities for fruitful results. This is particularly true of many plants growing wild in the Great Basin. That many of these plants contain useful compounds which have curative properties can hardly be doubted. The Indian medicine men have used plants for the treatment of diseases for many years and even now they depend upon them almost entirely for the relieving of pain and for the elimination of infection. Many plants are used by the medicine men which are not reported as of medicinal use in the literature. Little is known scientifically about the compounds contained in these plants and perhaps still less of the pharmacological effects of them. Many plants too are listed in the literature as having been used by medicine men for the treatment of certain diseases of which not much is known scientifically. Biochemical and pharmacological studies in many instances have not been made. Such studies, if made, would no doubt result in the discovery of many useful compounds in medicine.

A number of analytical studies of plants indigenous to the Great Basin have been made in recent years in the University of Nevada. Dr. Maxwell Adams, in charge of the laboratories of organic chemistry has been interested in the essential oils of desert plants. His investigations, though not carried out primarily from the viewpoint of medicinal compounds have, nevertheless, made available oils and other compounds of these plants in sufficient quantity which may be used for further studies. These oils and other substances are now in storage and are available to us whenever the services of a biochemist are placed at our disposal.

The Great Basin also offers opportunities for fruitful research because there are many areas where the flora of native wild plants is still relatively abundant and undisturbed. Here too, the medicine man is still carrying on. The medicine man is rapidly going out of existence and with his passing much information no doubt will be lost. The medicine man, by nature and perhaps from experience, is secretive towards the white man, yet he will give information if tactfully and judiciously approached. Efforts should be directed to make sympathetic contact with the medicine men in order to obtain some of their knowledge in regard to the medicinal use of native plants. This information may be of use and bear fruit if carried through careful and systematic channels of scientific research.

LASTLY

The Great Basin offers also many opportunities in botanical research. This is particularly true in regard to the ecological aspects of medicinal plants. The Indian medicine man apparently not only knows which plant to use, but also where to collect it and at what period of its development. It is known to botanists that certain chemical compounds develop in the plant only during certain stages of its development. The relations of soils and of other factors in climate operating above the soil in relation to the development of plant compounds is one which needs further investigation. The Great Basin is characterized by many soil types and varied climates. An important ecological factor in the development of medicinal compounds in plants may be found to be caused by the abundance of actinic rays prevailing in the climate of the Great Basin. A medicinal plant garden, for growing indigenous plants under natural conditions would, therefore be most desirable. In this connection it is of interest to note that Ephedra, the Chinese Ma-Huang furnishes an important medicinal compound, ephedrine, much used by our medical profession. This Ma-Huang plant Ephedra intermedia is a native of certain parts of China from which country it is imported into this country. Yet, we have growing in the Great Basin 4 to 6 species of Ephedra. Investigations carried out by commercial drug companies have not found ephedrine in our native species, and will be found if re-investigated from the viewpoint of soils, altitude, and stage of development of the plant. An analytical study of several plants in one of our university laboratories has revealed one single specimen to have an alkaloid ephedrine.

IN CONCLUSION

A series of investigations of our native Indian medicinal plants should be instituted. These investigations should consist in studies pertaining to the cultural requirements from the standpoint of soils and climate. Also biochemical studies should be made of the compounds produced by these plants. For these studies plants should be grown in sufficient quantity in a plant garden. Lastly the chemical compounds should be investigated from the pharmacological viewpoint to determine their value in medicine.

RESEARCH IN THE LITERATURE PERTAINING TO PLANTS
USED IN MEDICINE BY NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS

The Institute has been in operation since June 5, 1935. From June 5, 1935 to October 28, 1935 this work was carried on under an F.E.R.A. White Collar project. From October 28th to the present time the project has been under W.P.A. direction. The staff is now complete with 14 members supplemented by 15 students under the National Youth Movement.

The research material is gathered from books, publications, pamphlets, journals, these and other sources where this material may be found. The material is then typed on paper ready for transferring to 3" x 5" plain cards. Each card represents one plant listing the Botanical name, the Common name, Indian name, Indian tribe, reference from which it was obtained and finally the use to which the plant was employed. These cards are then filed according to the systematic classification of plants. Those plants whose names are longer and more detailed than can go on a 3" x 5" card are typed on 32 C grade 8½" x 11" paper and filed according to the system of classification as are the smaller cards. Each card and each paper are typed in triplicates. There are now on hand approximately 25,000 cards representing some 8000 different remedies and cures. There are approximately 5,000 different plants represented which are purported to have medicinal properties. The Institute has made a list of medicinal plants to be found in Nevada and are collecting seeds of these plants and placing the cleaned seed in 8 dram, metal screw cap vials in preparation for the planting program this spring. The Institute has on hand some 250 plants with seed and of this number approximately 100 vials of different seeds are cleaned and ready for use.

One member of the staff is giving a series of talks to the children of the Carson Indian School in an endeavor to make contacts with our local groups of Indians and learn of the plants used by them for medicinal purposes. The children of the Indian School have already given some material on this subject and are most willing to cooperate and to collect seeds, plants and such information as is desired. The same member will also contact medicine men of the local tribes on the various reservations in an attempt to collect the plants used by them for medicinal purposes.

Material is also being collected on the growing of medicinal plants and on the various properties purported to be found in the plants which are used in medicine. This material is also filed and ready for reference work at any time.

A list of plants used in various diseases is also kept. Filing not only under the Botanical name, but also under the diseases for which they are used. This is more or less of a list for particular diseases.

(By) James R. Henrichs
Botanist-in-Charge.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FIELD SERVICE

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
April 22, 1936

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

Subject: Indian Botanical Institute.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I was very happy to have your letter of April 10. I really do feel that the Indian Botanical Institute work can be of genuine significance if we can only obtain the necessary support. I read your letter at the Committee meeting Friday. Professor Lehenbauer, Head of the Botany Department at the University of Nevada, was very much in sympathy with your comments about the necessity for painstaking identification of the desert plants. He is constantly confronted with unscientific and hasty botanical work throughout the Great Basin.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter going forward today to Pearl Chase which is self-explanatory. If you have any suggestions at all as to sources from which financial help for the coming year might be sought in order to keep the project going and to start the gardens themselves, we will be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

ACB/gcp
enc:

Carson Indian Agency
Stewart, Nevada
April 22, 1936

Miss Pearl Chase
209 East Canon Perdido St.
Santa Barbara, California

Subject: Indian Botanical Institute.

Dear Miss Chase:

Since you saw Mr. Collier in Los Angeles you may know more about the possibility of obtaining funds for our Indian Botanical Institute than we do. All we know is that the Department of Agriculture states that they cannot allow any money for research in that field this year, although they are genuinely interested and hope that some way may be found to do it another year.

Meanwhile we hate very much to see the work lapse. We particularly wanted to be able to carry on the botanical activities and to get the gardens started this year here at the Carson Indian School. If you still have the memorandum which we sent you earlier you have a brief summary of what was contemplated and the amount we felt would be required.

At a meeting of the Committee last Friday we decided to try to see whether it might not be possible to obtain contributions from private individuals or possibly from some foundation to insure the continuance of the work after W.P.A. withdrew. W.P.A. is so uncertain that we still do not know whether they will be able to continue the Indian Botanical Institute staff (at present consisting of about twelve people) after July 1. If not we would give a great deal to be able to have a sufficient sum to retain the botanist-in-charge and give him some laborer help and a part-time clerk, if nothing more.

I thought you might possibly be in a position to advise us as to individuals who might be interested to contribute to such a project. We are pretty far from any possible sources of financial support here in Nevada, although there are two or three persons here who will probably be approached. I, personally, have so many other pressing things on hand that I can't seem to find any time to do much about this, such as I hate to see it go to pieces or even have to lapse for a year. It takes time to get botanical gardens started and we do have an intensely interested and efficient personnel whom we should hate to lose.

Sincerely yours,

Alida C. Bowler
Superintendent

ACB/gcp

Boyce, Jack J.

1873-1874

83/129
c

Utica May 14. 73

My dear friend
Your favor
came to hand yesterday
and I enquired at sev-
eral places about irons.
They are not kept at any
store in Utica, but I
have written to New York
asking price, style &c
and shall hear in
a few days.
At one Blacksmith-
shop they offered to

make the ropes alone
for \$3. and I suppose
the leather straps &c would
cost one or two dollars
more.

However one man who
is a good workman
will (I think) do it at a
more reasonable rate.

The pair I have used
were made for telegraph
men. and I think
they are sold for two or
three dollars.

I will advise you as
soon as I hear from
New York and will
enquire further about the
matter in the city.

I have
spe
wh
by
My
been
that
sen
as
be a
mu
spe
mo
awa
the
mu
rec

alone
those
would
class
who
aw.
to a
ate.
used
telegraph
ok
two or
as
some
ill
to the

I have selected a few
specimens for you
which I will send
by express tomorrow
My collection has not
been moved yet, so
that I could not
send quite as many
as I desired. I will
be able to give you a
number of the Florida
species in about two
months as I made
arrangements while
there for obtaining
numbers of them, cost-
rectly named, &c

The list of my collection was composed partially from memory as I had not time to visit it, but is substantially correct.

