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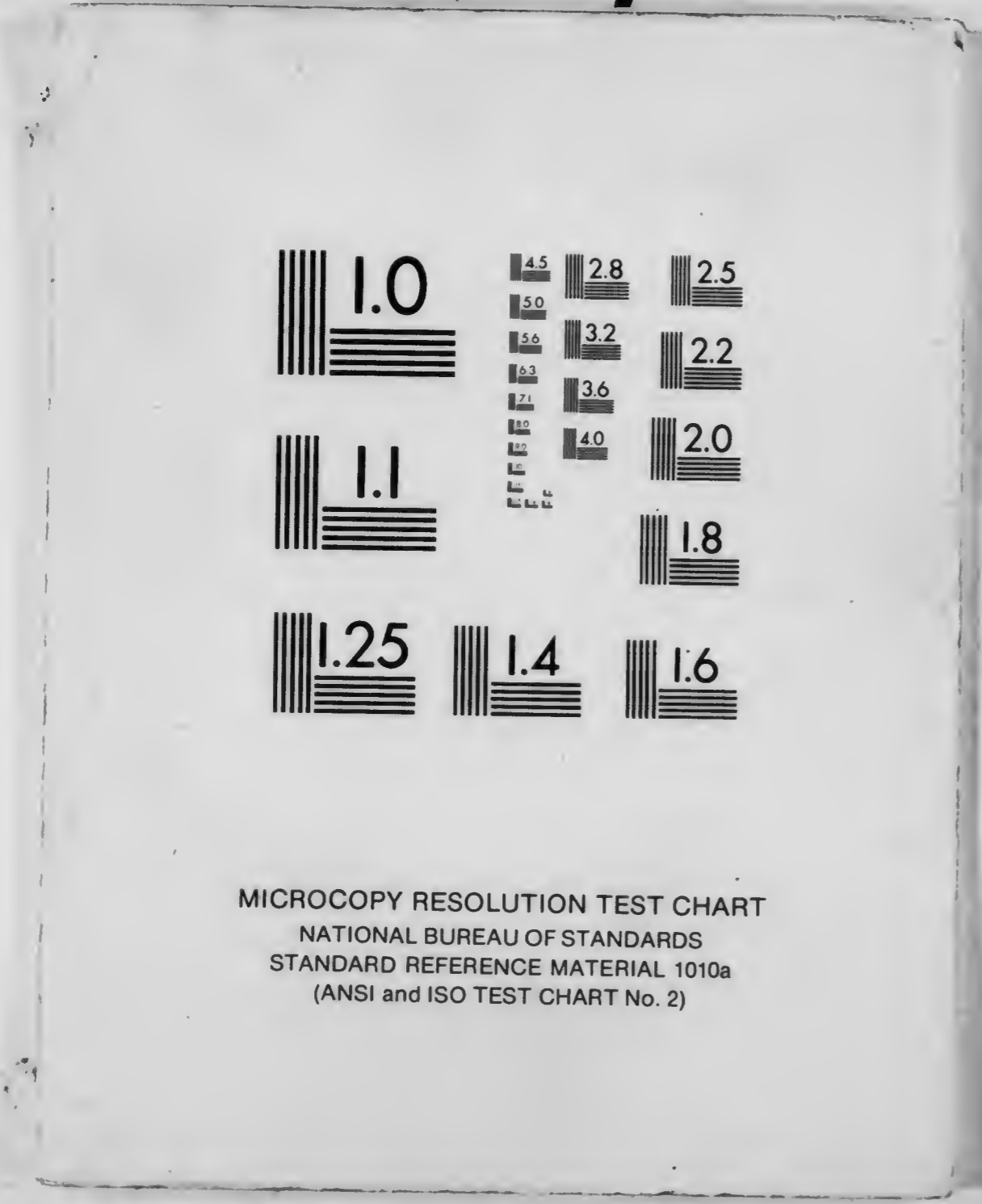
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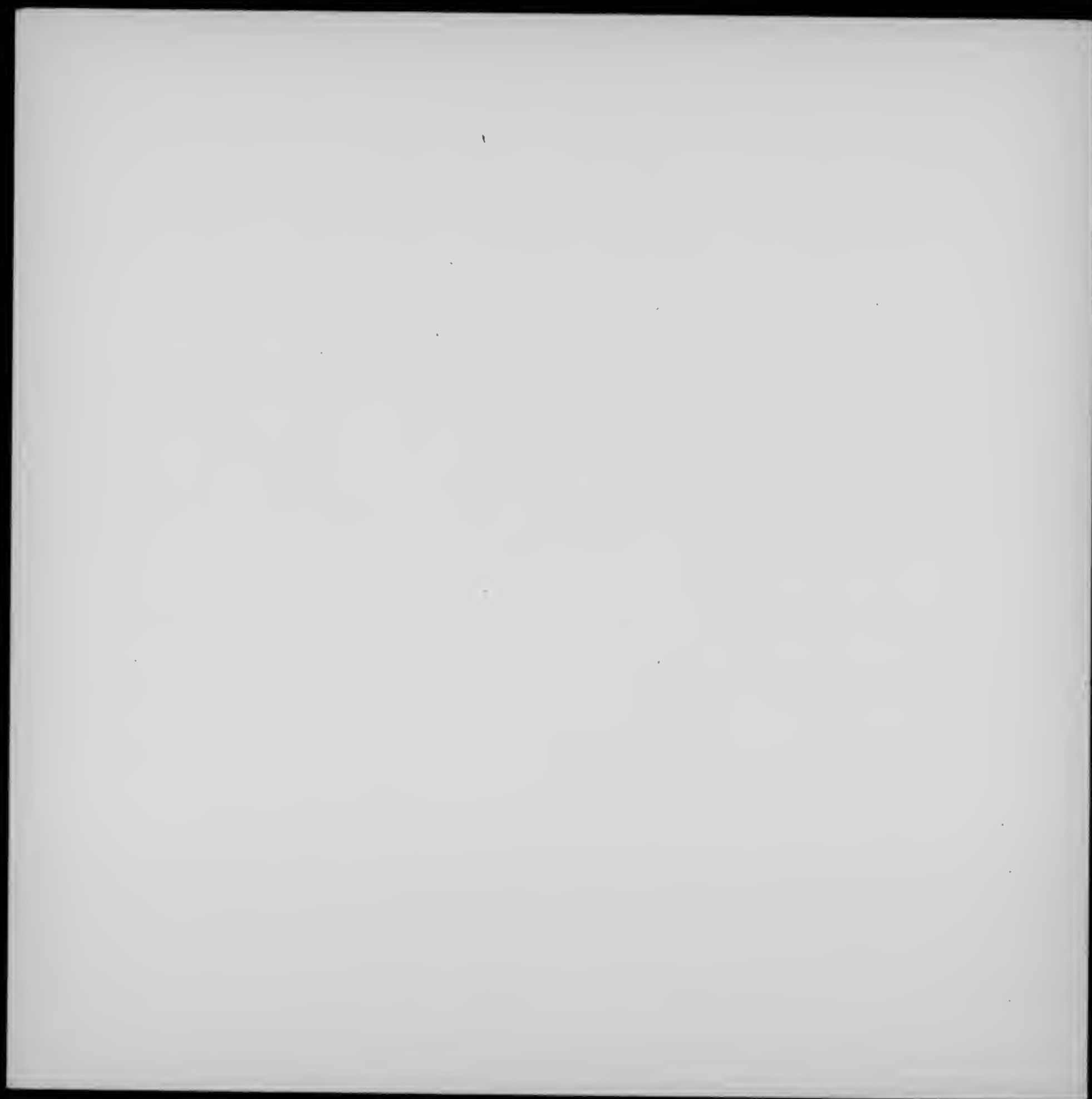
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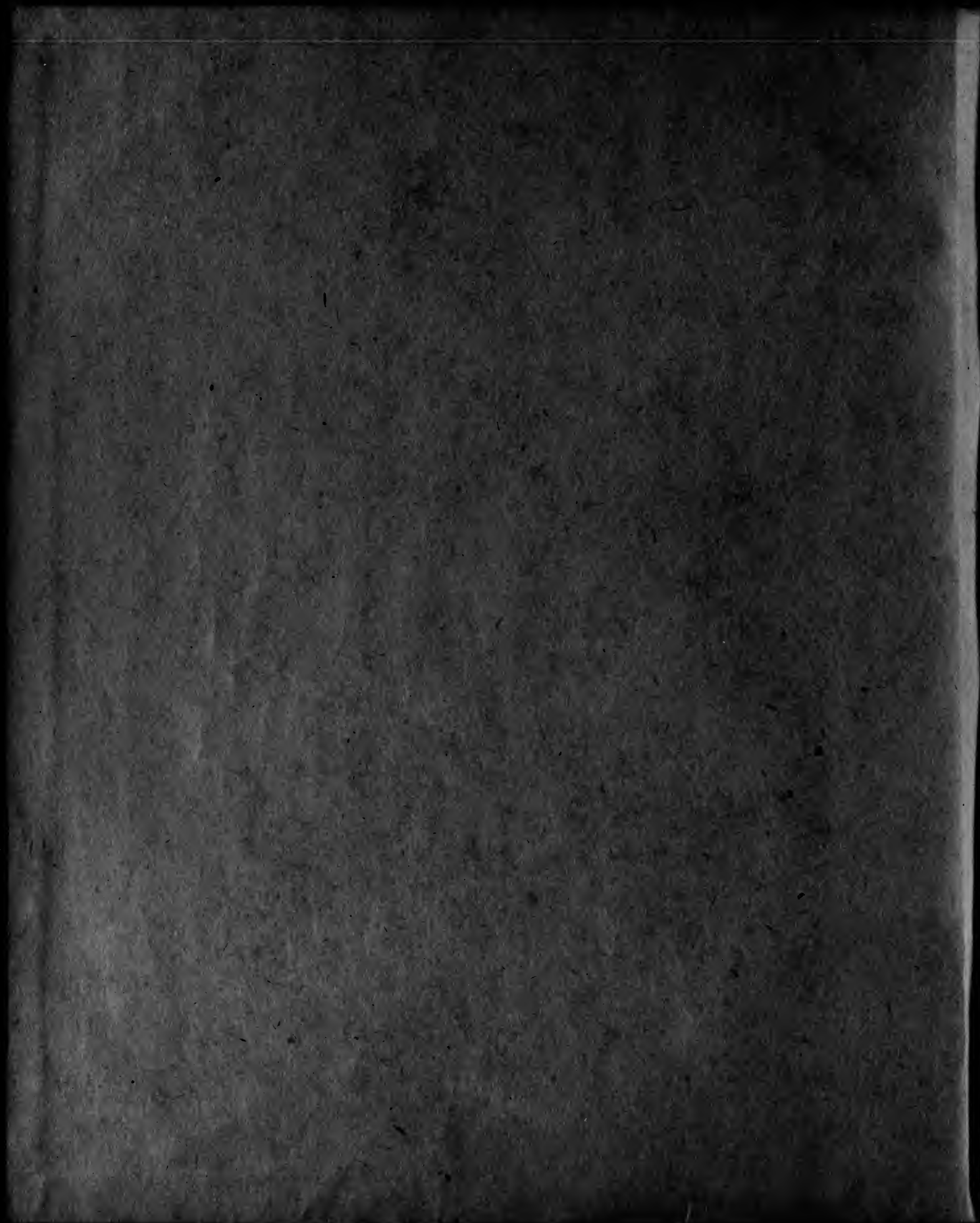
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July 16, 1928 - July 16, 1929



July 16, 1928.

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account covering the period from June 24 to the end of the month, amounting to \$137.71, along with June voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, \$135.00 which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I had one bit of bad luck: on a stretch of muddy-greasy road in the rain about 40 miles east of Indianapolis, I skidded off a nine foot bank and had to get a new front axle and other parts from Indianapolis, causing a delay of two days and a bill of \$77.60 for new parts and repairs.

Distance traveled from Washington, D.C. to Lagunitas about 3400 miles; time 18 days, 4 of which were delays for repairs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. E. Merriam

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Distance traveled from Washington, D.C. to Lagunitas about 3400 miles; time 19 days, 4 of which were delays for repairs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C-Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Expense Account June 24-30, 1928.

1928		
June 24	Wash ^D . - Grantsville: 6 gas 1.44; 9 gas 2.34; oil .30 Lunch	4.08
24-25	Grantsville, Md., National Hotel, sup. ldg. bk. & storage	3.75
25	Mechanic to start car .50; 10 gas 2.20 Lunch .70; sup. 1.30	2.70
	Zanesville, O.: alemiting, 1.00; oil changed 1.80	2.80
25-26	Hotel Brown, ldg. Storage .50; 9 gas 1.98	1.50
26	Damage to garden (car off bank) Bk. .65; l. .75; din. 1.25	2.48
27	Bk. .70; l. .70; din. 1.25	5.00
26-28	Knightstown, Ind.: ldg. (2 nights) Car repairs & new parts (front axle, tie rod, fender)	2.65
28	7 gas 1.54; oil .30 Bk. .70; l. .80; din. 1.00	4.50
28-29	Brazil, Ind.: Davis Hotel, ldg.	77.60
29	Storage .50; 10 gas 1.94; water rack welded .50 Bk. .60; l. .70; din. 1.25	1.84
29-30	St. Louis, Mo.: Hamilton Hotel, ldg. Hodiamont Garage, oil changed 1.80; alemiting 1.00 Storage .50 &c	2.50
30	7 gas 1.47; 7 1/2 gas 1.65; St. Charles river Toll .45 Bk. .70; l. .80	2.00
30-July 1	Tonganoxie, Kans.: Myer Hotel, sup. ldg. & bk.	2.94
		2.55
		2.50
		3.60
		3.57
		1.50
		2.25
		137.71

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Aug. 4, 1928.

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of July including the part of the transcontinental trip from Tonganoxie, Kansas to Lagunitas, amounting in all to \$216.24. I am including also salary voucher for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, month of July, \$135.00 which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

It seems proper to tell you that I am not well. A few days after arrival I went to San Francisco to consult physicians and learned that I was suffering from diabetes, which I have doubtless had for some time. I was immediately put to bed in the University of California Hospital where I was under treatment for exactly two weeks (at a personal expense of more than \$100). Kindly do not spread this information.

I am now sugar free and expect to start on a field trip in a couple days. I am on a diet and am taking insulin hypodermically morning and evening.

The doctors assure me that the disease will not shorten my life or interfere with my work as long as I continue proper diet and insulin. On the contrary, they insist that in the case of people past middle life diabetes prolongs life, for the reason that the diet is adjusted to bodily needs, and the disease offset by the insulin.

Very truly yours,

Carson

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should precede this page.)