I send you eggs of *Plotus Ankinga* Linn. As you remarked I believe that your specimen was from

the *Cyanocitta Florida* and

I consider quite a treasure and hope you will like it.

Hoping that you may be successful in your collections this season

I remain

Very truly yours

J. J. Dyer

M
P
C
an
era
The
sh
have
ask
an
a
Al-
sh

Utica May 19

1873

My dear Friend
I received word from New York that Spring steel chisels were worth \$3.50 cast steel \$4.50 which with express would make cost ~~four~~ and five dollars. A man here who makes lithograph instruments said he would make a pair complete ~~for~~ four or five dollars, but could not tell

nearest, and wanted me
to order them at once as
it might be some time
before they would be
furnished.

The address of the firm
in New York is S. G.
Tillotson No. 8 B'way St.
so you might order
direct if you think best.
If you wish I will
order you a pair made
here or do any thing
else in the matter
which you desire.

I
re
I
hope
I
for
with
a
egg

to me
ce as
is true
be
firm
L. G.
y st.
der
best
will
in male
ting
e.

I suppose you have
received the dog which
I sent last week and
hope in good condition.
I went into the field
for the first time yes-
terday and found
a nest of six ~~Phoebes~~
eggs and five Crows.

Yours truly

J. J. Boyce

Utica June 8, 1873

My dear friend I have been
unable to reply to your last
letter until today when an
opportunity - offers but - I am
almost - sorry that - I am not
in the field as the weather
is delightful and the season
at its height.

My eggs from Florida were
collected on islands or the
main shore, along the coast
for a distance of thirty - or forty
miles, in a southerly distribu-
tion from Tampa Bay, on the West-

coast of Florida. The *A. herodias*
and *P. quinga* were collected
by me on the eleventh day of
March from nests placed in
trees which grew in a swamp
where the water was waist
deep. There is the complement of
the former and five after four
of the latter. The *hem. rufa* was
found on ~~the~~ April tenth on
an island covered by red man
graves. The nests which were
numerous were about twelve
feet from the ground, three
eggs were the most found in
any one nest. The *H. egretta*
were taken March ninth by a
naturalist of reliability who
gave me three specimens and also

The
birds
of
said
the
sent
abo
be
them
The
is
shot
ing
four
of
which
be
but
short

herodias
lected
lay of
ced in
amp
ist
ut of
lous
ta was
th on
dman
ese
twelve
there
d in
etta
by a
who
d also

The egg of *C. floridana*, which
bird builds about the first
of April. I am sorry to
say that I have mislaid
the list of the eggs which I
sent you so I can not tell
about the others. Will you
be good enough to mention
them when you write again.
The egg which I sent to you
is that of *A. herodias*, for I
shot one of the birds belong-
ing to one of three nests
found near together.
I found one set of eggs
which I thought might
be those of *A. Nordmannii*,
but as I was unable to
shoot the bird offourse I

Utica June 8, 1873

My dear friend I have been
unable to reply to your last
letter until today when an
opportunity offers but I am
almost sorry that I am not
in the field as the weather
is delightful and the season
at its height.

My eggs from Florida were
collected on islands or the
main shore, along the coast
for a distance of thirty or forty
miles, in a southerly direct-
ion from Tampa Bay, on the West

coast of Florida. The *A. herodias*
and *P. kinga* were collected
by me on the eleventh day of
March from nests placed in
trees which grew in a swamp
where the water was waist
deep. There is the complement of
the former and five or four
of the latter. The *Rem. sufa* was
found on ~~the~~ April tenth on
an island covered by red man
graves the nests which were
numerous were about twelve
feet from the ground, these
eggs were the most found in
any one nest. The *H. egretta*
were taken March ninth by a
naturalist of reliability who
gave me these specimens and also

The egg
bird
of Ap
say
the
sent
about
be go
them
The egg
is the
shot
my
found
of for
which
be
but a
short

A. herodias
collected
day of
of
ced in
camp
exist
out of
four
ta was
th on
ed man
ere
twelve
of these
d in
retta
by a
who
nd also

The egg of C. Floridaana, which
bird builds about the first
of April. I am sorry to
say that I have mislaid
the list of the eggs which I
sent you so I cannot tell
about the others. Will you
be good enough to mention
them when you write again.
The egg which I sent to you
is that of A. herodias, for I
shot one of the birds belong-
ing to one of three nests
found near together.
I found one set of eggs
which I thought might
be those of A. Nordmannii,
but as I was unable to
shoot the bird of course I

do not assume it to be so.

I trust that your success has been as good as you expected, this season. I have always thought that the border of the Northwoods was rich in warblers and other rare birds.

I have written to two friends in Florida ~~to~~ from whom I expect to receive eggs but have not received any reply.

With my best wishes I remain

Very truly yours

J. D. Boyce

9
un
lea
opp
Ala
in
is
at
My
col
ma
for
ma
ion

Utica July 1. 73

My dear Merriam

I received the box of eggs from you last week, but have had no leisure to answer before. I was delighted with the box and feel highly pleased with the Western species which I value much. I must have ~~erred~~ in omitting from my list Colaptes auratus which I had in abundance.

The eggs of the *Leptothaga sub-*
acilla were quite accept-
able as I have tried very
hard for several seasons
to obtain them, without suc-
cess. What kind of bee
was this nest built in,
and how was it made?
There were two eggs both
woodpeckers (I should suppose)
marked 174 + 48. One
of them I suppose is the
C. auratus but the
other can not be *h. Penn-*
sylvanica. Neither of those
egg names are numbered
in the list sent a few days

before
let.
Have
spec
thro
Nov
of m
eggs
des
eggs
The
bird
whic
red
not
I th
in

before in your last let-
ter.

Have you a duplicate
specimen ^{of the egg} of *Pipilo ery-*
throphthalmus from a
Northern bird? A friend
of mine who gave me the
eggs as found in Fla. was
desirous of comparing the
eggs from both localities
The iris of the Southern
bird is uniformly yellow
while in the other it is
red. Did you ever
note the distinction?

I think the bird is rare
in this part of the State.

Can you give me any
idea when Prof. Baird's
book will be published
and what will be the
cost?

Who named *Z. aeneus*?

It is a bird that I do not
recognize nor can I find
any such mentioned on
Isthmian list.

Hoping that you may not
be overwhelmed by my
numerous questions &
remain

Very truly yours

H. J. Poyce

Ma
the
las
no
I
box
ed
whi
I
ing
let
in

Utica Aug 12. 73

My dear Missian
Yours very
kind invitation came
to hand yesterday but
I was so engaged that
I could not answer
in time for the mail.
I was too much en-
gaged to leave yester-
day and am apprehen-
sive that I cannot
leave this week, but

shall make a desperate
attempt - to get away
some day towards the
end of the week, as I
should be delighted
to come.

Whenever I can
leave I will let you
know the day before.

Hoping that you
are enjoying the
fine weather and
the height of rural
felicity - I remain
Sincerely yours J. J. Boyce

L 937
Utica Aug. 20

My dear Merriam, In accordance with your kind invitation I write to inform you that I will take the morning train on Friday of this week when I shall be able to be off for a day. I should have preferred to have come earlier in the week but could not

arrange to do so.

Hoping to see you at
that time and enjoy a
day in examining your
collections and breath-
ing once more the fresh
air of the country I
remain Sincerely yours

J. J. Boyce

Sunday Afternoon
Oct. 19, 1873

My dear friend
You have
reason to be surprised
that I have not written
before, but I shall not
burden you with excuses
to palliate the offense.
I remember hearing when
some what younger, that
when a person wrote an-
other they were supposed
to write the best they knew
how, and if they did so,

no excuses were necessary
and if not, no excuses
could pardon the offense.
So on the whole I am
not in favor of filling
the paper with defensive
testimony and the reader
with disgust.

I heard from your Pro-
ther that you was very
much pleased with
your school and life.
I always thought that
a career at boarding
school would be delight-
ful although it is some-
thing which I never ex-

perce
Are y
in so
enja
of wh
than
and
with
upon
or so
ish a
Have
who
has b
Omit
been
depa
am
to see

necessary
excuses
the affairs
our
filling
offensive
the reader
...
your Pro-
was very
with
d life-
all that
ending
e delight
is some-
ever ex-

perienced.
Are you interested any
in societies? I used to
enjoy the short triumph
of winning a debate more
than anything since
and often look back
with feelings of pleasure
upon a scene of initiation
or something equally as fool-
ish and important.
Have you found any one
^{who} has any inclination toward
Ornithology? I have not
been very active in that
department lately, but
am now preparing a box
to send to Florida and hope

Utica Dec. 14 1873

My dear Newman

Your last
has been for some time
~~unanswered~~ for which I must
apologize and excuse my-
self by saying that I
knew you have had a
vacation lately and so
I did not write =

I was in hopes too, of
being able to report pro-
gress from my cor-
respondent in Chicago

and
thing
out a
sily-
that
face
that-
ing
of that-
as no
a
as
e in
just
time
at the
to go
the
6
d. 4.
J. H. Boyce

to whom I sent a box of
eggs some weeks ago, but
I have heard nothing
from him and perhaps
he is in the South again
this Winter, if so, you
may be sure that we
shall reap some bene-
fit from the expedi-
tion. It is glad to know
that you were in the
shadow of Mount Tom
as I have a cousin
(quite artistic in taste)
who is a great admirer
of it, having spent a
Summer or two in its

vicin-
cites
tame
and
light
I wa
the a
faster
horro
my o
love
been
time
with
the f
What
you
(do, th
I dec

boxes
go, out
thing
back
again
can
we
line-
cti-
know
the
Tom
in
taste)
rises
Ga
to

vicinity, She always
cites it when discussing
Came Mountain scenery
and I have high ideas
of its beauties.
I was grieved to hear of
the death of your Grand
father, so well known and
honored in this region.
My own grandfather I
love dearly and have
been always more in-
timate with him than
with any one else in
the family -
What do you hear from
your brother, and how
do they enjoy sea voyaging?
I deeply regret that I was

unable to go with them, and
would look on any thing
as fortunate that would
give me an opportunity
to wander over a small
part of the Earth's surface.