	B. .60; l..65; din. 1.25		
9-10	Barstow, Calif.: Harvey House, ldg.		2.50
10	Alemiting 1.00; oil changed 2.10; horn repaired .50	9	3.50
	9 gas 2.11; b..70; l..60; din. 1.00		3.60
10-11	Merced, Calif.: El Capitan Hotel, ldg.		4.41
11	Storage .50; 14 gas 3.02; b..75; l. 75; din. 1.25	10	2.50
	Oakland-San Francisco Ferry .75; San Fran.-Sausalito.75		6.27
12	Lagunitas P.O.Box #58 (Sept.'27-Sept.'28)		1.50
	50 stamp envelopes 1.00; welding running-board .50		1.00
14	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau; clippings for June	11	1.50
15	H.S. Crocker Co., Press Copy Book	11	4.27
16	Car window felt fixt	12	7.25
17	Expressage, Insurance (valued \$2,700.00), & Storage, 3 pkgs. Washington D.C. to San Geronimo, Calif.	12/2	.25
17-18	San Fran.: Hotel Cartwright, ldg. & phones	12/2	42.30
19-27	Four official round-trips, Lagunitas to San Fran. by Z. Merriam, Assistant.	13	3.00
19:	Ret. Sausalito-San Fran. .25; Street cars .20; l.50		.95
	8 gas 1.74; oil .70; storage (Sausalito).50		2.94
21:	Ret. Sausalito-San Fran..25; street cars.15;l..60		1.00
	Storage, Sausalito .50		.50
23-24:	Ret. San Rafael-San Fran..60; street cars .25		.85
	San Fran., State Hotel 2.00; oil changed 2.10		4.10
	L..50; din.1.00; b..50; l..60		2.60

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co, California.

July 1928 Expense Account

1928			
July 1	Tonganoxie, Kans.: car storage .50; gas & oil 1.60		2.10
	Lyon, Kans.: 15 gas 2.73; oil .30; l..60; sup. 1.00	1	4.63
1-2	Millinwood Kans.: Hotel Wolf, ldg.		1.50
	Storage .35; alemiting 1.25; 6 gas 1.20		2.80
2	Garden City Kans.: oil changed 1.80; tire mended .40		2.20
	B. .50; l. .70; din. at Syracuse Harvey House 1.50		2.70
2-3	Syracuse Kans.: traveler's nest, ldg. & b.	2	1.35
3	Storage .50; 17 1/2 gas 3.65; l. .70; sup. 1.00	3	5.85
3-4	Raton, N. Mex.: Seaberg Hotel, ldg.		3.00
4	Storage .50; 4 gas 1.00; b..70; l. .60; sup. 1.00	4	3.80
4-5	Taos N. Mex.: Don Fernando Hotel, ldg.		3.50
5	Storage .50; 5 gas 1.70; pd. 10as indian 1.00		3.20
	B. .70; l. .75; din. 1.50		2.95
6	B. .70; l. .70; din. 1.00		2.40
5-7	Sante Fe N. Mex.: La Ronda Hotel, ldg. (2 nights)	5	8.00
7	Car repair (frame straightened &c.)	6	14.10
	tires changed .75; 4 gas 1.16; b. .60; l..70; d. 1.00	7	4.21
7-8	Gallup N. Mex.: Piedmont Hotel, ldg.		3.50
8	Storage .50; grease .60; oil .55; alemiting 1.50		3.15
	17 gas 4.75; b..60; l..70; din. 1.00	8	7.05
8-9	Seligman Ariz.: Harvey House, ldg.	9	3.00
9	Storage .50; oil .45; 16 gas 4.12		5.07
	telegram to fidelity Storage Co., Wash ⁿ . D.C. fixing date for shipping express pkgs.		.60

	J.E. French (San Rafael): Running-board repair, car washed & greased &c.		7.40
26-27	Ret. Sausalito-San Fran. .25; street cars .30		.55
	Ret. San Fran.-Berkeley .42; l..50; din. 1.00		1.92
	San Fran.: State Hotel, ldg. 2.00; b..50; l..65		3.15
	Sausalito: storage (2 days) 1.00; 10 gas 2.10		3.10
26	2 rolls film developed & printed	15	.92
30	Straw auto seat 1.85; sponge .90	16	2.75
31	Calif. Hist. Soc.: Set Pantiscope Pictures, Hock Ranch &c		2.00
	Mid-week Pictorial, 13 weeks subscription		1.00
12	Jos. Hill's History: Warner's Ranch	17	6.00

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C. Hart Merriam
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August 12, 1928

Dr Alexander Wetmore
Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Inst.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

It was kindly thoughtful of you to send me a translation of Rivet's notice of my paper on the Distribution and Classification of the Pit River Indians. I had not seen it and am very glad to have it.

Have just returned from a brief field trip in Sacramento Valley and adjacent foothills, where the afternoon temperature stood at 108, falling suddenly just after midnight to 64. I was discouraged by the almost total absence of old Indians, many having died since last fall. The end seems almost at hand so far as obtaining additional material on early culture, boundaries, and beliefs.

With many thanks for your kindness in sending me Rivet's review,

Very truly yours,
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Personal

August 12, 1928

Dear Dr Wetmore:

For a year or more I have been very tired much of the time, particularly the latter part of the day. On arriving here I went to Dr Sterling Bunnell. He found me full of sugar and took me to Dr Shepardson, a specialist in diabetes. Dr S. put me to bed same day in Univ. Calif. Hospital, where I stayed two weeks. I was discharged "sugar free" and put on a restricted diet, with insulin hypodermics twice a day.

This is both inconvenient and expensive but there is no help for it, and I am vastly better and clearer in my head.

The Doctors insist that the diabetes will in no way shorten life but will prolong it-- because of the more rational diet.

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Aug. 12, 1928

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr Grinnell:

Have just returned from a brief field trip in the
torrid heat of Sacramento Valley and adjacent foothills.

Am glad to know that you will come to see us. We
expect to be home Wednesday and Thursday of this week--
August 15 and 16--and hope it will be convenient for you
to come then. Can you not bring Mrs Grinnell and have
lunch with us? I hope so, and Mrs Merriam joins in the
desire that you give us this chance for a little visit. ~
it's a long time since we have seen any of you.

Last winter I did some more work on the Grizzlies
but still am far from the publication stage. The
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Hoping to see you soon, and with best wishes to Mrs
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Very truly yours,

C. M.

August 16, 1928

Mrs Mable Lewis Chilberg
Rancho del Alisal, Azusa

My dear Mrs Chilberg:

Yes, I shall be very glad to read
your manuscript from one of the old Cahuil-
la Indians.

I am back and forth from the field
and am just setting out on another trip.
If you will let me know when it will be con-
venient to see me I will try to arrange to
be on hand. If you bring your car you might
find Lagunitas a pleasant drive.

Very truly yours,

Carr

August 26, 1928

Dear Col. Martin:

Your letter from Los Angeles reached me on my return to Lagunitas. I have been at work among the Indians, as usual.

As to John Muir's manuscripts and sketches, the man you want to see is Dr Wm F. Bade of Berkeley. His address used to be 2616 College Avenue. He is "Literary Executor" of John Muir and has finished and published several volumes of Muir's material since Muir's death.

Muir's eldest daughter, Wanda, married Thomas A. Hanna some years ago and has several children. They still live at the old home at Muir station on the Santa Fe railroad, a few miles from Martinez. Mrs Hanna or Dr Bade has Muir's copious journals and note books, abounding in sketches. I have seen them many times.

As to the Gibbs map or maps: I have one edition at Washington but don't remember title or date. I have also a photostat of Gibbs' map of Northern California the original of which is in the Indian Office at Washington.

Let us know when and where you are when in San Francisco, as we shall hope to see you here at Lagunitas. I am away in the field most of the time, but if I knew in advance would be delighted to welcome you both here. Mrs M will be back today and Zenaida is with me now. We returned last night from a field trip in the north.

Best wishes to you both--and the little girl if she is with you.

Walter D. ...

C Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

Expense Account for August, 1928.

1928			
Aug. 5	San Rafael: 8 gas		1.68
9	Allen's Press Clippings for July	1	3.00
8	Vacaville: 8 gas 1.75; oil .65; Kachil Indian 1.00		3.41
8-9	Colusa: Hotel Riverside, ldg. self & asst. Z. Merriam		5.00
9	Pioneer Garage, gas, oil, storage &c	2	5.00
	Sites: pd. Indian M Gill & daughter		3.50
	Kotina: pd. Indian services, Gonzales 1.00; Cooper 3.		4.00
	2 b. 1.20; 2 l. 1.40; 2 din. 2.10		4.70
9-10	Arbuckle: Hotel Arbuckle, ldg. self & asst. Z. Merriam		5.00
	Storage .50; 14 gas 3.02; 2 b. 1.30; 2 l. 1.40; 2 d. 2.10		8.32
13	Eastman Kodak Stores, dev. printing & enlargements	4	3.46
14	San Rafael: alemiting & oil		2.35
	San Anselmo : brake tightened		.50
17	San Rafael: 8 gas		1.84
19-20	Arbuckle: Hotel Arbuckle, ldg. self & asst. Z. Merriam	5	8.00
18	Colusa: 8 gas 1.96; 2 l. 1.20; 2 din. 2.00		5.16
	Kachil Rancharia indian, A.C. Mitchell		1.50
19	Arbuckle: storage .50; oil changed 1.50		2.00
	Kachil indians, A.C. Mitchell 2.00, Tony Bill & wife 3.		5.00
	Cortina Rancharia indians		2.25
	2 b. 1.50; 2 l. 1.30; 2 din. 2.00		4.80
20	Arbuckle: storage .50; grease .25; numsey indian .50		1.25
	15 gas (Guinda & San Rafael) 3.35		3.35
	Dixon: tire vulc. 1.25; 2b 1.20; 2 l. 1.40		3.85
22	San Rafael: car alemited 1.75;		1.75

22	San Rafael - San Fran. & ret. .60; street cars .40		1.00
	White ink & pens .35; adhesive tape .60; pencils .10		1.05
	Eastman Kodak Store; dev. & printing		1.38
	" " " " : 4 rolls film		1.00
	San Francisco; dinner		1.00
24	San Rafael: 7 gas 1.61; 2 l. 1.20; 2 din. 2.20		5.01
	Woodland: new tire & tube (T.A.A. Andersen)	6	21.80
24-25	Willows: Hotel Barton, ldg. self & asst. Z. Merriam	7	5.00
25	Storage .50; grease .25; horn fixt .50; 10 gas 2.50		3.75
	Grindstone Indian 1.00; Chief San Diego (Stony Ford) 2.		3.00
	Oil .40; 2 b. 1.20; 2 l. 1.40; 2 din. 2.15		5.15
25-26	Willows: Hotel Barton, ldg. self & asst. Z. Merriam		5.00
26	Storage .50; tire vulc. 1.00; Colusa: 7 gas 1.72		3.22
	Woodland: oil .25; 2 b. 1.40; 2 din. 2.25; 2 sup. 1.20		5.10
28	San Rafael: oil changed & alemiting		3.00
	Sausalito: 10 gas 2.20; Ferry, Sausalito - San Fran. rt. 25		2.45
	Street fares .35; dinner .80		1.15
29	50 stamp envelopes		1.10
30	San Rafael: Thayers' Garage, as per bill	9	24.06
31	San Rafael: Wheels tightened .50; horn fixt .25		.75

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C Hart Merriam

Sept. 8, 1928

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me (addressed to Lagunitas, Calif.) my tax bills due this month, and oblige.

My Washington house is 1919 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 8, 1928

Mr R. T. Hatt
Am. Museum Nat. History
New York City

Dear Mr Hatt:

Your letter of August 24 awaited my return to my summer base in California, from a field trip in the northern part of the state.

I am surprised to learn that those barren-ground bear skulls loaned me by the Museum so long ago have not been returned. I supposed that all borrowed material had gone back years ago.

Am writing the Biological Survey to return them at once. Please accept my apologies for the delay.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 8, 1928

Chief, U.S. Biological Survey

Enclosed is a letter from Robert T. Hatt, Assistant Curator of Mammals, American Museum of Natural History, New York, asking for the return of fifteen Bear Skulls borrowed by me a long time ago. I supposed they had been returned.

I shall be obliged if you will have them properly packed and shipped to the American Museum, charges prepaid.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 9, 1928

Mr Stephen Knight
Ukiah, Calif.

Your letter of June 18 was written a week before I left Washington, and your Pow-wow came off a week before we reached California. Sorry I could not be there.

I am not very well and since coming to California. Have been laid up a couple of weeks in a Hospital in San Francisco. However I am very much better now and am doing some fieldwork.

When at Anderson last week I was amazed to be told by Indians there (picking prunes) that Collett was to be there the next night, still calling for money. A young man from Oakland, apparently in Collett's employ, was there making arrangements for the meeting. I don't know his name.

I have been told that Collett's trial will not be held till late in the year and that he is out on \$500 bail.

Sorry the copy I sent you of the report of the Institute for Govt. research on the Problem of Indian Administration failed to reach you. Am sending another by this mail.

I expect to see you before the season is over.

With regards to your family,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 9, 1928

Miss Nellie Higman
Big Bend, Calif.

My dear Miss Higman:

Thanks for your letter of August 27. I am very glad to learn that you have heard Hulsey Bill sing his tribal songs, and that you appreciate them. I regard it a calamity that I was not able to preserve them.

I will transmit your suggestion to Dr Kroeber, head of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California; he may be able to send someone to try to get the old songs. The Smithsonian probably would not be able to send anyone so far.

One thing: I wish you would tell me how Hulsey feels about the book; I have often wondered.

And is the road in to the Bend any better than when I last drove over it several years ago?

Very truly yours,

Sept. 9, 1928

Dr L. A. Kroeber
University of Calif.

Dear Doctor Kroeber:

The enclosed letter from Nellie Higman, school teacher at Big Bend, explains itself. Possibly you may have some properly equipped person whom you might deem it worth while to send up there to try to get the songs.

I began a letter to you several months ago but was unable to finish it for the reason that I am still at work on the classification of the Wintoon tribes. Hope to have the thing ready in the very near future. The chief difficulty is with the nomenclature. For years I have had plenty of vocabularies ^(12 of them) except for the Tehama-Stony Creek region, represented by those of Taylor, Brown, and Hedding.

The pressing question is as to the best way to group into "tribes" the so called "tribes" of the Indians themselves. Linguistically, these present of course varying degrees of difference, but each occupied a considerable area with very definite boundaries, and each had a considerable number of villages.

very truly yours,

Referring to your former letter: the midco of the Cosumnes River region call themselves Ne-se-nan; those on American River, Ne-se-non--but neither is entirely consistent. In combination both say Nis-se-nan or Nis-se-non. I commonly use Nis-se-nan.

Sept. 9, 1928

Miss Elizabeth B. Snell
Appointment Secretary
Stanford University

My dear Miss Snell:

Two or three years ago you recommended Margaret Carvel for the position of Stenographer-Assistant. I took her to Washington. She proved a failure. Not that she was lacking in brains, but because she had interests of her own-- literature and music--and was utterly unwilling to bother to fit herself for my work.

I am wondering if you know of anyone now whom you can recommend? My work is in anthropology and general natural history. She should know something along one of these lines-- or at least feel an interest in zoology or botany--and should have done some research work, if not more than searching the literature for exact references.

You once mentioned Miss Therese Beckwith. Is she available now?