I sometimes think that
I will leave everything
and start, but know that
"the rolling stone gathers no
moss" and moss is a
convenient - as well as
pleasant - thing to have in
one's pocket. You must

have had a pleasant time
in New York - if you went there
this vacation! I expect to go
to Lockport on the twentieth
and shall stay until
about New Year day and ex-

pect a fine time. Sincerely J. J. Boyce

My
has
un
ap
self
know
vac
I di
I wa
bein
me
how

Thomas Foster & Sons,

135 GENESEE ST.
S to 16 CHARLOTTE ST.

Thomas Foster,
Abbott Foster,
David S. Foster. }

Utica, N. Y.

April 6 1874

My dear Merriam

Yours last

I read with much pleasure
and I envied your
trip to Boston and vicin-
ity. It must have been
real pleasure to have visited
with those of such enthusiasm
and knowledge in a science
to which one is devoted.

Is Wm Brewster the ^{one} who has the
natural history store in
Boston, if so I have seen him
with my Grandfather Col. Jewett

TE ST.
874
Your acquaintance with Mr. Coues was another event.

I never read a more lucid, terse and logically developed essay on any science, than the "Introduction" to his "Key". It fascinated me more than any novel and I am sure that the writer must be grand.

The prospectus of Baird's new book shows it to be a fine thing and I regret that I am not able to secure it among my own.

I have become interested in exchanges of late and am quite anxious to obtain some

to
dupli-
avor
ser
ones?
whether
tunity-
is sum
not been
to ston
course
with
show
ay thing
copy-
soon
be
ed

P.S. Has Coles published a checklist according to his new

like to "rough it" as well

any one can.

Do you think Prof. Baird the
proper person to apply to?

Do you know of anything
not under the Smithsonian
new management?

What-kind of a man is
I Maynard?

I wrote him in regard to ex-
changes with out much rat-
ification! He'dal-he will a
book an Academy? And is
it valuable?

These papers are written before
breakfast-so you can judge
of my condition of mind.

Sincerely yours J. A. Reade

conferents with whom to
exchange my Florida Appli-
cations. Could you favor
me with any addresses
particulars? Helem's one?
I would like to know whether
you know of any opportunity
to join an expedition this sum-
mer. My health has not been
good; confined in the hospital
for I have been, and of course
whether as a first book or
if it could be sent - and I have
not been able to do any thing
with them since January.
I know that in our Boston
employ ment - would it
be beneficial and I

like to "rough it" as well
as any one can.
Do you think Prof. Baird the
proper person to apply to?
Do you know of any thing
not under the jurisdiction
(and management?)
of what-kind of a man
I may want?
I would like in regard to
exchange with out much
objection! What the writer
is worth an exchange? And is
it worth a while? I
have papers are worth the
best of what you can pick
of my collection of birds -
Sincerely yours
John Jay

Clermontville McKean Co Pa

May 10 1874

My dear Merriam

You may be a little surprised to see that I have changed my base and ^{am} now Anson of the mount-ain of Pennsylvania but such is the fact.

As you might have judged by my last I had been sick and disgusted with the hard-ware situation and have now embarked in the engine-ering avocation with a firm intention of studying the sci-ence and practicing the method of the craft.

I have the position of rod-
man in the present party

and have a very fine chance
to advance.

Of course the out-door life and
opportunities of looking after
birds, nests &c make the labor
a pleasure rather than a toil
and I have already found
one hawk's nest - not yet laid
in, and as soon as my
shooting traps arrive which I
expect daily - I shall try and
skin some birds which with
patience, practice and the
hints which Coues Field Ori-
thology give I expect to be
able to do -

As my time has been a good
deal occupied, and I have
not yet been about much,
I can't tell whether there are
any desiderata in this lo-
cality or not but suspect

that
will
This
fishing
grounds
to ha
I am
of the
will
hope
for
I did
of a
Or
ing
There
I am
ative
of the
feed
An
at the

ance
and
to Cabo
toil
ground
to laid
my
ch I
and
with
the
Qui-
t be
good
ave
ack,
are
is lo-
lect

that there is much that
will be new to me at least-
This is a glorious place for trout
fishing and when the weather
grows a little milder I expect
to have fine sport in angling-
Many thanks for the address
of the Colorado collector and
write to him today and
hope to effect some exchange
for Florida eggs-

Did you see any account
of a party exploring Lake
Orinoco^(?) and its surround-
ing swamps?

There was one letter in the N.Y.
Sun that was rather imagin-
ative I thought- It spoke
of the parasitical insects that
feed upon the brain of the Platys
Anhinga - This was news to me
although it may be known to science

tific individuals, as an
undisputed fact.

I trust that you will write
me frequently while I am here
as it seems as though I
was almost out of the world
the communications are so
scanty - only two mails a
week and hardly a house
within four or five miles -
It will be best however to just
send all letters to Lockport,
where my family now are and
they will forward here or when
ever else I may be - for my
wife may not be very settled
now - Believe me your
sincere friend

Jack Stoyce

in a pair
694-268-
149-537

Lockport Dec 28/77

My dear Meriam,

I owe many
apologies for not writing
before but I have been
kicked round a good deal
by fortune since last
Spring and I have
waited for some months
until I could send you
a bit of eggs in my Florida
box which I have waited
for so long but at length
received on my arrival
home for the holidays

eral
ken of
l-come
e we
lections

gan
remain

by
Joyce

I am now settled for the present at least in Northern Penna being assistant-engineers in the Buffalo Coal Co. I enjoy the life I lead very much and shall be able to devote a good deal of time to Natural History as I am in the woods nearly every day and the region is rather peculiar one.

I hope you are enjoying a pleasant season and if you receive this letter in time to reply this week I could send you ~~an~~ ~~egg~~ ~~or~~ ~~two~~

My
to go
shall
ion
C. J.
make
a ge
sent-
sent-
he p
any
publ
to be
I ma
take
I wa
x ch
I thos

for the
both
instant
also
lead
shall
ord
al
the
y and
peantia
ing a
if you
tude to
ed
ten

my list - that may be new
to you, otherwise I fear I
shall not return to my colled-
ion until Spring -
C. J. Maynard offered to
make a trade with me nearly
a year ago and though I
sent my eggs he has only
sent about half of what
he promised. In these
any way that I could
publish him he seems
to be a mean cuss, however
I may be very much mis-
taken in my guess -
I was mad at myself for
changing with a deble but
I thought to risk it once

I can now send you a pair
ea. of 616.5-06. 23-3. 237. 694. 268-
130. 125-354 one ea. 149. 5-37
628. 483. 484. 114. 624.

I have exchanged several
letters with C.E. Aiken of
Col. but have not yet come
to an exchange as we are
both away from collections
a good deal.

Hoping to hear from you
before my return I remain

Very Sincerely

J.H. Joyce

Smithport -
McKean Co.
Pa.

Box 5-15 Lockport -

My
of
before
kicked
by
I
wait
until
lib-
box
for
receive
home

Bradbury, W

C

1914

Re history of a Grizzly skull taken during
construction of irrigation lands in Wyoming in 1884.

GENERAL OFFICES:
ROOMS 505 & 506 RAILROAD BUILDING
DENVER, COLO.

W. C. BRADBURY & CO.,
RAILROAD CONTRACTORS

DENVER, COLO. May 29, 1914.

Acld. June 3, 1914

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919-16th. Street,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 22nd. inst. regarding the Grizzly skull, to hand on my return to the City, yesterday.

I do not wish to part with it, for I consider it really the best specimen I have of a collection of skulls, personally taken, of wild animals, at odd times during the last 40 years; and, moreover, I had promised Mr. Figgins that in case of my demise I had instructed my wife to turn over to him or the Museum represented by him, everything in my collection of skulls, Indian relics, etc. that the museum would care for and take care of.

A brief history of this particular head is as follows:

1884
In the year eighteen hundred and eighty-something(I forget the exact date, which was inscribed on the skull, and which I hope, if you have removed by cleaning, you have preserved for me) I had a contract for the construction of irrigation canals for the Wyoming Development Company, from the Sabelle and Laramie Rivers, covering agricultural lands in the vicinity of what is now the town of Wheatland, Wyo., some 75 miles or such a matter north of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The cattle men owning the cattle on this range combined to hold me up for twelve cents per pound for beef for my numerous construction camps, the result being that I put a hunter into the field, by the name of Harry Yountz, an old Indian scout, and I was told formerly game keeper in the Yellowstone Park under Carl Schurtz, in earlier days, to supply my camps with elk, deer and antelope meat at four cents per pound.