Very truly yours,
Cam

Sept. 9, 1928

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Chief San Diego McDaniel
Stony Ford, Calif.

My dear friend:

Herewith I am enclosing the report I promised to send you--a report on the Administration of Indian Affairs by the Indian Bureau at Washington. The report was not prepared by the Government, but by the Institute for Government Research.

A few days ago I was surprised to learn from Indians in the northern part of Sacramento valley that F.G. Collett is still visiting Indians for the purpose of getting more money. I am told that he is out on 500 dollars bail.

I was very glad to see you again, and if I have good luck will try to go up there again before the season is over.

Where are any of the Dah-chin-chin-ne Indians now? I want to get hold of a good man or woman who talks their talk.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Very truly yours,
Cam

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Sept. 19, 1928

Mr Robert M. Searls, Chairman
Section Indian Affairs
Commonwealth Club, San Francisco

My dear Sir:

Your invitation to attend a meeting of the Committee on Indian Affairs today reaches me on my return from a field trip in the northern part of the State, in the course of which I worked with six tribes.

I cannot possibly reach San Francisco in time for the lunch, which I greatly regret; but when you call the next meeting, if you let me know long enough ahead I shall be very glad to go.

Very truly yours,

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Sept. 21, 1928

Mrs Elizabeth Snell
Appointment Secretary
Stanford University

My dear Mrs Snell:

Thanks for sending me confidential information about Miss Adele Masson and Miss Jeanne Russell.

Returning from a field trip I find a night letter from Miss Masson in which she says she has no shorthand. This is unfortunate, as her qualifications otherwise seem to be excellent.

Miss Russell has not been heard from, but her papers say nothing as to stenography. My secretary must be able to take dictation.

The papers you so kindly sent are herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

*Since writing above the mail brings a letter from Miss Russell. She is silent as to stenography. A "secretary" who cannot take dictation is in my judgment no secretary at all. I cannot afford two.
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Very truly yours,

Since writing above the mail brings a letter from Miss Russell. She is silent as to stenography. A "secretary" who cannot take dictation is in my judgment no secretary at all. I cannot afford to have one.

Retake of Preceding Frame

Sept. 21, 1928

Mrs Elizabeth Snell
Appointment Secretary
Stanford University

My dear Mrs Snell:

Thanks for sending me confidential information about Miss Adele Masson and Miss Jeanne Russell.

Returning from a field trip I find a night letter from Miss Masson in which she says she has no shorthand. This is unfortunate, as her qualifications otherwise seem to be excellent.

Miss Russell has not been heard from, but her papers say nothing as to stenography. My secretary must be able to take dictation.

The papers you so kindly sent are herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

CSM

Since writing above the word miss a little for Miss Russell. She is expert as to stenography. A secretary who can take dictation is in my judgment no secretary at all. I am at a loss to find one.

Sept. 21, 1928

Miss Adele Masson
Care Mrs Elizabeth Snell
Stanford University, Calif.

My dear Miss Masson:

Your night letter from Carmel awaited my return from a field trip among Indians in the northern part of the state. You say you have no shorthand. I had written Mrs Snell that I was in search of a stenographer-secretary. Otherwise your education and training seem admirable.

You began shorthand early in the year. Did you give it up? Or are you still going on with it?

I am away in the field a few days at a time every week, so am likely to be late in getting mail.

If you have a phone connection I would be glad to talk with you.

Very truly yours,

CSM

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Sept. 21, 1928

Miss Jeanne Russell
Stanford University

My dear Miss Russell:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday, this moment received. You say nothing of stenography--my chief need. But your work in paleontology and general natural history would otherwise furnish an excellent foundation for my work, which at present relates mainly to California Indians.

I am very weary of training assistants in the various lines on which I am engaged, including my personal requirements in the way of details--for I am an old man and rather "set" in my own ways. Therefore would not care to take anyone with an other objective in view for the near future.

The salary I try to scale according to results--by which I mean value to me. I usually begin at \$125 to \$150 per month and work up if the assistant proves sufficiently helpful.

Very truly yours,
C. D. M.

Sept. 21, 1928

Dr W. S. Showalter
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr Showalter:

Returning from a field trip recently I found your letter dated September 8 awaiting attention.

I am not interested in your resolution on "The Relationship between Science and Religion" and regret to see that the National Geographic Society is taking the matter up.

Very truly yours,
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Sept. 21, 1928

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor
President, National
Geographic Society

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

The enclosed letter from Dr Showalter, written on the Geographic Society's letterhead, fills me with amazement. Surely it cannot be that the Society is entering the field of religious controversy; it must be a case of individual indiscretion.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
Canine

Sept. 20, 1928

Mr Percival S. Ridsdale
Editor Nature Magazine
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Ridsdale:

Returning from a field trip I am pleased to find the attractive California number of Nature Magazine in the mail.

The California map on the cover is in the main admirable though inaccurate in several places--as in placing the "Modocs and LavaBeds" much too far south, and Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles, too far north and too near Santa Barbara.

But the most unutterably terrible thing on the map is the word "FRISCO" on San Francisco Bay. This is an insult not only to the great city but as well to the upwards of a million good people who live north of Los Angeles. Evidently you have not experienced the indignation of the citizens of most parts of the state against this abomination--a term used only by the jealous Los Angelites and tender-feet from the East.

You are to be congratulated on the standing of most of the authors and the high character of their articles in this number. I am enclosing check for several additional copies.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Merriam

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Very truly yours,

October 4, 1923

Dear Mrs. Chilberg:

Pardon me please for keeping your manuscript of Francisco's story of his people so long--since Sept. 14. My daughter Zenaida and I have been on the go visiting various tribes of Indians from near Colusa to near Mount Shasta, and in the mountains on both sides of Sacramento Valley, in search of fragments of information lacking in my notes. And we have been successful.

I have read every word of Francisco's several most interesting chapters about the early history of his people and am fully convinced that it is worthy of publication. But a good deal of hard work is needed to prepare it for the press. It should be carefully edited, and explanatory footnotes should be added in a number of places. And furthermore, it should be compared with Boscana's Chinigchinich, a translation of which was published in Robinson's Life in California, 1846. My copy of this is in

Washington so I am unable to refer to it. I suggest this as a matter of precaution, as it must of course be referred to by whomever edits Francisco's book. The two accounts may have little in common, as Boscana's is said to have come from San Juan Capistrano; ^{however} comparison may bring out interesting suggestions.

In reading your manuscript I was greatly surprised at Francisco's repeated mention of Utah Indians. One cannot help wondering whether his people really had any ancient tradition mentioning this distant tribe, or whether--like some religious ideas--it came from information acquired later?

It has been a privilege to read this story and I trust you will be able to bring it out in such form that it will prove of permanent value to ethnologists.

With kind regards to yourself and son, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join,

CHM/AM

Very truly yours,
Chilberg

The manuscript is returned herewith.

Oct. 5, 1928

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for September amounting to \$236.54, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for \$51.75, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

We have done a lot of traveling the past month and have secured a correspondingly valuable fund of information from a number of tribes of Indians, thus enabling me to complete the classification of several linguistic stocks, and my daughter to finish for publication several much needed maps.

Having in previous years covered the ground rather thoroughly, our job this year has been the locating of survivors among the old people and the recovery from them of important bits not obtained before. Knowing where they live, it has been possible to visit a considerable number in a comparatively short time. In some cases an hour has been long enough to learn what was lacking, and several rancherias have been visited in a single day. This has been possible by means of our car. And the Indians have always been glad to see us.

September

Please overlook the appearance of my account--it was typed by a clerk I hired for a few days and sent away today.

You will be glad to know that I am several hundred percent better as to health than when we arrived.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The amount of the account is \$236.54 plus \$51.75 for Zenaida Merriam's account, total \$288.29. This is the amount of the check drawn on the Harriman fund. The amount of the check is \$288.29. The amount of the check is \$288.29.

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California.

Sept. 1	San Anselmo-San Francisco, return		60
	San Fran. street cars .20; supper 1.00	1	20
	RR fare (SP) San Fran-Redding		8 46
	Sleeper " " "	1	3 00
2	Breakfast on diner		1 15
	Taxi 36 miles, Redding-Ono and return		6 00
	Paid Ono Indian, Mrs. Range		1 00
	Dinner and supper		2 00
	Stage, Redding-Anderson and return		90
	Paid Indian, Mrs. W. Fann 2.00; other Indians 1.00		3 00
3	Redding, Golden Eagle Hotel, Room	2	2 00
	Pullman seat, Redding-Oakland	3	1 73
	Railroad fare, Redding-San Fran. (SP)		8 46
	Meals 3.00; street cars San Fran .20		3 20
4	San Fran. Room, Hotel Sutter	4	2 50
	Meals 1.50; street cars .30		1 80
	RR (Steam train) San Fran.-Lagunitas		1 20
Sept. 4	Eastman Co. 44 Photo enlargements, 11.00; ink .50	5	11 50
	Allen's Press Clippings for August	6	3 00
6	Ferry, Sausalito-San Fran. and return .30; meals 1.50; street cars .30	2	10 50
02-13	Car storage .50		
	San Raphael-San Fran. and return (self and assistant Zenaida Merriam) 1.20; car storage two nights, 1.00	2	20
	Waterman pen exchanged	7	1 25
	San Fran. meals, self and assistant (ZM) 3.50; street cars .50		4 00
	State Hotel	8	2 60
	Generator repaired (new parts) at Sausalito	9	5 25

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California.

Sept. 15	San Raphael: alemiting car and springs 2.50;			
	7 gals gas 1.61	4	11	
	Sears Point Cut Off, toll, .40		40	
	Winters, oil .25		25	
	Guinda: Indian Julia, services, 1.00	1	00	
	Woodland 9 gas 2.16	2	16	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	3	50	
16	Arbuckle: Hotel Arbuckle, 2 rooms, self and assistant (ZM)	10	3 50	
	Storage .50		50	
	Princeton: Indians: Wiley, services, 1.00;			
	Wm. Benjamin, 2.00	3	00	
	Old Indian woman .50		50	
	Willows: oil changed 2.10	2	10	
	Anderson: Indian Mrs. Fann, services, 2.00	2	00	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	5	00	
17	Redding: Hotel Redding, rooms self and assistant (ZM)	11	6 00	
	Storage .50; 10 gas, 2.40		2 90	
	Pollock: Indians: Charley Klooche and wife, services	3	00	
	Red Bluff: alemiting, 1.50; battery 25	1	75	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	4	85	
18	Willows: Hotel Barton, lodging self and assistant (ZM)	12	5 00	
	Storage, .50; Sears Point Cut Off, toll .40		90	
Sept. 18	Ignacio: 12 gas 2.60	2	60	
	San Raphael: oil, 35		35	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	3	50	
20	Gabriel Moulin Photo enlargements of Indians	13	6 80	
	Nature Magazine, extra copies	1	50	
22	San Raphael: car alemited 1.50; Outdoor Life .25	1	75	
24	San Raphael-San Fran. and return, fare 60		60	
	Meals, 1.50; engravers' pens, erasers and clips 1.10	1	1 10	
	Myron Wurts (Sr) photostats of Winton maps	15	8 34	
25	San Raphael to San Fran. Golden Gate bus, assistant (ZM)		55	
	San Fran. to San Raphael (NWP RR)		40	
	Street cars		10	
	2 geological quad. maps Smartsville		30	
	Meals	1	50	
	Telegram to San Jose		30	
26	Woodland: oil .35; 5 gas 1.10	1	45	
	Sears Point Cut Off, toll		40	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	3	40	
	Sparrow Bros. new parts and repairs, Gabriel Snubbers	16	14 90	
27	Marysville: Hotel Marysville, rooms, self and assistant (ZM)	17	6 00	
	Storage .50; 6 gas 1.20	1	70	

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Sept. 27	New window pane for car			
	Paid Indian, Mrs. Annie Barron	18	8 65	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)		4 00	
28	Franch Corral: supper, rooms and breakfast at Culver's for self and (ZM)		4 00	
	Paid Indians, Mrs. Barron and Pete Johnson, services		4 00	
	Dinner and supper en route, self and assistant (ZM)		4 00	
29	Auburn: Hotel Auburn, rooms, self and assistant "	19	4 00	
	Storage .50; alemit 1.50; grease 25; oil chg. 1.50	20	3 75	
	Sacramento: speedometer fixed, new parts	21	4 50	
	Tire vulc. 50; 9 gas 1.98; Sears Pt. Cut Off, toll 1.40		2 88	
	Meals, self and assistant (ZM)	3	50	

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Oct. 4, 1928

Mr H. M. Pittman
Wauchope, Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Mr Pittman:

Your letter and eight photographs of a fine Porcupine in the long hair of winter (forwarded from Washington) awaited my recent return from field work among Indians in the northern part of California.

I am keeping four of the photos and returning the other four herewith, along with my check for eight dollars in payment for the pictures with right to publish--in case I live long enough.

Were the long hairs conspicuously yellow? I assume that they were and that the species is the Western Yellow-haired Porcupine, Krethizon epixanthus.

I have had many interesting experiences with these stupid slow-moving beasts, and have a few good photos of them.

Very truly yours,

Cham

Kindly send receipt.

Oct. 11, 1928

Dr A. L. Kroeber
University of California

Dear Dr Kroeber:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th instant, just received.

In response to your wish that I send my briefer articles to the Anthropologist, I am enclosing one herewith on the Cop-eh of Gibbs. Not knowing Lowie's address I am taking the liberty to send it to you and shall be obliged if you will kindly forward it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 11, 1928

Dr Robert H. Lowie, Editor
American Anthropologist

Dear Dr Lowie:

Herewith I am enclosing a brief article on the Cop-eh of Gibbs for the Anthropologist--in case you can make room for it.

Not being sure of your present address I am sending it to Dr Kroeber to forward.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE COP-ÉH OF GIBBS

George Gibbs in 1853 introduced the name Cop-éh along with a short vocabulary obtained from an Indian said to be from a stream called "Potos Creek" [Putah Creek] (Schoolcraft, Indian Tribes, vol. 3, p 421 & (vocab.) 428-434¹⁸⁵³). But the artist Henry B. Brown, who in 1851 and 1852 worked among the Indians of Sacramento Valley, wrote the name "Copeh of Gibbs" on his annotated map of Northern California, placing it well up in the hills near Cache Creek.

Anthropologists, unaware of Brown's work, have been much puzzled as to the identity and location of the tribe. Powers is silent, while Barrett (Ethno-Geog. Pomo, 285, 1908) and Kroeber (Handbook Indians California, 355, 1925) state that they were unable to obtain the name from surviving Indians. It was with great satisfaction therefore that I was told by a very aged Indian woman living in Capay Valley that Ko-pé was the name of a large village in the broad flat part of that valley, about half a mile south of the ranch postoffice named Brooks. This was confirmed by a Kotena (Klet-sel) Indian, and also by an old Patwin who for many years had made his home in Capay Valley. Obviously it was this rancheria that gave the name Capay to the valley.