Having gone into camp near Sabelle Hole, unhitched his team and tied them and his dog to the wagon wheels, he proceeded afoot to investigate the noise of grunting, or whatever you call it, of bear, out of sight on the flat top near by. On arriving at the edge of the flat top and peering over he discovered within 30 or 40 yards of him, one bear lying down and the other one walking about it emitting the noises he had heard.

With his single-barrel Sharps rifle he aimed to break the neck of the bear standing, and upon its discharge this bear fell apparently dead, but the one lying down immediately charged him, and he in his customary fool-hardy manner had omitted to first pull an extra shell from his cartridge belt, and before he could do so and inject it the bear was upon him and raised to strike, and he with yell and flourish of rifle jumped aside, and having succeeded in injecting a fresh shell, at close quarters, fortunately shot the bear through the heart, and in its death struggles he told me it tore up the

C.H.M. 5/29/14
#2.

roots of small trees, brush and everything within its reach. In the mean time the first bear that he supposed he had killed, recovered and ran away, apparently being only creased.

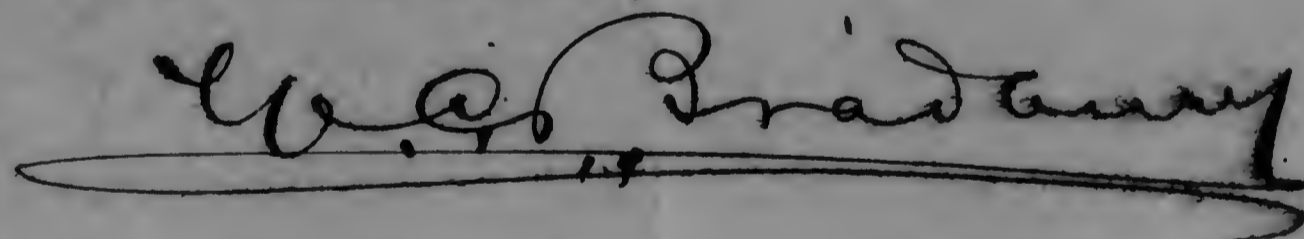
After skinning the bear, he brought up one of his pack horses accustomed to such work, but the hide was so large and heavy that after numerous efforts with the aid of his lariat and otherwise, he was unable to load it on to the horse on account of its weight, and was compelled to tack it out on the ground to let it dry out for a day or so first, but the hide on the wethers and back was so thick that this process resulted in the sloughing off of much of the hair from the shoulders and ruined the hide.

Upon his report of this and showing me the head upon his return to camp, I insisted upon his immediately returning with me to assist me in personally taking the other bear or a similar one, promising him a bonus of \$50.00 if we succeeded and in any event assisting him in loading up with elk at his contract price.

After several days hunting we failed to find the object of our search, although we did find where it had killed a cow and a calf, and had made its lair apparently for three successive nights close by, during which time it had devoured this cow and calf, and the skins, including that strip down from the leg bones being fresh and no hair sloughed, notwithstanding that a portion of it was in water and the balance on the ground adjoining and exposed to the air, a sure indication that it had just finished the job.

Trusting the foregoing may prove satisfactory, although more or less than you cared for, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



WCB/JBB

Bridley, Frank Howe, 1838 - 1879

1872 - 1875

83/129
C

New Haven, Conn., Dec 20th / 2.

Mr. C. H. Merriam, Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir,

You remember that I packed a few private specimens in the otherwise vacant top of one of the boxes of the lot sent out by Merts from the Fire Hole Basin. Please arrange, if possible, to have that box left untouched, with my others, until I return to Washington. I wish you could hunt me up a copy of Barlow and Heap's report of their trip to Yellowstone, &c, last year - Can you.

I expect Dr. Curtis here to-morrow, and understand that he will reach Washington early in the week.

Yours Hastily,

Frank H. Bradley.

I have forgotten your father's initials and so direct to the Smithsonian.

4 Hooster St.,

New Haven, Conn, Jan 22^d/73.

Mr. C. H. Merriam, Washington, D.C.,

My dear Hawk,

Yours of 19th just arrived. Many thanks for the report accompanying. The box of specimens which you left could not be packed, but I put your specimens loose (i.e. wrapped) in the ammunition-box. Or do you mean (and did I write you) about a box from Geysers Basin containing my specimens? No matter now. I shall be down there the first week in February, and will know better what to look for. Thanks for information rendered. I somewhat regret this delay of business; but my first duty was to complete my report, which is now far advanced.

Yours Very Truly,

Frank H. Bradley.

New Haven, Conn., Jan 18th, 1874.
Mr. C. H. Merriam, Easthampton, Mass.

My dear Hart,

After long delay at Knoxville (whither it was properly directed) yours of Nov. 9th reached me, last month. I should have written you sooner, but have been, and indeed still am, crowded with work. Last week, I rec'd. the Mirror, and thought I must write you, without any further delay.

First, let me say that I am much gratified at the general form and character of your article, though it is open, at several points, to criticism, on the minor points of rhetoric and punctuation, for the latter of which the printer may be to blame. I speak plainly, as a critic should - and you know I am professionally a "proof-reader," just now - but I think you will not misunderstand me. I shall look with interest for the promised "continuation".

On looking over your letter, I remember

that the introduction to your report was pretty much as you quote it. Such supervision or rather revision of your report received is certainly not desirable; but, under the circumstances, it is not best to "make a fuss", at least on details. You have, however, a good opportunity to make at the close of your "Mirror" articles, some general criticisms or deprecation of such management of expeditions and reports. But, whatever you write must be temperate. You can so word it as to cut, without yet appearing presumptuous. Take home advice on it, before giving it to the printer.

I shall be in Washington, during March, and in the Treasury; and, if I can get anything definite, I shall "push things".

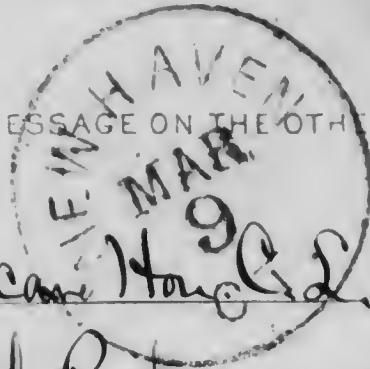
Your report has done you credit; you have made a good start in science. Now, work: especially, study elegance of composition, so that every word shall tell - none omitted, and none superfluous. (e.g., don't say "truly" wonderful - that is a reporter's phrase.) [The scratches show how easy it is to make blunders, even in criticizing.] Success to you!

Yours Truly

Frank H. Bradley.

United States POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



To Mr. C. Hart Merriam, Care Hon. C. D. Merriam,
House of Representatives,
Washington,
D. C.

To prove that not all was used to
best advantage would be easy, I think.
If list of vouchers gets printed, please
send copy at once. Could hardly
suggest "points", from a distance. Hope
to get away by first of Apr.

J.B.

A.H., Mch. 8th / 74.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26/74.

Mr. C. H. Merriam, Easthampton, Mass,
My dear Hart,

I was disappointed when I saw your letter-head. I was on the point of writing you at Washington, but have sent my commission to Dr. Curtis. I was more disappointed because I had expected to see you as you passed through N. H.

Have not seen King's Bulletin - will hunt it up.

I have looked over the chemical Mss., and have talked it over somewhat with two of our best men. My conclusion is that the notes are not "critical", but hyper-critical; and their author is not, probably, one of the talented young men of the day. The notes neither state nor imply anything clearly, but rather lead to the inference that their author is too near the ranks of those to whom he dedicates his notes - chemical "students of two weeks' standing" - to be fitted for critical work.

The compounds mentioned certainly can exist together, provided some of them are in small quantity; and no statement as to quantity is made. The detection of the various ingredients is possible; and, as Peale did not state his methods, there can be no just criticism. I do not say that his results are correct, because I do not know about them; but I think that he is careful, and I believe that he is honest - (pity the Survey has and has had so many members who are neither.) The best thing, for the Dutchman and everybody, is to suppress the paper: unless you wish it returned, I will burn it.

Excuse haste.

Yours Very Truly,

Frank H. Bradley.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan 31/75.

My dear Hart,

I was in and about Beethaven from New Years until last Monday (25th) but supposed that you were still in Easthampton, and so did not inquire for you. On Tuesday, I was vexed to learn from your father that I had been so near without seeing you. Well! you are in a good place, and I hope you are making the most of it - only, don't do too much, and especially, ^{avoid} "society" matters so far as possible. Your father says that you want to go out West again, next summer. Don't do it! The best thing for you is to go on the Fish Commission work for at least one season; and I should prefer two. Having got so deeply interested as you have in Birds, so that you are not likely to be led entirely away from that by any other subject, however fascinating, and are therefore pretty sure to revert to it, it would be extremely profitable for you to make a pretty careful study

of the Invertebrates, so that you may have ultimately a pretty full systematic knowledge of systems of structure throughout the animal Kingdom. I hope that you may not entirely neglect my favorite study, including at least the general facts of systems of structure as at first introduced, partly as synthetic types, partly as distinct types which have been greatly modified in later times or have become extinct. In any case, look not solely to the accumulation of knowledge of details, but more especially to a fuller grasp of the general principles involved, with their modifications according to common laws. Success to you!

If you have not already done so, make the acquaintance of Cal McClung of this city. You will like him.

I handed your father a letter from Dr. Newberry which sufficiently answers the charges against me said to have been made in a letter from Dr. J. to Hayden. That I have not entirely forgotten F. V. H., you may perhaps learn, before March 4th.

Yours Truly,
Frank H. Bradley.

(Copy.)

Hon. James A. Garfield,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

The following are my reasons for saying that the money lost by Dr. Hayden's clerk, in October, 1872, should not be reimbursed by the Government. 1st. There should have been no occasion for forwarding the money at that time. 2^d. The occasion existing, needless risk was incurred. 3^d. Too much publicity was given to the matter. In justification of these statements, I submit the following details:-

The Snake River Division of the Expedition of 1872, under the charge of Mr. James Stevenson, returned to Fort Hall on the 11th of October, which was within two or three days of the date originally fixed by Dr. Hayden. Here, Mr. S. received a letter from Dr. H., instructing him to pay off and disband the party immediately: but no money had been provided for this purpose, and no means of raising money were in Mr. Stevenson's hands, although he was the confidential agent of Dr. Hayden and the need of money at this time had long been anticipated. Could not funds have been deposited at Salt Lake City, or at Corinne, subject to Mr. S.'s order? or could they not have been sent by express to meet him on arrival at Fort Hall? The failure to provide funds caused the detention of the whole party at Fort Hall for ten days, during which time most of its members had little or nothing to do. These ten days would have been ample for the passage of the whole company (or of so many as were to have passage to the railroad) to Corinne or Ogden, either by the stage-road or by any other route that might have been preferred. At either Corinne or Ogden, it would have

been easy to cash drafts which could have been safely forwarded by mail. I think that these facts justify my statement that there, should have been no occasion for forwarding the money.

Secondly. The occasion having thus been made, for sending money from Dr. Hayden at Bozeman to Mr. Stevenson at Fort Hall, safe transmission should have been secured. But, instead of forwarding through the hands of an Express Company's agents, who would have been responsible for the money, funds, to the reported amount of \$3700. in bills, were sent by a young, irresponsible, unarmed messenger, traveling by stage, over a road on which stage-robberies were said to be not rare. Am I not right in saying that needless risks was incurred?

Thirdly. During the delay, several telegrams passed between Mr. Stevenson and Dr. Hayden, concerning the amount needed, the final one from Dr. H. announcing that Logan would start with the money at a certain hour. Instruments clicking in all the offices between Bozeman and Fort Hall told the story to all listeners who could read the message "by ear" - and men thus skilled are not rare in any part of the country - if, indeed, this was not considered as public property, and freely reported by the operators, as were many other messages about that time. Further, Dr. Hayden, ^[has] stated, in my hearing, that Logan was careless about showing the money, along the road, taking out the pocket-book containing the whole amount, and turning the bills over to get out small amounts for current expenses. I think that the facts justify my statement that too much publicity was given to the matter.

But the loss was not confined to the money stolen. The detention at Fort Hall cost the Government at least \$750., with very small results compared with what might have been secured, at the same or less expense, if the party had gone on toward the railroad. The expense of

ending men down by stage was over \$250.

These may perhaps be considered as small matters to be brought up for your consideration; and, if this were a solitary instance of mismanagement, or carelessness of public funds, on the part of Dr. Hayden, I should probably not call attention to it. But it seemed to me to be a thoroughly consistent part of a systematic carelessness, to use a mild expression. While this was indicated, during the trip, by many things in themselves insignificant, it was afterward still further shown by a duplication of vouchers in the accounts for 1872-3, to the amount of at least \$500., and in the use of part of the appropriation for 1873-4 to pay the expenses of the previous year. In this connection, it may be well to note that, at the close of the work of 1873, Dr. Hayden called for a deficiency-appropriation of \$20,000., on the ground that he had not sold his outfit as in previous years, and consequently had that amount thus invested. But his accounts for the previous year show sales only to the amount of \$2,796.²⁵ Is a man who officially makes such mis-statements, fit for the position which Dr. Hayden occupies? You will say that I have been slow in asking the question. It is true that it might have been easier to show the character of the man immediately after our return: but, considering that the legitimate result of any investigation would be Dr. Hayden's discharge, which would be likely to entirely stop the survey, unless some other person were already partly in charge of it, I have waited until Mr. Gardner should be well established in the position for which I have had reason to believe him well fitted.

Yours Very Respectfully,
Frank H. Bradley,
Geologist of the Snake River Division.

Knopville, Tenn., Feb. 4th, 1875.

Professor Frank H. Bradley, Geologist of the Hayden Survey in 1872, was killed during the summer of 1879 in a cut at the entrance of a gold mine at Nacoochis Valley, White Co., Georgia, by a rock which fell upon him. He was eating his lunch of cornbread and bacon at the time, and was accompanied by E. De Camp, who being a short distance in advance escaped.

Professor Frank H. Bradley, Geologist of the Hayden Survey in 1872, was killed during the summer of 1879 in a cut at the entrance of a gold mine at Nacoochis Valley, White Co., Georgia, by a rock which fell upon him. He was eating his lunch of cornbread and bacon at the time, and was accompanied by E. De Camp, who being a short distance in advance escaped.

Bradley, Maria H.

1908-1910

money
all
of my
50
last
July
in
the
times -
which
when
the East
line is
destroyed
no

Peoria Ill March 30 '08

Dr. Merriam -

Dear Sir:

Your letter followed me from
Santa Monica - I arrived here
on Saturday and your letter
was received to day; I was glad
to hear from you -

Your question, I fear, I
can not answer definitely

The last two years in July -
-one of the months in which
my quarterly allowance
comes due - Mr. Pickett has

sent me a ^{as balance due} sum, ^{over} \$300.
The exact figures I cannot
recall - deferring the \$250.00
my allowance for the quarter
till a little later on - as he
said - when I asked him
the reason of its being deferred
that it was needed ^{for} account
of some expenses of the
Estate - (I have forgotten if
it was for taxes, or what other
expense) -

Mr. Pickett wrote a few
days ago - saying he had
been able to increase the
value of the Estate and
cut down expenses - so that

my i
ly inc
would
me a
balan
for the
1908 -
Abn
Journs
accou
\$3,990-
came
relate
for he
reaso
for of

300.
not
50.⁰⁰
quarters
as he
in
deferred
account
te
ew if
other
few
had
the
d
so that

my income would be material-
ly increased and that he
would write you to send
me a cheque for \$614.73 as
balance of income due me
for the year ending March 19th
1908 -

About 3 years ago Judge
Townsend sent me - on
account of back dividends
\$3,990.~~46~~ At that time I
came on East to help a
relative pay for a home
for her little family and
remained to fit the girls
for office work and as I

I had quite a little money
to pay out - I can't recall
the amount - outside of my
regular allowance of \$250⁰⁰
which I received in the last
year at that time in July -
because I have drawn
on my principal in the
Bank here - so many times -
all bills and accounts which
I have heretofore kept - when
I gave up keeping house East
and returned West to live in
a trunk - are now destroyed
thinking I would have no
further use for them -

Dr. M
Your
Santa
on Sat
was re
to hea
Your
can o
The l
-one of
my g
comes

My cousin, with whom I
lived so long - after her family
was broken up rented her
home, where my things were
stored, which necessitated
a weeding out of things
not needed -

Since we have returned
from Calif - we are not
permanently located -

Any letter sent with cheque
enclosed will you please
address me in care of
Mr. Hedrick - Pres. of "The Savings
Bank of Peoria" - any other
letter can be sent to 110 High St.
Peoria Ill. - for the present -

until I can give you a
permanent address -

Very truly

Marie H. Bradley

Recd. + ansd. and check for \$614.⁷³
bal. for year ending March 19, 1908, sent
April 2, 1908 - C. ~~W.~~ Human -

Peoria Ill. Apr. 6th 1908

Dear Dr. Merriam;

Thank you for your promptness
in sending me that most welcome
additional balance to my in-
come from the Houdley Estate -
that I am so glad to ~~add to~~
my little amount in the Bank -
I enclose a receipt for the
sum you sent - viz \$614.73 -
and before signing the other
will ask you to explain a
few things about this yearly
statement so that I can

know what I am signing,
for I do not yet under-
stand if this balance due
from ~~the~~ last year includes my
quarterly allowance usually
paid to me about April 19th.

My quarterly allowance
is paid about the 19th of the
months of April - July - October
January -

Now if the year ends March
19th - was the balance of money
Mr. Pickett paid me last
July - due in the year ending
March 19th 1904 or did
you include it in this last
years statement of money re-

ceived
Or
this \$6
due
ending
does
by all
this m
If th
my q
\$250.00
about
latter
before
of early
make
which

ring,
der-
ce due
my
usually
l 19th.
vance
the
October
March
of money
last
ending
id
last
my re-

ceived by me -

Or am I to understand that this \$614.73 is just a balance due me for this last year ending March 19-1908 - and does not include my quarterly allowance usually sent this month?