The fact that Henry Brown, soon after the publication of Gibbs Cop-éh, changed its location from Putah Creek to the foothills bordering Cache Creek, is of itself sufficient evidence that he had first hand information--as now confirmed. And in view of the confusion of geographic features in this part of California at that early date, it is by no means surprising that Gibbs erred in the identification of the creek from which his Indian came--particularly since the two streams in this part of their courses are only a few miles apart.

(Copeh 2)

The identification of the name Copeh became of more than passing importance when it was adopted as a stock name for the Wintoon by Henshaw and Mooney in 1885 [written "Copean"]; by Mason in 1889 [written "Kopean or Wintun"]; by Powell in 1891 [written "Copehan"]; and furthermore because of its persistent occurrence in the literature of Anthropology. ✓ - c. east museum

✓ Cop-éh Gibbs, 1853; Copeh Latham, 1854; Cop-éh Buschmann, 1860; Copeh Bancroft, 1875; Copeh Gatschet, 1877; Ko-pe Powell, 1877; Copeh Handbook Am. Indians, 1907; Copeh Barrett, 1908; Kope Kroeber, 1925.

Lagunitas, Calif.
October 24, 1928

Dear Evermann:

When you were placed at the head of the California Academy of Sciences I feared you were too old for the the exacting duties and annoyances of so important and trying an executive position. Events have shown that I was wholly wrong--for the aggressive energy that characterized the activities of your early and mid-periods has continued unabated to the present day--to the astonishment and gratification of your numerous friends.

Your career has been one of continuous industry and accomplishment.

As one of your friends of many many years I congratulate you and trust that your abilities and wisdom may continue to guide the affairs of the Academy for many years to come.

Very truly yours,

Dr B. W. Evermann
Director, California
Academy of Sciences

Nov. 6, 1928

My dear Mr Dickey:

Returning from the Yuba and Feather River canyons and mountains I find your enticing invitation, and one from your good wife to Elizabeth, to stop with you on our way home. Unless something unexpected occurs, we are pretty sure to accept, spending one night with you on our way. And we must see several relatives also.

This will be a novel experience as it is years since I have accepted an invitation to spend a night with anyone except two physicians in the Bay region.

It will be great to see you both, and to have a look at the Institute.

The date is still uncertain as I am starting on another field trip tomorrow, if it doesn't rain. It should be about the 18th, but I'll write or wire as soon as we know.

As ever yours,

Mr Donald Dickey
Pasadena, Calif.

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Nov.14,1928

Dr C.R.Boshart
Lowville,New York

Dear Dr Boshart:

Replying to your inquiry of October 29, relating to the disposal of your collection of Birds and Eggs, would suggest writing to Dr C.C.Adams, Department of Forestry, State University of Syracuse; and the Museum of Natural History, Albany.

The larger museums rarely purchase mounted specimens.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 19, 1928

Mr. Harry Merriam
San Marcos, Calif.

Dear Harry and Julia:

We now have our tickets and have completed our itinerary for the trip home, so I am letting you know at the earliest possible moment. We are scheduled to reach Oceanside at noon (12:04) on Saturday, November 24, and I regret to say are obliged to leave the next day by the 10:12 A. M. train. Am very sorry that we cannot stay longer but it seems imperative to move on, particularly as we have to spend a day at Pasadena and another at Santa Fe. We are hoping that the radiators in our house will not freeze before we get there.

It is too bad to put you to the trouble of meeting us at Oceanside but your good wife kindly suggested it and it certainly will save a lot of time compared with the long wait in going to San Marcos by train.

'Til we see you,

So long,
Next

November 19, 1928

Mr. Donald Dickey
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

We have now purchased our tickets and can let you know exactly when we expect to reach Los Angeles. We go first to Oceanside which we leave at 10:12 A. M. Sunday, November 25, reaching Los Angeles the same day at 12:45 mid-day, Santa Fe Station.

And most unfortunately we are obliged to leave Pasadena for the East just before noon (11:30 A. M.) on Monday, the 26.

While in Pasadena we must, of course, call on my brother and his wife and would like to make one or two other calls. So kindly turn us loose and let us do these things without troubling you or Mrs. Dickey.

With kindest regards and joy that we are to see you so soon,

Very truly yours,
Cham

CHM:L

November 19
1928

Mr. Seymour P. Smith
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of October 26th awaited my return from a recent field trip.

I am much interested in your bear skull and the photographs you were kind enough to send me. The skull evidently is of unusual size and appears to be of the very best age to show its specific characters — being neither too young nor too old. Younger skulls are preternaturally arched, while older ones are flattened. Yours shows the characters of the species to best advantage.

I am glad you are willing to part with this skull and shall be glad to give you \$15 for it, although except in very exceptional cases I quit purchasing skulls several years ago. You may be interested to know that I have placed in the National Museum, without expense to the museum, more than two thousand bear skulls — a larger number than exists in all of the ^{museums} museums of the world put together.

My tables of measurements of skulls of big bears are in Washington so that I am unable to compare the measurements you have given with those of specimens measured by me. It is

obvious, however, that yours is one of the largest and may prove to be the largest. However, with me, size does not count so much as the general characters of the skull.

I am much interested in the habits of these big bears, particularly with reference to their readiness to attack man even when not wounded. Any detailed information you are able to give along this line would be thankfully received. Also details as to food habits.

I am obliged also for your offer to obtain additional specimens next year in case you return to Alaska. I am always glad to secure additional bear skulls and there should be little trouble in obtaining the necessary permit from the Biological Survey.

Please pack the skull with sufficient wrapping to protect the teeth and zygomatic arches, and send by express ^(charges collect) boxed and addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., writing your name at the top of the address so that it will be noted by the person who opens the box. Kindly attach a tag to the skull giving the locality and date of killing ^{and your own name.} That the sex is male goes without saying, as shown by the photographs. Skulls of the female are much smaller and the braincase much less highly arched.

I am returning to Washington this week. My personal address is 1919 Sixteenth Street. Thanking you for your interest in the matter,

Very truly yours,
CM

November 19, 1928

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Bldg., White Plains
New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Your letter of July 5, addressed to the Biological Survey, was in due course forwarded to my house address in Washington. At that time I was driving across the continent bound for my summer base at Lagunitas.

I have just closed my field work for the season and find your letter in a batch of mail forwarded from Washington. This will explain the unusual delay in replying.

The trip you are planning for next season to Admiralty Island and Baranof Island interests me and I honestly hope you may be successful in your efforts to photograph the big bears. I should think that flashlight pictures promise good results on some of the commonly used trails. I do not recall that anyone has done this.

Permits for collecting specimens in Alaska are granted by the Government Biological Survey, from which I resigned eighteen years ago.

In order to obtain the bulletins you desire you had better write to the Chief of the Biological Survey at Washington, giving the titles of those you wish. Some of these may be out of print. If so, please write me and I may

be able to supply copies from my duplicates. In some cases I can do this. In the case of others I have no duplicates.

Very truly yours,
cm

November 19, 1928

Dr. Geo. Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

My dear Grinnell:

Your letter of the 9th inst. has just been forwarded from Washington and reaches me just as Elizabeth and I are starting for home.

Of course I expect to make some small acknowledgment of Sheldon's great worth as a man, and of his unusual ability and absolute honesty as a Field Observer. It is a calamity that such a capable and splendid man should have dropped off in the midst of his career. Besides, he was a personal friend of a kind that one meets but few in a lifetime.

With best wishes and kind regards to Mrs. Grinnell,

As ever yours,

Chm

*Will send you something from Washington after our return -
Have had a most successful season in field work with *Chm* birds.
Have *Chm* to an unknown dialect - except other things -*

CHM:L

November 19
1928

Dr. Tracy I. Storer
College of Agriculture
Davis, California

Dear Doctor Storer:

Your letter enquiring about Kroeber's "Handbook of the Indians of California" awaited my return from a recent field trip. Unhappily, I cannot tell you how a copy may be obtained. I regret that I failed to secure one or two extra copies at the time it was issued.

In case the demand is large enough the Government Printer may re-issue the volume.

Mrs. Merriam and I are packing for home and expect to leave Lagunitas on Thursday of this week.

(Zonaida at)
We did enjoy our little visit with you and Mrs. Storer. Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to you both.

Very truly yours,

Chm

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott
 Director, Natural History Museum
 San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter dated October 19. It was sent to my Washington address and after awhile forwarded to Lagunitas, which is my base for field work during the summer. I have just returned from the last field trip for the season and am going to Washington in a few days.

As to the type specimen of Myotis californicus pallidus, I cannot be sure, but will look the matter up on my return. Therefore, you may expect to hear from me in a month or so.

Very truly yours,
Chm

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mrs. Eva Gorley
 Pollock
 Shasta County, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Gorley:

Please pardon my delay in sending you the promised photographs and the report of the Institute for Government Research on the "Problem of Indian Administration," in which doubtless you will find many things of interest. I hope this investigation will result in better treatment of Indians by Congress.

I hope also that you will like the photographs. I think they are fine. This week Mrs. Merriam and I are leaving for Washington where, until next spring, our address will be 1919 Sixteenth Street.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
Chm

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. John Collier
 Indian Defense Association
 San Francisco, Calif. (1007 hills Bldg.)

Dear Mr. Collier:

Replying to your recent letter: I have looked up the expression, "Over the tree tops" in twenty-one languages representing a dozen linguistic stocks, of which the following seem easy to write and pronounce.

<u>Tree</u>	<u>Above or over</u>	<u>Tribe</u>
Chahm	He-pin-neh-nah	Kow-wahk
Al-loo-wah	Le-lah	Hoo-koo-e-ko
Kah-le	Oo-yu	Yo-ki-ah
Tse	Mo-ket-tah	Tsen-nah-ken-nes
Tahk	Pan-te-pum	Choo-hel-mem-sel
Win-nup	Mah-vah	Wuk-sa-che
Ip-hah	Ah-ah	Karok-rah

Let your friend take his choice.

Am leaving for Washington on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Very truly yours,

Cham

CEM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. Ed Alexander
Pollock
Shasta County, Calif.

My dear Sir:

You have reason to suspect that I was not going to send you the promised photographs, but they are enclosed herewith--two copies--one for yourself, the other for Mr. William Bennett. I have been away from home on field trips in the mountains and have only recently returned. This will explain the delay. I hope you will like the photographs. I think they are excellent.

I am returning to Washington this week and expect to stay there until May, at which time I hope to return to Lagunitas, my California home, for the summer.

With best wishes to Mr. Bennett, Doctor Kluche, and yourself,

Very truly yours,
CHM

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. Henry Thompson
Oregon House
Yuba City, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed are the photographs I promised to send you of yourself and wife. I think they are very good. The photograph I took of the little girl the first day I was there turned out badly because of the poor light.

We are going back to Washington, D. C. for the winter and hope to return in May.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,
CHM

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. W. C. Clark
Yankee Hill
Butte County, Calif.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Since seeing you I have been away almost continuously on field trips from which I have only recently returned. I am now starting back for Washington, D. C. where I expect to remain until some time in May before returning to California.

The photographs I took of you turned out very well. They are enclosed herewith and I trust you will be pleased with them.

I was very glad to meet you and hope to see you again next year.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

CHM

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. Geo. E. Kendall
1015 Red Hill Avenue
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kendall:

This brief note is intended as an authorization to permit you, or any friend you may designate, to cut and cart off one or more of the Douglas Fir trees close to the East side of our house. This refers particularly to the larger tree just North of the Northeast corner of our porch. But if you have use for any of the others between the porch and the road you are welcome to them.

Very truly yours,

CHM

CHM:L

November 19, 1928

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Some of the fir trees between our road and the side of the house have grown so big that they might be a source of danger in case of fire. So I have just told Mr. Geo. E. Kendall of San Anselmo that if he, or an organization with which he is connected, want any Christmas trees they are welcome to cut and cart off these particular trees.

I am notifying you so that in case you happen to see the trees take their flight you will know it is alright.

Mr. Kendall has been kind enough to say that if the roof springs a leak during the winter he will come immediately and attend to it, if you will let him know. His address is 1015 Red Hill Avenue, San Anselmo. He has a phone so that you could phone him from Lagunitas and he will come and mend the roof.

Very truly yours,
Chm

CHM:L

December 7, 1928

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Upon returning from California three or four days ago I found your letter of November 24 awaiting attention.

I am greatly interested in your recent work in Alaska and quite excited over your remarkable success in taking motion pictures of the big bears on Admiralty Island. I shall look forward to seeing them with greatest interest.

I shall be mighty glad to see the skulls of the big bears you killed there.

Yes, I expect to remain in Washington throughout the coming winter and shall be glad to see you at any time. It will be interesting to hear details of your hunt with Haselborg. I have never met him personally but have purchased many bear skulls from him and have heard much about him from George Shiras and others.

Your kind offer to send me enlarged photos of some of your bear films pleases me greatly and it goes without saying that I shall prize them highly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 7, 1928

Mrs. Mabel L. Chilberg
Azusa, California

My dear Mrs. Chilberg:

On October 4 I returned to you the manuscript you kindly loaned me of Francisco's story of his people, but have had no word from you as to whether or not you received it. I assume that you did.

You are a very busy woman but I hope you have had time to look up related references and to have made a beginning in preparing the manuscript for the press.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 8, 1928

Mr. W. A. Merriam
615 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

On returning from California a few days ago I found your letter of November 19 enquiring about some of your near relatives.

In looking the matter up in the Merriam Genealogy, written mainly by my uncle, James S. Merriam, and published by Chas. Henry Pope in Boston in 1906, I find the following information bearing on your questions.

Your father's name, you tell me, was Hartwell. A Merriam of that name, son of Nathan Merriam, was born July 9, 1834. His father, Nathan, was born at Princeton March 21, 1791, and married Polly Brooks of Sterling April 9, 1814. She died in January 1839 and in September the same year he married Mary Louisa Nicholson.

The only Edwin I find (without additional initial) was born May 4, 1820 and died August 4 the following year, so that he could not be the one to whom you refer. There are numerous Edwins and Edwards coupled with an additional initial.

Gardner Merriam, son of Nathan, was born July 3, 1828, and in 1852 married Mary Jane, daughter of Daniel and Mary Miles. Gardner is said to have had two children, both girls, Nellie Gracia, born April 10, 1858, and Mary Ann, born July 10, 1860.

Mr. W. A. Merriam

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You do not give your full name, merely "W. A. Merriam." There is mention of a Wilson Abel born July 26, 1851; of a William Antonio, born December 7, 1874; William Atwood, born April 5, 1811; William Augustus, born May 20, 1834; and William Ayer, born December 24, 1869.

Unfortunately, the Merriam Genealogy published in 1906 has been long out of print and no second-hand copies have been offered for sale. A number of members of the Merriam family are exceedingly anxious to procure a copy but thus far have been unable to locate one for sale.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartwell Merriam

CHM:L

December 8, 1928

Mr. Paul G. Redington
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Redington:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of Piper's Report on the Buena Vista Mouse Invasion, contained in the October number of the Monthly Bulletin of the California State Department of Agriculture. It is an interesting document and ought to have appeared long ago.