If the \$614.73 does include my quarterly allowance of \$250.00 usually paid to me about April 19th then the latter sum should be deducted before adding it to my yearly allowance - which would make the sum \$1364.73 - for which - though previously acknowledged

edged - I could sign again
a receipt in full -
You will excuse me for
my stupidity in not being
able to better understand -
Every quarterly allowance
which I have received & every
sum of money, has been
duly acknowledged by a
Receipt to Judge Townsend
through Mr. Pickett.

Very sincerely
Maria H. Bradley

Recd. & Ansd. April 9, 1908
com

Dear
Thank
in send
addit
come
that I
my li
I recd
sum
and
will
few th
state

110 High St.

Peoria Ill Apr. 13 - 1908

Dr Merriam, Ex. and Trustee of F. A. Bradley Esq.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for the explanation
I enclose Receipt in this letter
as you requested.

I am pleased and grateful,
for what has been done - not
for myself alone I trust -
but since my privilege is to
care for others - it helps out
so much - Very truly yours

Maria A. Bradley

Peoria Ill. Apr-23-1908

Dr. Merriam
Dear Sir:

Thank you for your
promptness in sending
my allowance of $\$300.00$ -
for which I enclose receipt.

Very truly
Maria A. Bradley -

No. 1323 North Monroe St.

Peoria Ill. Jul. 2nd 1908.

Dr. Merriam

Dear Sir:

If you send my quarterly allowance about the 19th or 20th I enclose stamps for you to register the letter if sent to the above address at that time - but if sent later I may not be at this address - so then please send to me in care of "The Savings Bank of Peoria" -

I hope you and your family
are enjoying as lovely, cool
weather as we have been
having -

Very truly
Maria H. Bradley -

Ans'd. & check of \$300 sent July 8, 1908
(the same being drawn for 2^d quarter 1908)
Wm. H. Bradley

1323 N. Monroe St.
Peoria Ill.

July 10th '08

Dr Merriam -

Dear Sir:

Your letter with enclosed
check for my quarterly al-
lowance was received this
a.m.; please accept my
thanks for your promptness -
I enclose a receipt for the
same - Well it does seem
too bad that the Kimberleys
should waste the Estate in
law suits - if they were acquaint-
-ed with you I am sure

they would have been satisfied - But I am glad the court decided to dismiss the appeal -

I regard this allowance I have as a trust from the Lord - and try to have it used wisely - Of course relatives come first, and then a little something toward betterment of others so that Fred's work is going on in the world perhaps just as much as if he still were a part of it - A cousin I am thinking now - if possible to carry it out - of going on to Oberlin Ohio and taking a young relative to educate still further so that he a

trained
be re
favorable
If I
soon a
send a
address
address
can be
nume

...
glad
dismiss
...
the
...
relatives
little
...
is
perhaps
still
...
possible
...
a
...
th a

training for life work may
be received among these
favorable surroundings -

If I make this change
soon as I anticipate - I will
send a card with the new
address to your Washington
address - so that you
can keep track of my
numerous homes -

Very truly
Maria H. Bradley -

Added +
check #309 sent
Oct. 15, 1908
Quarterly annuity 3rd Quarter, 1908 -
Done

110 High St.

Peoria Ill. Oct 2nd 1908

Dr. Merriam

Dear Sir:

My present address is 110 High St. where I expect to remain for the present as I did not carry out my plan of spending the winter in Oberlin as I wrote you -

We have had extremely warm weather all summer, here, & I have had company most of the time - so I am at present a person of leisure -

I hope yourself and family
have had a pleasant
summer away from the
dust and heat of the city -

Very truly
Maria H. Bradley

Peoria Ill.
Oct. 15 1908

Dr. Merriam;

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your
promptness in sending my
quarterly allowance which
is just received and I hasten
to acknowledge and enclose the
receipt for the same -

very truly

Maria H. Bradley -

410 High St.

Peoria Ill. Jan. 14th 09

Dr. Merriam

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your
promptness in sending my
quarterly allowance from ^{Dr. J. H.} Hoodley Est.
which was rec'd this morning.
I enclose the receipt in this letter.
for the same. Very truly yours
Maria A. Bradley

110 High St

Peoria Ill. Apr. 11- '09

Dr. Merriam

Dr. Sir:

As my address
has been changed several times
I send a line to let you know
this present one, which is the
same as the last quarter - as
you might be in doubt where
to address me in sending this
last quarter's allowance.

We are having now a return
of cold weather for the last few

days after our foretaste of warm
spring weather.

Washington. I suppose, is
putting on the garb of spring
as you are a few degrees warmer.

The new administration - we
hope will prove as good a one
as its predecessor. Through the
numerous magazines and
papers we gain some idea of
the many important problems
that confront our lawmakers and
call for the wisdom & energy of
our present administration. Mr.
Taft, I hope will have the hearty
cooperation of his cabinet in
carrying out needful reforms.

I hope you and your family have had a pleasant winter -

Very Cordially

Maria H. Bradley

Delld. & Wheel #36364
bel. for yr ship March 19, 1909.
sent April 15, 1909 - con

days often on footpaths & warm
spring weather -

Washington. I suppose, is
putting on the garb of spring
as you are a few degrees warmer.
The new administration - we
hope will prove as good a one
as its predecessor - through the
numerous inquiries and
proposals we gain some idea of
the many important problems
that confront our lawmakers and
call for the wisdom & energy of
our present administration. Mr.
Taft, I hope will have the hearty
co-operation of his cabinet in
carrying out needed reforms -

Peoria Ill. 110 High St.

Apr. 19 - 1909

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir:

Received the sum \$363.62. the
balance due for the year ending
March 19-1909. Thank you
for your promptness - and I
enclose receipt for the amount.
It is a great help to have this
extra sum - in caring for others -
and my grateful thanks are
due also to the faithful trustees
of the F. A. Hoadley est. who have
made this possible.

Very truly
Maria A. Hoadley -

110 High St.

Peoria Ill. June 7th 1909

Dr. Merriam,

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me when my quarterly allowance for April should come - and what time the rents are paid in - I like to know what I can depend upon - and also if hereafter there will be the same change - and if I can depend on having my 2nd quarterly

allowance in July - I should
have asked this question
before; and spared you
the trouble of writing again

Very truly
Maria H. Bradley -

Ans. & check \$300 in pay of annuity
for 1st quarter
1909 sent June 12, 1909 -
C. H. W.

117 Park St.

New Haven Conn. July 19th 69.

Dr Merriam, Trustee of Est of Dr. F. A. Woodbury
Dear Sir -

The letter enclosing check for
my 2nd quarterly allowance
was remailed to me & reached
me this morning and I hasten
to send receipt for the same -

The delay was occasioned by
my cousin being away & the
family there, not knowing my
address. Enclosed is the receipt -
Very truly, Maria A. Bradley

Rec'd
+ check #300
sent Oct. 9, 1909
com

Los Angeles, Calif. Sep. 30th

No. 713 West Tenth St.

Dr. E. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir:

You see by this letter that I have gone from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. My sister, here, being anxious for me to come - so I write to give you her number where I would like my allowance sent -

It is - number 713 West Tenth St
Los Angeles, Calif.

Thanking you for the promptness in the past - I am

Very truly

Maria H. Bradley -

Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct 15th 09

Dr. E. Hart Merriam, Exr.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed is a Receipt
for the Check of \$300.⁰⁰

for my third quarterly
allowance you sent -

Please accept my thanks
for your promptness also
for the kind wishes extend-
ed for a pleasant winter,

The attraction of Calif. to me is not so much the climate as the presence of my sister and her family - We enjoyed the little stir of excitement occasioned by the President and his party - Some of my sister's family being at the Banquet.

You folks that live in Washington are so used to these things I presume you do not feel even a ripple of excitement on

such occasions
I hope to
and family
pass a few
Very
Ma

alif.
uch
e presence
er
d the
ent
President
me of
being
e in
used
D presume
even
ment on

such occasions -

I hope that yourself
and family may also
pass a pleasant winter -

Very truly

Maria H. Bradley -

Added.
Quarterly Annuity
sent Jan. 8, 1910 - con

Santa Monica, Dec. 28th. 09

Dr. Merriam:

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send my
quarterly allowance to me
in care of Charles Henderson

No. 713 West Tenth St.

Los Angeles, Calif.

which is my sister's residence
as you did in Oct.

My cousin and I find
Santa Monica - a much quieter
place to live in than Los Angeles -

So we are staying here this winter. I met Mrs. Townsend with her daughter in law - in Los Angeles about a month ago - also Mr. Pickett who was here on some business for Mrs. Townsend -

We feel thankful to have missed some of the cold weather that has lately prevailed in the East &

Hoping you and your family are well

I am very truly

Maria A. Bradley -

Los Angeles Calif. - Jan. 15th 1920

Dr. L. Hart Meriam

Dear Sir.