Perhaps you will pardon me for asking why the results of so many important investigations by members of the Biological Survey should be scattered through the publications of numerous organizations in various states instead of being published by the Survey itself, thereby depriving the Survey of credit to which it is justly entitled.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

CHM:L

December 10, 1928

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my accounts for the months of October and November which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund. (\$673.31)

During the past season my daughter and myself have driven the Dodge car more than 9000 miles, which will account for the seemingly large expenditures for gas and oil. For the past two years I have tried to have the car alemited about every three hundred miles and the oil changed between four and five hundred.

Enclosed also is a voucher for my daughter, Zenaida, for services during the early part of October, amounting to \$36.00, check for which should be sent to her at 339 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

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Oct. 1	Underwood Typewriter Co., 1 copying ribbon	1	1.00
4	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	2	3.15
	50 small stamped envelopes 1.10; 25 large .58		1.68
5	Adele Mosson, typist, 4 days at 4.25	3	17.00
6	Sausalito-San Francisco ret..25; st. cars .35 lunch.85		1.45
	H. S. Crocker Co., 4 Calif. County maps @ .50	4	2.00
7	Gabriel Moulin, 14 films enlarged, inc. postage	5	5.15
	R.R. fare San Francisco-Redding 8.46; meals 2.30		10.76
	Pullman sleeper (lower) Oakland-Redding	6	3.00
8	Redding-Doney Cr. & ret. 3.00; Pd Inds 3.50; meals 2.80		9.30
9	Redding, Hotel Lorenz, room	7	2.00
	R.R. fare Redding-San Francisco		8.46
	Pullman seat, Redding-Oakland 1.73; meals 2.50	8	4.23
10	San Francisco, State Hotel, room	9	2.00
	Street cars .20; breakfast .75		.95
12	Sausalito-San Francisco ret..25; st. cars .20		.45
	Lunch .90; storage .50		1.40
	Eastman Kodak Stores, box Velox Water Colors for maps		1.00
	San Anselmo, 1 gal Mobile oil 1.40; 10 gals gas 2.30		3.70
13	San Rafael, oil chgd 1.50; alemiting 1.50		3.00
	Meals en route (self & asst. Z. M.)		3.75
14	Marysville Hotel, 2 rooms (self & asst. Z.M.)	11	6.00
	Storage .50; 12 gals gas 2.64		3.14
	Rackberry: W.C. Clark, Indian, services		2.00
Oct. 14	Oroville, meals (self & asst. Z. M.)	12	5.20
15	H.H. Pittman, 4 photos (large) Yellowhaired Porcupine	13	8.00
	Oroville, Union Hotel, rooms (self & asst. Z. M.)	14	4.50
	Car storage .50; phone (long distance).80		1.30
	Bald Hill, Pd Inds (Martin & wife & Mrs. Johnson)		6.00
	Meals (self & asst. Z. M.)		4.50
16	Oroville, Union Hotel, rooms (self & asst. Z. M.)	15	4.50
	Car storage .50; 5 gals gas 1.15		1.65
	Swedes Valley: Pd Mrs. Hughs, Indian		3.00
	Meals (self & asst. Z. M.)		4.80
17	Marysville, Western Hotel (self & asst Z. M.)	16	4.00
	Car storage		.50
	Wheatland, 6 gals gas 1.32; meals (self & asst. Z.M.)		4.32
			3.00
20	Oil changed 1.50; alemiting 1.50		3.00
22	Tire vulc. .50; brakes fixed .50; car washed 2.50		3.50
25	San Francisco, street cars .30; lunch .80		1.10
	Sausalito-San Francisco ret..25; street cars .30		.55
	Oil .25; storage .50; meals 1.00		1.75
26	Journal of Mammalogy for 1929		2.50
29	San Francisco, State Hotel, room	17	2.00
	Street cars .20; breakfast .75		.95
30	San Rafael, alemiting car 1.50; extra oil .25		1.75
	10 gals gas 2.20		2.20
	Vallejo Cutoff, toll (self & car).35; meals 2.00		2.35
31	Sacramento: Hotel Land, room	18	2.50
	Car storage .50; 7 gals gas 1.54		2.04
	Pd Indians, Stanfield Hill 3.00; meals 3.00		6.00
	Gabriel Moulin, Photo work in Oct. 1928	19	21.46

\$202.49

Two Hundred Two

Forty-nine

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C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington D. C.

Expense Account for November 1928

Nov. 1	Oroville, Union Hotel, room	1	2.50
	Car storage .50; 9 gals gas 2.21		2.71
	Changing engine oil (6 qts Penn.)		2.10
	Crackers Ind. children .35; Pd Indians, Stanfield Hill 3.		3.35
	Meals		3.00
2	American Geog. Society, 2 maps Baja California	2	4.00
	Sacramento, Hotel Sutter, room		2.70
	5 gals gas 1.10; storage .50; toll, Vallejo cutoff .35		1.95
7	Meals		3.00
	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room		3.60
	San Raphael, 7 gals gas 1.47; alemiting & 6 gal. Penn		5.07
8	Napa, supper		1.00
	Napa, Travelers Hotel		2.00
	Car storage .50; meals 2.50		3.00
	St. Helena, 10 gals gas		2.10
	Car window glass felt renewed		.65
	Pd Middletown Indians (Tuleyome)		3.50
8	Allen's Press Clippings for Oct.		3.71
10	Sausalito, 10 gals gas		2.10
	San Francisco-Colfax, ret. (S.F.R.R.)		7.30
	Ferry from Sausalito		.15
	Meals 2.00; street cars .20		2.20
	Nevada City-Colfax, ret.		1.75
11 & 12	Nevada City, Pd Indians (Yamie, blind, 1.50; wife 3.50)		5.00

	Pd Inds (Yamie's son 1.; his wife 1.50; Old Polly 1.50)		4.00
	Taxi, Nevada City to Campody		2.00
	National Hotel, room 2 nights	7	4.00
13	Gabriel Moulin, photos (Nov. 12 \$7.16; Nov. 19 \$5.30)	8	12.46
	San Francisco, Hotel Sir Francis Drake, room	9	4.00
	Meals 2.00; street cars .20		2.20
15	Sausalito, car storage Nov. 10-13 (3 nights)		1.50
	Outdoor Life, Sub. 1929		2.50
	Field and Street, Sub. 1929		2.50
	Game Breeder, Sub. 1929		2.00
16 & 17	Sausalito Ferry		.25
	Street cars .50; Oakland ret. .42; meals 2 days \$5.		6.02
	Sausalito, 10 gals gas		2.10
19	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room	10	3.80
	Olive L. Lundy, R.R. fare San Francisco-Lagunitas ret.		1.00
	Services as stenographer	11	5.00
22	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room	12	3.50
	Meals, Nov. 21-22		3.00
	Alameda, ret.		.42
23	Berkeley, ret. (Bancroft Library)		.42
	Meals		2.50
	San Francisco, hand baggage .30; street cars .25		.55
	Santa Fe Ry, San Francisco-Washington, fare & Pullman's		166.37
	[Half of \$332.74]		
24	Los Angeles, Breakfast on diner 1.30; Pullman port. 25		1.55
27	Santa Fe, Pullman porter		.25
	Santa Fe, La Fonda Hotel, room	14	4.00
	Hand Baggage		.25
30	Chicago, Pullman porter .50; hand baggage .30		.80
	Field Museum admission		.25
25-Dec. 1	Meals en route, Los Angeles-Washington		17.50
Dec. 1	Pullman Porter .25; baggage in, 75; storage 2 days .42		1.42
	Miss Olive L. Lundy, R.R. fare (S.F.) San Francisco-Wash		103.07
	Pullman Sleeper		31.50
	Meals en route		10.00

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Eighty-Two -----

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December 11, 1928

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith are some Pullman stubs which I forgot to enclose with my account yesterday. They belong with the Santa Fe Railroad account entered as Voucher 13.

I am enclosing also my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for \$500.00 in repayment of the advance you were good enough to send me in June last.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 11, 1928

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

On looking through my accumulated Washington mail I find a number of separates of papers by yourself and assistants, for which I am very much obliged.

While greatly pressed for time just now, I have stopped long enough to read your two papers--one on 'The Presence and Absence of Animals'; the other on 'The Proper Natural Balance of Wild Life' for our National Parks, and am pleased to feel that in the vast majority of cases my personal views agree absolutely with yours. Your treatment of the subject of presence and absence of animals has given me special pleasure--in spite of your tendency to use big words or terms with which very few of us are familiar.

The quantity of rational philosophical matter you have put into this paper is simply amazing. I suppose my delight in reading it comes largely from the circumstance that you have expressed in terse and unmistakable language a surprisingly large number of conclusions at which I, in common doubtless with other field naturalists, have arrived, but have never put on paper. The essay certainly deserves an important place among treatises on geographic distribution and general natural history. I congratulate you.

With kind regards to Mrs. Grinnell.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:OL

December 12, 1928

United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

This is to certify that Miss
Stella R. Clemence worked in my office a number
of years, much of the time translating French
German and Spanish, all of which she reads
readily.

Very truly yours

C. M. Harrison

December 19, 1928

Mr. A. M. Robertson
Union Square
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Robertson:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly
send a copy of Martin Johnson's book, Safari,
to Dr. W. Barclay Stephens, 1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, and send bill to me.

With greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
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December 19, 1928

Mayor
Boonville, Missouri

Dear Sir:

For some time I have had it on my conscience to write
you in regard to what seems to be an indiscretion on the part
of one of your druggists.

In the course of two of my most recent auto trips to
California, shortly after entering Boonville, I have been
waylaid by a man who signalled me to park my car in a
particular place and stated that he would furnish detailed
information as to how to get out of the town, implying that
something was the matter with the road. In each case he led
me into the drug store where he wrote on a large piece of blue
paper some utterly unnecessary directions. It turned out that
this was a blind, his sole object being to sell a dish of salve
purporting to be a remedy for Poison Oak, and so forth.

Inasmuch as this sort of thing gives your town a black
eye, I felt it my duty to call it to your attention.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 20, 1928

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dickey
514 Rosemont Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dickey:

After leaving your hospitable home we had an uneventful trip to Santa Fe, the most enjoyable feature of which was the imposing array of red cliffs and mesas fronting the Puerco--a formation that has appealed to me strongly ever since my introduction to it forty years ago.

Then we enjoyed a day with our daughter Zenaida and her husband, in the course of which we were treated to a violent thunderstorm and snowstorm combined, and in the early evening to one of the most glorious sunsets we have ever witnessed.

On arriving in Washington nearly three weeks ago, we started the furnace fire in our house and then spent the first week with my sister and Vernon Bailey while our house was being cleaned, warmed, and put in shape for the winter--a tedious process for old folks.

Our brief stop in Pasadena, owing to your hospitality, was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. I had not been there for some years and was both amazed and delighted at the development the city has undergone--especially of its parks and wonderful residence grounds. For a long time I have held up Riverside as the most attractive town in America, but feel now that it must take second place after Pasadena.

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I was mighty glad as well as surprised to see the progress and prospects of the Institute. It certainly is in line for a great future, and your own department is bound to become the Southern California headquarters for work in vertebrate zoology.

Not least of our pleasures was the stay in your charming home with its complete and comfortable guest quarters and ideal surroundings. The growth of shubbery since my previous visit has entirely changed and greatly beautified the appearance of the place. We both were sorry not to have had more time with your dear boy.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in greetings and kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 20, 1928

Mr. J. W. Scollick
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scollick:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your statement of December 3 for cleaning bear skulls during my absence.

I did not reach Washington until December 1 since which time I have been overwhelmed in trying to catch up with accumulated work.

My check for \$7.50 in payment for this work is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 20, 1928

Dr. H. C. Shepardson
Fitzhugh Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Shepardson:

Mrs. Merriam and I reached Washington the first day of December after an uneventful journey, with short stops in southern California and at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In spite of the trials and temptations of the Pullman dining car I arrived in excellent condition and am absolutely sugar-free notwithstanding the reduction of the daily ration of Insulin to 5 units.

I am feeling fine and am working 8 to 10 hours a day. Am taking a moderate amount of exercise and adhering strictly to your directions as to diet.

With appreciative thanks for your kind attentions, and with greetings of the season in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 20, 1928

Dear Harry and Julia:

Please pardon our tardiness in acknowledging the many things you did for us during our brief visit to Twin Oaks Valley. The developments since my visit many years ago were very impressive and I am sure that much of the change is due to your own energy and foresight.

On our way back we spent a day with Zenaida and her husband at Santa Fe, where we were treated to a violent thunderstorm in the midst of a snowstorm.

On reaching Washington we went to Florence's where we stayed for a week while warming and cleaning our own house. So many things were pressing for attention that I am far behind in all my work but hope to catch up in the near future.

We certainly did enjoy our visit with you and look forward to seeing you again next fall. With love to you all and with best wishes for Christmas.

As ever,

H. S. Merriam

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Merriam
San Marcos, California

CHM:L

December 21, 1928

Chief Clerk
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A question has arisen as to the ownership of a certain valuable specimen collected by Frank Stephens April 1, 1895.

The Natural History Museum of San Diego, California, has written me asking whether the specimen in question belongs to them or to the Biological Survey collection of the National Museum.

Can you tell me whether or not Mr. Stephens was in the employ of the Department at that time (April 1895)?

Awaiting your reply,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 26, 1928

Division of Weights and Measures
 District Building
 Washington, D. C.

Unfortunately, I am suffering from a malady which makes it necessary to keep my weight between two points only four pounds apart. It is, therefore, necessary for me to be weighed every day or every other day. For this purpose I have sought street and drugstore scales in a considerable number of places in this city and I am simply appalled by the discrepancy shown. In other words, the public penny-in-a-slot scales in this city are in the main utterly unreliable.

A fair sample is enclosed herewith. The day before Christmas (December 24) I weighed on three scales in Kresge's on G Street. The first one dropped no card at all. The second and third dropped the enclosed cards marked December 22, one registering my weight as 142; the other 158. My weight at the time as determined by a Fairbanks no-spring scale was 168.

The numerous street scales which do not drop tickets usually show a variation of five or six pounds. If there is any law requiring the correction of such scales it would be a great boon to sufferers like myself who are obliged to take their weight every day.

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 26, 1928

Mr. Henry Thompson
 Oregon Gulch
 Yuba County, Calif.

My dear Sir:

When I left California for the East I had so many things to do in a hurry in closing my house at Lagunitas that I have forgotten whether or not I sent you the pictures of yourself and wife that I promised to send you. They go to you herewith, along with a very poor one of the little girl. When I took the little girl the light was so poor that the picture did not come out right, as you will see.

A short time ago I sent you a little book telling about a valley in Alaska named The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. I hope it reached you and that it will prove of interest to you and your family.

Trusting that you are having a good winter and that I may be able to see you again next season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

Original Defective

December 26, 1928

Mr. Robert Yamie
Nevada City, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I am very sorry to have to tell you that the photographs I took of your father and others of your family did not show up. The film appears to have been rotten. It was the only batch of rotten film I have had during the whole year. I am very sorry as I had expected to send you good photographs. However if I have good luck I will see you again next season and will bring along a batch of fresh film.

A short time ago I sent you a little book describing and illustrating our Capitol here at Washington. I hope it reached you and that it will prove of interest to you and your family.

Am enclosing the negatives herewith so that you can see what a rotten lot they are.

Trusting that you are having a good winter and that I may be able to see you again next season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 26, 1928

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Bunnell:

After a brief stop in Southern California Mrs. Merriam and I reached Washington on December 1. We stopped one day in Santa Fe to see Zenaida and her husband in their winter quarters--a cute little adobe about the size of our living room at Lagunitas.

Yesterday was Christmas, the first one without a Christmas tree in about thirty years.

I am remarkably well and have been absolutely sugar-free ever since our arrival.

You doubtless are as overworked as usual but I trust you have been able to take a few days off for a little run in the country.

It has taken us most of December to clean up our accumulated second-class mail and get the house settled and in shape for the winter's work which I am now beginning.

With appreciative thanks to you both for the delightful evenings at your home, not forgetting Mrs. Bunnell's painstaking attention to my diet,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 26, 1928

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

While in California recently I saw an unpublished illustrated article by Dr. Sterling Bunnell on the Flight of Birds in general-- Gulls in particular. It struck me as a very remarkable article and one containing a large amount of new material. Bunnell is a genius as well as an aviator and one of the most expert surgeons in the United States. He is a born naturalist and keeps a small zoo in one of his laboratories, making important studies of the habits of Aplodontia and other rare species and recording the actions of Rattle Snakes in approaching and striking their prey, always noting the exact interval between the strike and the death of the victim.

Returning to the gull article: He combines the knowledge of the expert aviator with the observations of a highly trained field observer, as a consequence of which the article appealed to me as a noteworthy contribution to knowledge. He was thinking of sending it to an aviation journal but I suggested that The Auk, while not exactly a popular publication, would be the most fitting for so valuable a contribution. The illustrations are mainly photographs of gulls illustrating the points made in the article.

If you deem it worth while you might write him. His address is Dr. Sterling Bunnell, Physicians Bldg., Sutter Street, San Francisco.

With best wishes and greetings of the season to Mrs. Stone and yourself in which Mrs. Merriam joins.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 27, 1928

The Holmes Book Company
274 Fourteenth Street
Oakland, California

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for book lists just received. From these lists please send me the following, if not already sold:

- 182 Thompson, Reminiscences of a Pioneer, 1912, \$2.50
- 240 Notes on California Folk Lore, \$1.00
- 308 Hutchings' California Magazine, Aug., Oct., Dec. 1858, & Feb. 1859, \$4.00

My check for the amount, \$7.50, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

December 27, 1928

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thanks for catalog 263 received on my return from California. From it please send me the following:

- 215 Neihardt, The Splendid Wayfarer, Story of Jedediah Smith. First Edition 1920. \$3.00.
- 216 Nevada Indians, Report of Comr. Ind. Affrs. Edw. P. Smith with reports of J. W. Powell and others. Indians of Utah, Northern Arizona, Nevada, 1874. \$2.00
- 241 Powell, J. W. Indians West of Rocky Mountains, Statement before Committee on Indian Affairs, Jan. 13, 1874. \$2.50
- 294 Commissioner Indian Affairs 1841. \$3.50

My check for the amount, \$11.00, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

CHM:L

December 27, 1928

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Have you an old Government Report, the title of which is quoted as follows: "In the Court of Claims of the U. S.: Indian Depredations, George M. Love, Administrator of Estates of George W. Harris and Mary Harris vs. the United States and the Rogue River, Cow Creek, Umpqua bands or tribes of Indians." Date not given.

Can you supply this and if so, at what price?

Also the following: Investigation of Indian Frauds, Report of Committee on Indian Affairs concerning frauds and wrongs against Indians, 792 pages, March 3, 1873.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Harrison

CHM:L

December 31, 1928

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st instant along with the excellent photographs of two of your bear skulls: one an old male, the other apparently a young male of the third or fourth year.

You tell me you got them on the Ocetna and Black Rivers in the interior of Alaska. I assume that Ocetna is the same as the Oshetna located by the Geological Survey as one of the tributaries of the upper Susitna some fifty miles northeast of Chickaloon.

I should not care to risk an opinion on the species from an examination of these photographs although the photographs are excellent. The region from which they came is one from which I have been hoping to obtain bear skulls for a number of years.

It goes without saying that I am mighty glad that you are coming here in the near future and that you will show some of your motion pictures of these great animals, and let me assure you I shall be proud to possess the enlarged photographs which you kindly promise.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Merriam

CHM:L

January 2, 1929

Mr. Seymour P. Smith
Stanford University, Calif.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter from the hospital reached me duly and I was very glad to hear from you. I am delighted to know that you are going to write me something in regard to your field observations during the past three seasons relating to the big Kadiak Bears, an animal concerning which I have the deepest interest.

I shall be greatly pleased to have a talk with Doctor Rich if he is kind enough to call. I assume that he is Dr. Melvin S. Rich.

I have sent the Smithsonian Institution the voucher for your Karluk Lake Bear Skull, \$20, to be paid from the Harriman Fund. This skull came duly and certainly is a monster and a great addition to our collection. It is fully as big as the largest old male I have been able to secure up to the present time, and may prove to be slightly larger in some of its dimensions. I have not yet had time to measure it carefully but will in the near future.

You have my sympathy in connection with your recent hospital experience. I have had several of these and have a personal realization of how unstrung a man feels after a serious operation. However I am sure you will never regret that you have had the thing done and that you will be in much better condition for your future life work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. M. Merriam

CHM:L

January 2, 1928

Mr. N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the
month of December amounting to \$52.20, and
also Salary Voucher for Miss Olive Lundy for
month of December amounting to \$150, and Voucher
for Seymour P. Smith, giant Kadiak Bear Skull, \$20.
Enclosed also is an overlooked Subvoucher
(Subvoucher 17) which should have gone to
you with the July account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for December 1928

Dec.	Description	Subtotal
3 & 4	Cleaning office rooms	2.50
	Washing windows	1.35
4	Clement's Flowers of Coast & Sierra	3.00
11	R.P. Andrews Paper Co., sponge .15; clips .25; Dennison tags .15; carbons .80	1.35
14	Livingston, 2 bx fasteners, 1 doz. tags	.65
22	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for Nov. 1928	4.31
29	J. W. Scollick, cleaning bear skulls	7.50
27	Office supplies: cheesecloth .05; eraser .05; pens .05	.15
27	Indians Nevada--Senate Doc. 42, 43d Cong.	2.00
29	J.W. Powell, Statmt. Comm. Ind. Affairs, Jan. 1874	2.50
26	Virginia Paper Co., 2 # Blue Munising	3.58
	Stotts, rubber bands .10; 6 clips .15; No 2 Gem Clips .10; 50 Columbia clasp env. .75	1.10
	Subscriptions renewed for 1929:	
	Journal Mammalogy	2.50
	Birdlore	1.50
	Rod & Gun in Canada	2.00
	Journal Herodity	3.00
	Nature Magazine	3.00
	Stamped envelopes & postage	2.73
	Street car & bus trips	1.40
	Washington Gas Light Co., gas from May 25-Dec. 26, \$11.30. 1/3 of \$11.30	3.76
	Potomac Elect. Power Co., current from June 16 to Dec. 17, \$6.95. 1/3 of \$6.95	2.32
		52.20

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twenty -----

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C. Hart Merriam

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January 4, 1929

Mr. E. J. Thompson
Assistant in Operations
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd instant
replying to my inquiry in regard to Frank Stevens.

I am surprised that there is no record of his
employment in the Bureau until 1902 and 1903 for the
reason that he was one of my Assistants on the
Death Valley Expedition in 1891. At other times
both before and after 1901 he was employed by me
personally in collecting mammals in various parts
of the West.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. H. Merriam

CFM:L

January 5, 1929

Mr. N. E. Hess
State College, Pennsylvania

My dear Sir:

In looking over my back mail forwarded from Lagunitas (ca) I find a memorandum from Colonel J. A. McGuire, Editor of Outdoor Life in reference to a very large bear skull obtained by you, apparently in Alaska, but without any information as to locality or date.

I should be glad to know where the bear in question was killed and how large the skull is--the length in a straight line between two uprights: one at the front teeth; the other at the foramen magnum (the hole in the back end of the skull).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 5, 1929

Mr. M. Hall McAllister
2436 Jackson Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. McAllister:

In my back mail from Lagunitas I find under your signature a typewritten statement by J. M. Olberman describing his three day trip around the upper part of Mt. Shasta.

On an attached card bearing your name is the inquiry, "When you made your famous circuit of Shasta's snow line, how many days did you take?"

On looking the matter up in the report on my Biological Survey of Mt. Shasta I find that I was four days in making the circuit (North American Fauna, No. 16, pp. 11-14 Oct. 1899). The trip was made during the latter part of July 1898.

I am obliged for the inventory of Olberman's trip. It is full of interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

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January 7, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Very ~~many~~ thanks for your promptness in sending me the Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Harrison Trust Fund for the year ending December 31, 1928. As usual it agrees with my account for the same period and I am obliged for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

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January 7, 1928

The Outlook Company
381 4th Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

On December 13 I wrote you stating that I had received no number of The Outlook since leaving my summer home, Laganitas, California, about the middle of October, but ^{to date} no copies have been received.

On June 3, in asking for change of address from Washington to California, I asked you to return on the 1st of October to my former address (1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.). This your office has overlooked with the result that I have received no copies for the latter half of October and none at all for either November or December. Why were they not sent?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 7, 1929

American Motor Parts Company
Indianapolis, Indiana

Please send me by express, C.O.D., for my American Six touring car of 1922, a right front wheel painted with hub, marked in your 1923 catalog as W100-3. Your catalog calls for two, but only one was injured so that I need only the right front wheel.

The car is touring, number D 5034; model 90, 1922; engine 100147.

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 9, 1929

Dr. Geo. Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Grinnell:

Nelson has just phoned me that Donald Dickey of Pasadena would make a desirable member of the Boone and Crockett Club. I agree with him. I have known Dickey since he was a boy, probably more than 30 years ago and have always found him a trustworthy and enthusiastic field naturalist.

Beginning a good many years ago he established a private collection of mammals and birds which, if I am correctly informed, now numbers some 40,000 specimens. Being a man of considerable means he has been able to employ field collectors to supplement his personal work.

He has of course hunted a good deal. So far as I remember the most important game animal falling to his rifle was a splendid ram which he killed in winter high up in the San Bernardino Mountains. The specimen is now in the Biological Survey collection.

You doubtless know that Dickey is one of the most successful big game photographers in America. I trust you have seen some of his moving pictures of Moose, Deer, and Caribou. They were taken in broad daylight and therefore are incalculably superior to flashlights.

Dickey is a member of several scientific societies and one of the Trustees of the California Institute of Technology of which Robert A. Millikan is President and Thomas Hunt Morgan Professor of Biology.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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CHM:L

Retake of Preceding Frame

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 11, 1929

Mr. Horace M. Albright
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Will you kindly send me a map of the
McKinley National Park, Alaska?

Recently I have learned of a serial
publication on Yellowstone Park said to contain
much Natural History matter of interest. Inas-
much as a somewhat similar publication on the
Natural History of Yosemite has proved of so
much value I am wondering if I may not be
favored with the Yellowstone publication?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 12, 1929

Dear Doctor Fairchild:

Your story of the proposed National Park embracing the southern tip of Florida Peninsula, including a vast tract of the Everglades, has just reached me. It is a wonder some one did not think of this before. However you are noted for thinking of things and doing worth while things that others have not thought of.

I am enclosing a brief memorandum on the subject and wish you success. With kindest regards to Mrs. Fairchild and the rest of your family.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. David Fairchild
Miami, Florida

MEMORANDUM

The effort to preserve as a National Park the only humid tropical area in the United States with its interesting and, so far as our country is concerned, its unique fauna and flora, is eminently worthy of support. Unhappily some of the characteristic and beautiful birds of this region are already believed to be extinct--such for instance as the Flamingo, the Scarlet Ibis, and the Carolina Parakeet--and others are threatened with the same fate.

While from my point of view several of the areas recently urged for National Parks fail to measure up to the high standards of the earlier of these splendid reservations, I feel that the Florida tropical area deserves a place among those most worthy of preservation.

C. Hart Merriam

*Washington
Jan 12, 1929*

January 12, 1929

Mr. Morris M. Green
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

My dear Morris Green:

Your letter of December 26 and the Christmas Indian book you were good enough to send gave me much pleasure and would have been acknowledged earlier but for pressure of various things. It was mighty kind of you to send me that book with its attractive colored plates of Indian Chiefs in their brilliant official costumes, from paintings by Langdon Kihn. Only last winter Mrs. Merriam and I went to an exhibition of his paintings here in Washington.

I appreciate also your friendly confidence in telling me so much about yourself and what you have been doing since you left the Biological Survey so many years ago. Obviously you have accomplished what you undertook, namely to make yourself independent of small salaries so that now you are able to carry on the work that interests you most. Apparently you are planning an invasion of the Hudson Bay region. That part of the world appealed to me strongly many years ago but I know now that I shall never see it. Todd and Murie did a lot of work there, the results of which ought to be published.

The Shrews certainly are an interesting group and one of whose life habits very little is known. Technically the advance

in knowledge since my early days has been tremendous. For instance, when I wrote my Mammals of the Adirondacks nearly half a century ago I had never heard of Microsorex but called all our small Shrews personatus.

You are quite right about the need of developing young collectors in the Eastern states--though I see no need for restricting the need to the East. I should include the whole country although there are a few good collectors in the far West.

The present day idea of conserving animal life by restricting collections to public museums is a brand of idiocy happily not dreamed of in our day. It follows in the same class with the clamor against allowing our youth to shoot lest thereby they might develop warlike leanings!

With kindest regards,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 12, 1929

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Eastwood:

Your letter written at your charming home on the Mountain is before me. It is pleasant to hear from you and to know what you are doing, particularly of your recent trip through Arizona and New Mexico. The mere mention of the circumstance that you "got over 1400 numbers" during this brief trip shows that you, unlike myself, have not grown old.

I am glad you were able to go part way up San Francisco Mountain even though its upper slopes were buried in snow. It is a great mountain and one that was an inspiration to me for many years.

Thanks for the beautiful flowering sprig of Arctostaphylos canescens. We miss Tamalpais and also the mild winters of the Bay region. Still we have nothing to complain of so far as weather is concerned as our coldest day so far has registered only 14° and most of the days have been sunshiny and mild.

We stopped a day with Zenaida and her husband at Santa Fe on our way home and much enjoyed being with them in their temporary but comfortable little adobe. They expect to return to Washington in April.

You will be glad to know that while I shall never be

entirely well I am well so far as feelings and working ability go. In accordance with instructions I have brought my weight down to 160 pounds (dressed--150 undressed) and feel very much better therefor.

Have had so many catch-up jobs to do that I am only just beginning to start on my real winter's work. We hope to return to California in the early spring.