Enclosed is the Receipt for my fourth quarterly allowance for F. A. Woodley Est. and I thank you for your promptness in sending it!

This is Aviation week here and so far has been a great success.

We were out to the grounds yesterday - and it was - contrary to my expectations - a beautiful thing!

to watch - It promises rain
to day but I hope it will
hold off 'til night - for the sake
of the crowds that gather to
see the flights -

We are thankful to miss the
storms that have raged ^{elsewhere} but we
have gumbled a good deal
here about the piercing chilliness
as Tourists are prone ~~to~~ to do.

Very truly

Wm. H. Bradley

Santa Monica, Calif.

March 30th 1910

Dr. E. Hart Merriam;

Dear Sir:

Again I must write to notify
you that being still in Calif.
my address at present is also

No. 713 West Tenth St.

care of Charles Wenden-

in Los Angeles -

My sister being in such a
precarious condition I have
remained - for we have constant-
ly felt - that her body being so frail.

her spirit might take flight
at any time. I see her about
twice a week and we have
very cheerful visits together -
As my plans are so indefinite
I will notify you of any
change of address -

I hope your Washington
people are enjoying the
lovely sunshine that we are
favored with to day and that
the Spring is now making
you forget the uncomplacencies
of the past winter -

With the best wishes for

yourself and family

I remain very truly - Maria W. Bradley

right
about

e

u -

refined

my

em

the

are

that

ing
and others

or

A. Bradley

Quid. + checks
for \$500 (bal last year's a/c)
and \$300 (annuity for 1st Quarter 1910)
\$800 sent to address here given
April 12, 1910. - C.M.

No. 713 West Tenth St,
Los Angeles Calif.

April 16th 1910

Dr. C. Hart Merriam Exec and Trustee
of F. H. Hoodley Estate.

Dear Sir

Your letter came promptly
with its enclosure of my
first quarterly allowance of
1910 and also for the balance
{a pleasant surprise} due for
the year ending March 19th 1910
for which I enclose the two re-
ceipts and thank you for
the prompt way in which

you have always sent
my allowance -

I have taken the first op-
portunity to acknowledge it,
not being in the city when
it arrived yesterday, and
as this is Saturday evening
after mail hours it may
not reach you quite as soon
as it otherwise would

I will try and let you
know in good season my
next address -

I hope you will find the
country in its loveliest verdure
when you reach California -
Very truly yours - Maria D. Bradley

No. 713 West Tenth St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Added. ✓
July check \$500
Paid July 8, 1910
over

Dr. E. Hart Merriam, Trustee
Dear Sir:

My address is the same above
address, as I have been here
at the request of my relatives
ever since my sister passed
away - about six weeks since.
If you and your family
should come to L. A. while
I am here I should be glad
to have you call if you cared
to do so. While I would like

in some respects to make my
home in Calif. my cousin in
Peoria who is alone and feels
also as these friends here
say they do - viz. that they
need me - but later on when
I make a change I will
notify you. The weather
has been comfortable - nights
cool - no extremes - Calif. has a
lovely summer climate -

Very truly

Maria A. Bradley

June 21st 1910

No. 713 West Tenth St.

July 12th 1910

Dr. G. Hart Merriam

Dr. Sir:

Thanks for your promptness
in sending my quarterly
allowance for July for which
I enclose Receipt-1-

Toward the last of this month
I expect to be in Peoria -
would like much to remain in
Calif. but my Cousin in Peoria
depends on me for company &
has been urging me to return -
Very truly. Maria H. Bradley

Bradley, Maria H.

1911-1913

C. Hart Merriam
Papers
BANC MSS
83/129 c

110 High St.
Peoria Ill.

Recd.
Jan. 14, 1911

Jan. 12, 1911

Dr. Merriam

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I sent a letter to
give you my address - & this
morning your letter with my
last quarterly allowance of the
year from the Hoadley Est. came.
I thank you for your prompt-
ness in sending it and enclose a
receipt for the same.

I anticipate remaining in

in Peoria this year because
my cousin who depends on
me, as I also do on her, much,
wishes to look after her house.
my preferences are for a warm-
er climate.

Thank you for your kind
wishes - and allow me to
extend my best wishes for
yourself & family for 1911 -

Very truly

Miss M. A. Bradley

Peoria Ill. March 27th

Dr. Merriam,

Dear Sir:

Your letter was rec. its contents unexpected; I suppose I could not have known it sooner. Does this curtailment also mean that the additional sum which has been sent for the last two years is also allowed up in the extra tax which was paid? My name you made

a little mistake which
I must correct-- The
full name is
Maria Hoadley Bradley
you wrote "Maria A."

Very truly

Maria H. Bradley

Ans'd. April 1, 1911.

110 High St.

Peoria Ill. Apr. 5th 1911

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in reply to my questions is just received; thank you for your prompt response. Perhaps it would be well to have an advance of one hundred dollars from the income of the New Year (since this quarterly allowance has been so unexpectedly reduced) and held for any emergency - until my next

comes in - It is a surprise,
as pleasant as unexpected,
that there is to be an annual
increase - If it was just
only for my merely selfish
use, I probably should be
glad - but it helps me out
a little more in what I am
trying to do - and I shall
be duly grateful -

Very truly

Yours truly
Maria A. Bradley

Provia Ill.

April 24th 1911

Dr. Messian.

Dr. Sir:

Your letter dated
April 19th was rec. this A.M.

Enclosed are the two receipts
one for the check for \$212.31
and the receipt for Jan.

changed at your request.

I do not fully understand
every thing although you
have tried to make a clear
statement - My allowance

for July will be minus
the one hundred received
now.

As I have always looked
after two families of relatives
since my allowance commen-
ced, it made it rather of
a financial problem
of helping them for three
months out of \$100.00 and
if I had known before-
hand a sale of the real
estate of the Hood by prop-
erty was contemplated I
could have planned
accordingly.

A good income life mine

with
I have

affected

my

I can

overid

ter's

and.

with the simple tastes
I have would not be
affected much if only
myself was concerned.
I say this to explain my
overdrawing on next quar-
ter's allowance. -

Very truly

Marion H. Bradley

and April 28, 1911. -

cm

mine

110 High St.

Peoria Ill. June 8th

Dr. G. Hart Merriam -

Dear Sir:

As you spoke of leaving the City in July and requested me to let you know in time if my address would still be in Peoria I take this early opportunity - my plans are to remain here during this summer -

I trust you & your family keep well -
Very truly
Maria A. Bradley

Encl. Mrs
Nov. 24, 1911
C. Hart

Peoria Ill. Nov. 24th 1911

Dr. E. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir:

Before fully deciding to
spend the winter South
I thought I would write
and ask if my allowance
would be the same in
January and come at
the regular time. If you
will just drop me a

line as I always feel
much responsibility about
having plenty of margin
on hand on account
of some that I am
carrying for - So you
will pardon me for
troubling you - and of
course when I change
my address I will keep
you posted.

Very truly

Marion H. Bradley

Peoria Ill. Jan. 5. ¹⁸72

Dr. Merriam.

Dear Sir;

Just drop a line to
give my address. I
am still in the frozen
North; as I suppose
10 degrees below zero at
3.00 clock in the afternoon,
describes our bracing cli-
mate. as the "frozen North"

in distinction from
Jacksonville, Florida,
where I had thought
to be. As my health
is so much better
I expect to remain in
Peoria the rest of the
winter so please address
me here.

Very truly
Martha A. Bradley

110 High St.
Acld. Jan. 9, 1912 + check \$400 sent
- payd. 4 quarter annuity 1911-12. - am

Peoria, Jan. 11th 1912

Dr. L. Hart Mermain

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the signed receipt for my 4th year's annuity from Dr. F. W. Hoadly Estate - and thank you for your promptness in sending the same.

Very truly
Maria A. Bradley

Peoria Apr. 10th 1912.

Dr. Le. Hart Murrian

Dear Sir:

We have just received the two checks, one of \$105.29 balance of annuity from the Estate of F. H. Noadley, for the year ending March 19th - the other check for \$400.00 for the first quarter of 1912 - for which I have signed the two receipts herein enclosed - Many thanks for your promptness -

Very truly

Maria H. Bradley.

Peoria Ill July 15th 1912

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your promptness
in sending my second quar-
terly allowance. Enclosed is
the receipt.

A cousin of mine & a
nephew of Mr. Walter B. Stearns,
who formerly lived in Wash-
ington was here a few days ago
from Painesville where he is
engaged in Government work.

As he was relating among
other things, of some of
the curious 'freaks' as he
called them, to be seen in
that-country - specimens of
which he sent up north
to a friend who had
them put in a Museum
So I gave him your
address in Washington as
he was to be there to visit
a sister, who has just
married a Mr. Warren Bagley
connected with Gov. Burdick

work
a hour
His tal
that - I
rian m
with th
Insti to
See so
curious
have C
I felt
why
addre
Ve

among
of
to he
in in
so I
th
d
useum
er
ton as
to visit
not
Bagley
Burdick

work in Alaska, & has now
a home in Wash.
His talk was so interesting
that I said perhaps Dr. Mer-
riam who has been connected
with the Smithsonian
Institution would like to
see some of the tropical
curiosities. Possibly he may
have called on you so
I felt I should explain
why I gave him your
address.