With best wishes and kindest regards from Mrs. Merriam and myself, I request a copy of Arctostaphylos to be sent to Mr. Very truly yours,

1230 Bay Street,
Alameda, Cal. *C. Hart*
If
you will
send it to me I will
send it to Mrs. Merriam
at once.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

January 12, 1929

Mr. Harold D. Carew
449 Mariposa Avenue
Sierra Madre, Calif.

My dear Mr. Carew:

Replying to your recent letter would say that I expect to return to my summer base at Lagunitas in the early summer to continue field work in the State.

But in regard to the article you suggest would say that for more than 40 years I have declined to give newspaper men material concerning my personal history and activities. I simply hate to see my name in a newspaper. Furthermore I am an old man and need every minute of my time to finish a reasonable amount of the work on which I have been so many years engaged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 12, 1929

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st instant.

So you and "Betsy" expect to endure the perturbations of a brief vacation in Europe during the coming summer. I suppose it is one of the things a Californian feels that he should try once. This however hardly applies to you after your war experience.

So far we are having an unusually pleasant winter in Washington. No snow as yet and mainly clear sunshiny days. The lowest temperature so far only 14°.

Charles Sheldon before his untimely death last fall finished writing his book on his second trip and winter at the head of the Toklat at the base of Denali (Mt. McKinley). I am going over the manuscript and find it immensely interesting--chuck full of new records and exact data of various kinds.

Zensida seems to be enjoying her winter at Santa Fe except for troubles with an unruly furnace. It's cold down there.

With affectionate regards to you and your good wife from Mrs. Merriam and myself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1929

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Legunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

We were glad to receive your letter of January 2 and also your Christmas card and to know that you were pleased with the Book of Dogs. Its author, Harold Bains, died a year or two ago.

Zensida and her husband are well and seem happy in their temporary home at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

When you have time I wish you would drop me a line telling me whether or not any leaks have developed in our roof.

With best wishes to you all in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 12, 1929

Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons Howver
Kentfield, California

Dear Mrs. Howver:

Thanks for your Christmas card and letters. I gave up sending Christmas cards on my 73rd birthday, something over a year ago, feeling that my age would exonerate me from the loss of a couple of days' time every year.

Very many thanks for the book Thomas Condor, Pioneer Geologist of Oregon which I am very tardy in acknowledging.

It is a delightful book about a man whom for many years I have esteemed and admired, and I thank you for your kindness in sending it.

Mrs. Merriam and I spent a day with Zensida and her husband at Santa Fe on our way back from California and were very glad to see them in their new temporary home. They seem very happy though they admit that they have not yet mastered their coal furnace.

We congratulate you on your knee recovery and your consequent ability to enjoy driving your car. Since returning to Washington I have been so overwhelmed with work that I have not yet had my car put in shape for the winter, which I admit is a real deprivation. However I expect to tackle it soon.

With kindest regards and best wishes from us both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1929

Mr. Ernest C. Oberholtzer
Panier, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

In endeavoring to clear up the accumulation of mail that came during my season's field work in California I find a communication from you asking me to accept membership on the National Board of Advisors of the Quetico-Superior Council--a curious name for an organization engaged in the establishment of an International Park.

I am heartily in sympathy with the objects in view and if not too late should be glad to join the body of admirable men already enrolled as members of your Council.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

January 21, 1929

Dr. Herbert I. Priestley
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Priestley:

Some years ago you were kind enough to loan us the galley proof of a very important article on expeditions sent out by the California Missions in early Mission days. Was this material ever published, and if so, where? It certainly is too bad to keep in the dark the results of so much painstaking investigation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

January 21, 1929

American Journal of Science
Indiana, Illa. Boston
Mr. Pumpco
Lagunitas, California

Prof. Robert H. Lowie
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Lowie:

My copy of the January-March number of the Anthropologist arrived a few days ago and is defective, pages 142 and 147-150 being badly damaged by folds of the paper before printing.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me either a clean set of these pages or a duplicate number of the magazine.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

January 21, 1929

Mr. Philip S. Smith
Washington, D. C.

Dr. Philip S. Smith
Chief Alaska Geologist
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

Thanks for your promptness and courtesy in replying to my recent letter and for sending me the best large scale ^{sheet} map covering the Eastern part of Mt. McKinley National Park.

Thanks also for your reference to Professional Paper 70 on the Mt. McKinley region by Brooks. I will look it up.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

January 21, 1929

Mr. Horace M. Albright, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albright:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the three large Alaska map sheets including the Eastern half of Mt. McKinley Park.

I appreciate your kindness in placing my name on the mailing list to receive numbers of the Yellowstone Nature Notes as issued. I am wondering if I cannot have copies of those already published.

With best wishes and congratulations on the high position in which you have recently been placed.

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

January 30, 1929

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope
Saskatchewan, Canada

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing five photographs, has just arrived. I do not care for the Indian clay pot because I am not dealing with such material so far away from California. I am retaining the two photographs of Snowshoe Rabbit, and one of the Least Weasel, and returning herewith the clay pot and the other Least Weasel.

A check for these at \$2.00 each, amounting to \$6.00, will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

You forgot (as usual) to give me the locality and date of the Snowshoe Rabbit photos - Kind send on -

CHM:L

January 30, 1929

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler
President, Columbia University
New York City

Dear Doctor Butler:

You have a long memory to recall that a quarter of a century ago your University offered me the honorary degree of Doctor of Science, and I appreciate the spirit that prompts you to renew the compliment for the coming Commencement in June.

In declining the original offer I mentioned the fact that I am almost always engaged in field work in California at the time of your Commencements. To be perfectly frank however this was only one of two reasons that led me to decline. The other is that I have never had any particular interest in degrees, particularly the decorative honorary kind; and I have always felt a distinct repugnance for the practice of wearing gowns and flat-topped hats on the occasion of the conference of such degrees. On the same grounds I have declined similar tenders of degrees from several other Universities. Nevertheless I fully appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 30, 1929

Mr. Neil M. Judd
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Judd:

Replying to your letter of yesterday urging Mrs. Merriam and myself to attend the fiftieth anniversary dinner of the Anthropological Society of Washington, I regret very much to say that the present condition of my health does not justify me in attending public functions or dinners of this kind.

With regrets and best wishes for the success of the anniversary,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

January 30, 1929

Mrs. P. L. Young
Orleans, California

My dear Mrs. Young:

Your letter of the 16th instant has arrived and I am very glad to hear from you.

There are some things one does not like to talk about, especially in a letter. One of these is the Rev. F. G. Collett. Some years ago I believed in him and supported him, although I always felt that he was doing wrong in soliciting money from Indians. The Government of the United States, not the Indians of California, is responsible for the loss of lands and the resulting poverty of California Indians, for which reason it is clearly the Government's business to reimburse the Indians.

As you know, the Raker Bill as modified by Congressman Lea was passed by the last Congress, was signed by the President, and is now a law. The Government, in connection with the State of California, has undertaken to carry its provisions into effect. No money from Indians is needed and none will be accepted, the matter being in the hands of the Governor and Attorney General of California.

Collett's continued activity in soliciting money from Indians is not only wholly unnecessary but obviously is a personal matter on his own account and has nothing whatever to

do with the case. You are probably aware that he is under indictment for fraudulent solicitation of money and is said to have paid \$500 bail.

You say, speaking for the Indians: "What we want is a voice in the question." Don't you see that it is too late to talk in this way, the law having been already passed and now in force? It is the business of the Attorney General to ascertain as closely as possible the amount due the Indians. He has distinctly said over and over again that in doing this he does not want and will not accept any Indian's money.

What has become of the many thousands of dollars collected by Collett in recent years from the poor Indians of California?

You say: "We are going to present our case even though we are forbidden to do so." I fear you do not quite understand what you are saying. The Case of the California Indians has been presented in Congress year after year for a number of years. It has been considered by both Houses of Congress and has been decided. And the fixing of the amount due California Indians has been placed by Congress in the hands of the State of California, to be determined by the Attorney General of your State--so you appear to have been misled in thinking that something still remains to be done by the Indians.

You know that for a number of years I have spoken on behalf of California Indians before committees of Congress (both in the House and the Senate) so you surely know where I stand in the matter, and know also that I would be the last person in the

world to attempt to deceive a California Indian.

I am glad to know what you tell me about Mrs. Grant--that she is living at Some Bar near her daughter Mrs. Langford. Please give them both my kindest regards. I earnestly hope to see you all during the coming season. I have had this hope for several years past but have been prevented partly by illness and partly by the time required for work in other parts of the State.

With best wishes to you all,
Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

THE WEAVER OF BOOKS
KANSAS CITY, MO.

January 30, 1929

During the voyage of the Harriman Alaska Expedition, 1899 some of the men were unable to pay a visit to Mr. C. B. Macfarlane c/o Charles Wise Jarvis Inlet, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 15, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution, has been referred to me for reply.

The money available for the purchase of Bear Skulls has become so small in amount that I am not able to pay former prices, but if the two female Grizzly Skulls you mention are in good condition and labeled with the locality where killed I can offer you \$5.00 each for them.

If you care to sell them for this price please pack carefully and send by Parcels Post or Express, Address, U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Don't fail to write your name and address on the tag attached to each skull, and also on the outside of the package so that the clerk who unpacks it will make no mistake.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

In addition to Mr. E. H. Merriam the party consisted of Dr. G. K. Gilbert, Dr. F. V. Coville, Prof. E. A. Mearns, Prof. B. E. Mearns, Jr., A. L. Fisher, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, and E. S. Curtis (photographer), with the lay officer and several sailors to man the boat.

CHM:L

821 11th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly
enter on the enclosed check the value as
of January 1, 1929 of the birds listed
herein.

January 31, 1929

Dr. Robert H. Lowie
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Lowie:

It is so long since the appearance of
the last number of the Anthropologist that
I am beginning to worry about the separates
of my article on the Copah of Gibbs of which
I ordered a considerable number of copies.

Will you kindly stir up the printers?
If I knew their address I would write direct
and not bother you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1211 11th Street
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1929

Mr. Madison Grant
101 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Grant:

Some time ago you wrote me about Bear Skulls, addressing
me at Santa Rosa, a flourishing little city about forty
miles north of my country place at Lagunitas. Anyhow the
letter finally turned up in a batch of accumulated mail from
Lagunitas.

But I can't answer your question as to the value of a
California Grizzly Skull. So far as known California Grizzlies
are extinct for which reason skulls are valuable, but how much
one might be worth would depend upon how badly the would-be
purchaser wanted it, and also to a considerable extent on the
condition of the specimen. \$100 in my judgment would be a
very long price--much more than I could give.

You ask the date of the last authoritative appearance of
the California Grizzly. This is hard to answer, but the latest
unquestioned Grizzly kill I know of was ^{one} shot at Horse Corral
Meadows in the High Sierra in August 1922 by Jesse B. Agnew.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM: L

February 1, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for the
month of January, amounting to \$56.09, and
also ~~the~~ other Vouchers as stated below, which
kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Yawman & Erbe Co., 8 transfer drawers	\$42.00
Miss Olive L. Lundy, Stenographer-Secy. Salary for Jan.	150.00
H.H. Pittman, Wauchope, Canada, 3 photos of animals @ \$2.00	6.00

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for January 1929.

January

2	Calif. State 'History Nugget' for 1929	3.00
	Journal Wash. Academy of Sciences for 1929	5.00
	Reprints Am. Anthropologist, 'Why Not More Care in Identifying Animal Remains'	1.89
7	Allen's Press Clippings for Dec. 1928	2.73
	Remington, Inc., 1 box Red Seal Carbon	3.00
10	Anthropological Soc., American Anthropologist for 1929	5.00
12	Underwood, 1 ribbon coupon book	5.00
14	Calif. Historical Soc. Quarterly for 1929	10.00
16	Ottawa Field Naturalist for 1929	2.10
21	Redwood League	2.00
22	Daniel H. Newhall, 'Splendid Wayfaring' by Neihardt	3.00
	Cleaning office rooms, month of Jan.	3.00
	1 Remington typewriter ribbon	.75
	Additional copies of magazines:	
	Field & Stream, Nov. 1928	.25
	Rod & Gun in Canada, July & Oct. 1928	.40
	Nature Magazine, Feb. 1929	.35
	Outdoor Life	.25
	Washington Gas Light Co., gas Dec. 26, 1928-Jan. 25, 1929, \$10.00	3.33
	Potomac Elect. Power Co., current Dec. 17, 1928- Jan. 17, 1929, \$6.86	2.29
	Stamped envelopes & postage	2.75
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C. Hart Merriam
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February 1, 1929

My dear Mrs. Higgins:

You were very kind to write me in acknowledgment of my letter to Henry Thompson, and I am obliged to you for telling me that they received the photographs and that they are interested in the pictures in the book I sent them.

Your uncle must have been a very hardy and daring man to have ventured down the Yukon in an open boat. More than one man has lost his life in the rapids on the upper part of the river.

I hope to visit them at Stanfield Hill during the coming summer and shall of course be very glad to call on you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Pansy E. Higgins
Oregon House, California

February 1, 1929

My dear Mrs. Chilberg:

You have overwhelmed us by your kindness and generosity in sending such a quantity of those splendid walnuts and olives for which you need not be told we thank you most heartily. It so happens that although I am on a highly restricted diet I am able to eat both of these luxuries.

Thank you also for the photographs you kindly sent. Can it be that the Francisco of these pictures is the one who related the historical tale of his people? I had supposed him to be a much older man. He seems to be in his prime. It is good that you have obtained two more of his 'stories'--in addition to the fine lot you sent me some time ago.

Washington's portion of the flu has been very light this year and our family has escaped without so much as a touch of it.

With repeated thanks and best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Mabel Chilberg
Azusa, California

February 1, 1929

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott
Natural History Museum
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Last October you wrote me in regard to the ownership of the type specimen of Myotis californicus pallidus collected and described by Frank Stephens. I replied that I would look the matter up upon returning to Washington.

I find that the specimen is entered in the National Museum catalog as No. 99829 U.S. National Museum, Biological Survey Collection.

I find also that exactly the same record was made by F. Stephens himself in his published description entitled 'Descriptions of Two New Mammals from Southern California' published in the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington, Vol. 13, p 153, June 13, 1900.

This would seem to settle the matter of ownership—
Stephens was employed regularly by the Biological Survey in our work in the Death Valley Region in 1890-91 and was employed by me at various times both before and after, and at various dates for a number of years I purchased specimens from him, all of which are permanently preserved in the Biological Survey Collection of the National Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 8, 1929

Mr. A. M. Robertson
Stockton Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me with bill a copy of Langsdorff's 'Narrative of the Rezanov Voyage to Nueva California in 1806,' published by Thomas C. Russell of San Francisco (1928).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 11, 1929

Hon. W. B. Pine
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Having just seen ~~a copy~~ of your remarks on Indians, as published in the Congressional Record of January 26, I am anxious to secure copies and shall be very greatly obliged if you can kindly send me a dozen or more.

The clear statement by Miss Connolly ought to open the eyes of a great many people and I am mighty glad you published it in the Record.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 11, 1929

Mr. N. E. Hess
First National Bank
State College, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Hess:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the photographs of your party with the Giant Bear you killed on Alaska Penninsula.