Very truly
Marion H. Bradley

No. 83. Grove St.

New Haven let. Feb. 24. 1912

Dr. Merriam.

Dear Sir:

As I am planning to remain in
New Haven thro' most of Oct. I thought
as you might be away from Washington,
I would write now and give you
my address - which is No. 93. Grove St.

Care of Mr. Samuel Johnson.

The latter part of July I came on to attend
the Northfield Moody Conference - which is
held every year - there - & have remained -

Perhaps you will be interested in the account of last weeks doings in N. Haven which is partly given in the paper I send. New Haven contributed ^{\$}60,000 for this unusual festivity which is supposed to increase its business financially in the future. If you have not seen the City lately it has changed with the beautiful buildings they have put up within the last few years. I hope this summer has proved a pleasant one for you & yours.

Very Respectfully

Maria W. Bradley.

Recd. + Check \$400.00 Recd.
Oct. 17, 1912 - clear

aining
for the
teen hundred
understand
in 1911
hapes
to me.

83 Grove St. Cor. Whitney Ave

New Haven, ^{Oct} 11-1912

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Dear Sir:

Having been away
from Peoria since the last 5 July -
there may have come to Peoria a
letter from you notifying me of your
leaving Washington, so that I could
notify you if I changed my address.

This morning I went to see
if Mr. Pickett knew where you were.
He said that you had gone West.

While being so near it - seemed best to wait here to receive my Oct allowance, As you have been prompt in the past to send it about this time - I will wait for it here -

Judge Townsend always seemed to think it was right and proper for me to see how he had invested the ~~Estate's~~ money thro' Mr. Pickett, and I asked Mr. Pickett this morning for information about it. So he very kindly showed me a statement of the investments and expenditures. It seems ^{to me} that he has increased the value of the Estate exceptionally well.

As I am away from my papers where things

are recorded will you I receive dollars the year during the your explain to be paid you said, but have to be of my allowance things. \$ 100.00 for wards one explaining me to get defending der of the

are recorded of the money I have received,
will you pardon me if I ask you how
I received the Seventeen hundred odd
dollars during the year 1911 - that being
the year when my allowance fell short
during the 1st quarter. I understood
your explanation that two years taxes had
to be paid that year - & that as I had,
you said, been paid too much it would
have to be taken out of the 1st quarter
of my allowance for 1911 to straighten up
things. So you gave me at first
\$100.00 for the 1st q^r. of 1911 - but after-
wards one hundred more, upon my
explaining that it would be hard for
me to get along when I had friends
depending upon me - Then the remain-
der of the year I rec. from you, as Trustee.

to
allowance,
the
- I
seemed
ed the
I
in-
ridly
vest-
me
that
the
things

\$400.⁰⁰ each of the
for the ^{three} remaining
quarters of 1911 - making for the
year of 1911 - (\$1,400.) fourteen hundred
dollars. Now, I do not understand
why I should be credited in 1911
with \$1,700 odd dollars - Perhaps
Mr. Pickett can explain to me.

My address is -
83 Grove St. Cor. Whitney Ave.
Care Mr. Johnson (Samuel)
Prof.

Answered at Lagunitas, Calif.
Oct. 19, 1912

Dr. C. Nease

from Peoria

three months

letter from

leaving

notify you

The

if Mr. Pick

Hee said

83 Grove St.
Cor. Whitney Ave.

New Haven, Ct.

Oct^r 22nd '12.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Trustee.

Dear Sir:

This morning your letter with enclosed check for my 3rd quarterly allowance was very gladly rec. for I did not know your address and had to wait here to hear from you as I had given this address - I have not quite decided about spending the winter here, but will notify you later - Am glad you have part of your family with you - it must be so much pleasanter - Enclosed is receipt.
Very truly - Maria H. Bradley.

Peoria Ill.

Jan. 4th 1913

Dr. G. Hart Merriam -

Dear Sir:

This is to let you know my present address is Peoria 110 High St. - I returned here the last of Oct. - deciding not to spend the winter in New Haven: may return in the Spring -

Very Truly

Maria W. Bradley -

Peria, Ill. Jan. 16th 1913

Dr. L. Hart Merriam,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the receipt for Check
which was received this afternoon -
The Check for the fourth quarter
of my annuity for the year of
1912 ending March 19th next.

Thanks for your promptness.
We have had an icy time here
for over a week but to day
it was very free from snow & ice -
which has facilitated my getting out
to send this off - Very sincerely, M. H. Bradley.

thful -
done
iend
tate -
nes me
felt
to be
or the
be more
been
auditing
be)
llow
d advice,
ve reached
for
us
lay -

Ans. Apr 12, 1913
+ check \$400. in part
annuity for 1st Quarter 1913

Peoria, April 7th 1913

Dr. Merriam

Dear Sir,

Have just received your letter
with enclosed check for \$170.75
the balance in my favor from
the Houdley Estate.

Yes, it is good to see that
the income is increasing - and
must be a satisfaction to
the Trustees or those that have
the property in charge to
know the investments pay
so well. Does Mr. Pickett take

the duties of another Trustee?

When I was in New Haven last year - and Mr. Pickelt was in Europe and I did not know where you were I thought - who shall I go to if any thing happens to Dr. Merriam.

The matter that I wrote about - last fall was to know if I had received the sum credited to me ^{the previous year} as I could not remember how things or at least how if any balance of money I had received -

It did not seem the right thing to do to go to Mr. Pickelt and I preferred to ask you as you were the one with whom I directly dealt with - when

I re
showe
know
for
you.
defin

tion
the h
reside
her h
conne
Coast

seen
in Wi
Most
to see
I w

I returned home my papers showed what I wished to know - so there was no reason for my further troubling you. My return was not definitely settled when I wrote.

I have had several invitations to visit Washington in the home of a Cousin who resides there - Mrs. Warren Bagley. Her husband a young man connected with the Alaskan Coast Survey - I have never seen - they do not remain in W. but part of the year. - Most of the year I expect to remain in Peoria -

I wish to thank you for your

promptness and your faithful-
ness in all you have done
for me as Fred's friend
and executor of his Estate.

Since I have had the use
of these funds - I have felt
that it was a trust to be
used in different ways for the
Lord & Dow. I expect to be more
prudent than I have been
in regard to my own expenditure
and save, for, (it may be)
a time of need - and follow
Judge Townsend's good advice,
In June I shall have reached
my 69th birthday.

Enclosed is receipt for
\$ 170.75. Very truly yours
M. A. Bradley -

Ans. Apr 12 1915
I check \$400. in part
amount for 1st part

Dr. Merri

Dear

Have just

with

the bal

the Hood

Ye

the incom

must be

the you

the pro

know th

so well

Peoria April 14th, 13

Dr. G. Hart Meriam, Trustee & Ex.

Dear Sir -

Your letter with enclosed check just received. Thank you for your promptness.

Enclosed is Receipt for the check of \$400.00, payment of my annuity for the first quarter of 1913th year.

Thanks for the information received -

Very truly, Maria H. Bradley

Reed & Ansel
June 14, 1913 - can 3

Peoria Ill. June 10th 1913

Dr. Merriam:

1919 Sixteenth St.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has taken me some time to adjust myself to the proposed changes in regard to the carrying out of Fred's Will -

Life seems very short to me and I can understand Mrs. Townsend's desire, as she has only this one son, that she would like some arrangement made so that she could have the use now, without waiting for some one to die, of what would be considered her interest in the F. H. Hoadley Estate likewise the Wilson heirs. But your

proposition for the disposal of my interest is not quite satisfactory to me.

It seems to me perfectly just and right if there is to be a division that I should also have several thousand to invest myself and the balance to be invested in a strong company as you as Trustee should consider safest.

Now if you should give me personally Ten thousand dollars to invest as I prefer, with the balance could you purchase me an annuity of \$1,500. fifteen hundred dollars?

I am now in my 70th year not specially strong and I reason this way - If I should not live many years why should the Insurance Co. have so much

when I need it more than they do?

Another thing - If as Trustee Dr. Merriam purchases an annuity for me in a company like the Equitable, as he suggested, it is putting every thing I have to depend upon in one Company.

Suppose now while waiting for a semi-annual payment, I should fall ill and die, there would never be another payment coming to settle expenses contracted in the meantime, which might be large -

So if there is to be such a division as you speak of I think I should also have several thousand dollars outright beside an annuity, and it seems to me "Ten thousand dollars" (\$10,000.) would be very fair -

I suppose while you are all
debating this matter you will
send my allowance for July
as usual - and make no change
before that time -

Very Sincerely
Maria A. Bradley

Brady, John Green, 1847 - 1918

1900

83/129
C

The Concord
Washington D. C.

April 24th 1900

Dear Merriam-

Your invitation just received. Mrs. Brady has gone to New York and will stop in Penn. to visit her relatives. I shall take the liberty of inviting Dr. Jackson's daughter Elizabeth to accompany me to enjoy the Alaska views on the evening of the 27th inst.

Respectfully yours

John S. Brady

Ans.

END OF REEL.

PLEASE

REWIND.