Obviously you had a great hunt and a great time and were well rewarded.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. Edward B. Warren
1511 Wood Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Warren:

Many thanks for your Beaver articles just received. They in connection with your volume on the same subject must always stand as the great authority on the work of these wonderful animals.

And apart from general interest in the subject, I am pleased with your Summary in the Journal of Mammalogy, telling of the surprising changes that have taken place in the colonies of these animals during recent years.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

By a curious coincidence your letter dated February 7 arrived immediately after the above letter had been signed. The question of means of publication, especially with illustrations, is most serious and you are by no means the only sufferer. I myself am up against the same obstacle having on hand several important papers which I do not know where to publish. However I will look into the matter and if an appropriate avenue comes to light will let you know.

February 14, 1929

Mr. A. Brazier Howell
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Howell:

The mail has just brought me a copy of your Contribution to the Comparative Anatomy of the Eared and Earless Seals.

Having worked on these groups for 45 years I naturally am very much interested in your studies although in a part of the field that I have only lightly touched. I am delighted with your drawings. They are so clear, graphic, and instructive; and the thoroughness of the text is most satisfying. I congratulate you on the production of so valuable a contribution to the knowledge of these groups.

Mrs. Merriam and I were sorry that you with your family felt it necessary to remove from Washington to Baltimore, but on the other hand it is a great thing that you have become attached to an institution in which you can carry on the splendid work for which you obviously are peculiarly well fitted.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Since your departure I have gone to the Museum again and have made a critical examination of your Big Bear skulls in connection with those of adjacent species previously described. As a result it seems clear that your old male from Black River represents at least a very distinct subspecies, which I shall be glad to describe.

When you were here I thought from a hasty look at your other skull that it was merely a young of the same species, attributing the larger size of its teeth to the circumstance that they were unworn while those of the old bear were much worn. On re-examining this specimen I am convinced that the teeth are much larger than those of the old bear could possibly have been when young, and find that they agree very much better with those of Ursus cressonus sent me by Captain Hubrick from the Lakina River, notwithstanding the fact that the teeth of the Hubrick skull are very much worn. Your new bear from Black River has much smaller teeth as you know, resembling those of Ursus eximius from Knik Arm--although the Knik Arm bear is a widely different species characterized among other things by unusual narrowness of the upper part of the skull.

If I remember correctly you said that both of these bears had typical grizzly claws. This agrees with the grizzly character of the upper premolar.

Among the photographs you gave me is one showing the profile of the head of a bear with a dog in the foreground. If I remember correctly you told me this was the Black River bear. If you have any other photographs of either of these bears I should be mighty glad to see them.

You gave us a great treat in showing the moving pictures you took of Big Bears on Admiralty Island. I doubt if today there is any other place in the world, unless it be on some of the less visited Alaska islands, where bears are so plentiful and where they would permit such near approach.

After your next season's studies of these Big Bears I hope you will write a book telling in detail of your experiences and illustrating it with a considerable number of your remarkable pictures.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 14, 1929

Mr. Laurence M. Huey
Natural History Museum
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Huey:

The inquiry in your letter of February 5 was answered by me on February 1 in a letter addressed to Mr. Abbott of your museum.

But I can hardly credit the statement by Mr. Stephens that the description of the Bat in question was prepared by some one else without his knowledge. This would seem so preposterous that it strikes me as a lapse of memory on Mr. Stephens part.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. Charles L. Stewart
2726 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Replying to your inquiry of January 28 in regard to my trip around Mt. Shasta in the neighborhood of timberline in 1898, would state that on January 5 of this year I replied to a somewhat similar letter from Mr. M. Hall McAllister of your city. If further details are desired I can supply them from my Journal. I was accompanied, as you know, by my Assistant Vernon Bailey and my nephew Lyman Merriam and was four days in making the circuit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. Horace M. Albright, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albright:

You pressed the right button in regard to the Natural History Notes of Yellowstone National Park, as a result of which a much prized package sent by the Acting Superintendent Joseph Joffe has already come to hand. Many thanks for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. C. G. Ridgway, President
Marvelous-Marin, Inc.
San Rafael, California

My dear Sir:

A few days ago I received from you, forwarded from Lagunitas, a request for dues for the year 1929. I should have sent these before had I been favored with a bill.

Your present notification however is wholly lacking in the matter of your address. I am sending this to San Rafael in the hope that it may reach you but I am by no means sure as to where you live. My check for \$3.00 in payment of dues for Mrs. Merriam, my daughter Mrs. Zenaida Talbot, and myself, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 14, 1929

Mr. Joseph Joffe, Acting Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for the trouble you have
taken in picking out and sending me such a fine
set of back issues of Yellowstone Nature Notes.

They are of much interest and I prize them highly.

Probably you do not know that in 1872 I was
Naturalist of the Hayden Expedition making
Government explorations in that region, collecting
in what is now the park a considerable number of
mammals and birds, a list of which was published
in the Hayden Report of that year.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1929

Mr. Edward R. Warren
1511 Wood Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th instant. It
is a good thing, as you say, to keep on gathering material
with the expectation that means of publication will
develop later. *This has been my practice for years.*

Yes, the Syracuse people sent me a copy of your
important paper published by the Roosevelt Wild Life
Station. I prize it highly and should be very glad of
another copy if you have plenty to spare so that I may
have one filed under the Beaver; the other under your
own name--as I keep two files--an author file and a
subject file.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 15, 1929

Dear Arch and Angie:

For a long time I have been having pains of conscience for not sending you a few lines to let you know that we are still thriving and that everything seems to be right side up. Elizabeth and I are reasonably well and as happy as could be expected under the circumstances. We have made very few calls this winter and have had still fewer dinner parties. I am laboring as usual in trying to reduce the pressure of ever increasing work.

Zenaida seems happy and is enjoying her new Ford Coupe. Her new husband has orders to operate during the latter part of March and perhaps all of April in Texas. Zee intends to drive for him the first part of the trip and then come to us to await his return. Shortly after that he is to visit Jackson Hole in Western Wyoming. That is as far as we can go at present.

Dorothy and her children are well and like ourselves appear to have escaped the flu, though Henry and the children have had colds.

Angie was thoughtful enough to send me a little yellow slip of a memorandum conveying the important information that on December 30 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gilbert saw two flocks of White Pelicans, of about 100 each, flying north toward Point Reyes

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and that in the neighborhood of January 3 somebody's friend saw a flock of 25 headed toward San Francisco Bay—all of which should have been acknowledged long ago.

I want to drive to California in the spring but the Boss says she is going by rail and absolutely will not allow me to drive alone!

We fear the Legunitas country has been shy of rain this winter judging from a letter to Mrs. M. from old Mrs. Allen. Incidentally it might be remarked that aforesaid Mrs. A. has expressed her unstinted appreciation of the drive back and forth which Arch was good enough to give her. Such events are rare in her old life. The old man is about as he has been for the last two years--sharing his bed with a batch of cats.

With best love from the Merriams of 1919.

As ever yours,

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California

February 25, 1929

Mr. John Holzworth
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Yes, the Leica Camera came all right and I am greatly obliged for your attention in the matter. The camera is more complicated than any I have been used to, but I feel that I am now getting the hang of it. I have taken one roll and had it developed this afternoon and though not quite dry have just examined it. Much of it is excellent and the balance tells me much in the way of proper exposure and time.

I shall be very glad to keep the camera, and in about a week will have a check for the amount (\$70.67) sent you from my account in the Smithsonian.

The main difficulty so far has been in finding any photographer in this city who was willing to develop the film in time so I could see it promptly. I was surprised to learn that the Eastman Company and several other concerns here send their films to Baltimore or Rochester to be developed and printed--a time-killing affair for a man in a hurry to see his results. I shall use the camera enough in the near future to become familiar with its kinks and fully believe that it will be a great help to me in the spring in my work with California Indians.

With renewed thanks for your kind services in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1929

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

I shall be mighty glad to see the pictures you mention of the two bears, and also shall hope that your expectation of receiving additional skulls from the same region may be realized. It is easy to describe a species from one specimen but when others come in from the same region our first conclusions are sometimes shattered. By this I do not mean that I have any doubt as to the validity of your species. At the same time it would be comforting to have additional material.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 27, 1929

Geo. Banta Publishing Co.
450-454 Ahnaip Street
Menasha, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

Along time ago I returned the proof of my article on The Cop-eh of Gibba, published in the American Anthropologist, Vol. 31, No. 1, Jan.-Mar. 1929. I ordered 100 or 150 separates. Thus far these have not been received. They should have been distributed long ago. What is the trouble?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 27, 1929

Lieut. G. F. Emmons
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

About three years ago you published a part of the Journal of your father relating to his explorations in Oregon and Washington. But the narrative stops before his entry into California via the old Overland Route across the Siskiyou.

I am particularly interested in the California part of his work and am wondering if you are not likely to publish it in the near future?

With best wishes to Mrs. Emmons and yourself in which Mrs. Merriam joins.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

February 27, 1929

Miss Margaret W. Moodey
Dept. of Geology
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Moodey:

On your suggestion I am enclosing herewith
a brief letter to go in the birthday surprise
package to Doctor Merrill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

May 31, 1929

Dear Doctor Merrill:

If credence is to be placed in the rumors afloat in
the Museum you have the start of me by about a year.
Consequently you are open to congratulations.

It is a long time since first we met--just how long
I do not remember--but I do remember that at that time you
were held up to me as the great authority on Building Stones,
Precious Stones, and Gems. Since then it has leaked out
that these things, while important and valuable, are never-
theless a very small part of your field of achievement, as
attested by your numerous and valued publications on
Meteorites and in the general field of Geology.

While in the scheme of the universe Rocks and Mice have
little in common, it is none the less true that workers in
one field gradually come to recognize and respect workers in
other fields. It is for this reason that I make bold to
express my appreciation of the work you have done and my
admiration for your perseverance and accomplishment.

Trusting that we both may tread the sacred aisles of
the National Museum for years to come, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. George P. Merrill
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1929

Mr. Lewis R. Glavis
Committee on Indian Affairs
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Glavis:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant would say that I will be glad to see you at my house, 1919 16th Street, on any day next week provided you will let me know a day in advance so that I may be sure to be here. My phone number is Potomac 5330.

I do not pretend to be "thoroughly familiar" with conditions among California Indians although I have worked among them for nearly forty years. Shall be glad to help you if I can.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1929

Mr. Fred W. Wilson
Adin, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 19 has just reached me. I had intended to see you last summer but was taken sick and had to go to a hospital in San Francisco. I am fairly well now and shall try to see you next summer.

In reply to your questions, will say that last fall Collett was again asking Indians for money but I don't think he got much. He tried to make the Indians believe that the money was needed to carry on their case. As a matter of fact the Lea Bill providing for the settlement of Government obligations to California Indians was passed by Congress a year ago and is now a law. Congress placed the matter in the hands of the Attorney General of California who is now at work on the case. When he learned that Collett was asking the Indians for money to employ lawyers, the Attorney General published a letter in a number of California newspapers telling the Indians that no money from them was needed and that none would be accepted, as the State had undertaken to attend to the matter.

About a year ago the ^{United States} Senate appointed a committee to investigate Indian matters. This committee visited parts of California last year. They want to find out whether the Indian Office is treating the Indians right.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1929

Editor, Good Housekeeping
New York City

Dear Sir:

I want to express my appreciation of the public service you are doing in publishing Miss Connolly's letters on the Indian situation.

It is full time that our people were made aware of the pitiful condition of most of the remnants of many of our Indian tribes. There would seem to be no good reason for keeping the public in ignorance of the way our Indians have been, and in some cases still are, treated by the Government. For years it has been obvious to some of us that the Indian Bureau, instead of protecting the Indians, has done all in its power to "protect" the Government from fulfilling its obligations to the Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 1, 1929

Dr. John R. Swanton
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

In attempting to clean up my desk I find a memorandum to the effect that you possess information in regard to Fierce and Ordinary Bears as they occur in Louisiana and Texas.

Being greatly interested in Bears I should appreciate the courtesy if you would kindly tell me about what you have found out, presumably from Indians, on this subject.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for the month of February 1929, amounting to \$58.44. Also enclosed is Subvoucher No. 2 of my January account; together with the following Vouchers, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund:

- A.M. Robertson, Langsdorff's Narrative of Rezanov Voyage (1 copy) \$15.24
- Art Metal Constr. Co., 1 4 drawer file case . 37.50
- Griffin & Howe, Inc., 1 Leica Camera 103.50
1 Daylight loading packing 2.50
Less 33-1/3 35.33 70.67
- Yawman and Erbe Mfg. Co., 1 No. 5804 4-drawer (latch) steel filecase. 59.00
- Olive L. Lundy, Stenog-Secy, Salary Feb. . . 150.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for February 1929.

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1	"Save the Redwoods League"		2.00
2	Proceedings Biological Society for 1929		3.00
4	Chas. G. Stott & Co., 50 filing envelopes 1.20; 200 Gem clips .20; 1 bottle Clar-O-Type .50	1	1.90
5	California Out of Doors for 1929		1.00
6	Science for 1929		6.00
	Am. Forestry for 1929		4.00
11	Anthony's Mammals N. Am.	2	3.50
18	Science Monthly for 1929		5.00
19	Standard Book Co., books as follows:		
	My Duel with the Vatican		1.20
	Archko Volume		1.98
	Life of the Bat		.90
	Message of Mohammed		.50
	Primitive Races of Mankind		3.25
	Postage and Ins.		.27
		3	8.20
25	W.F. Roberts, 6 rolls Agfa Films for Leica Camera		5.00
26	Eastman Co., devel. & ptg. 1 roll Leica film		1.40
27	Morrison Paper Co., 1 qt. Flo-gum 1.50; 1 clip .15; 1 bottle India Ink .25	4	1.90
27	Virginia Paper Co., 2000 sheets 8x10 1/2 bl Munising bond	5	2.90
	Rubber bands .15; 2 erasers .15, pencils .60		.90
	Outdoor Life for March 1929 (dup.)		.25
25	Electric Current Jan. 17-Feb. 14, 1929, \$6.29		
		6	2.10
	Gas Jan. 25-Feb. 25, 1929, \$11.90; 1/3 of 6.29	1	3.96
	Cleaning office rooms February 1929		3.00
	Envelopes & postage		1.35
	Car and bus fares		1.08
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March 1, 1929

Mr. Donald R. Dickey
514 Rosemont Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Please overlook my delay in acknowledging your letter written nearly a month ago.

Your good fortune in obtaining a Grizzly Bear from Dishna River, Tokotna, Alaska, interests me very much and I shall be glad to see the skull if it is that of an adult male. If not, it is hardly worth while to send it on, as I claim no virtue in identifying female bear skulls.

The Dishna River, like the Iditarod just west of it, is a tributary to the Innok which joins the Yukon from the south. The Takotna, which heads near the head of the Dishna, is tributary to the Kuskokwin. The bear skull therefore came from an extensive area between the Kuskokwin and Yukon, and about midway between Mount McKinley and the Coast to the westward—a region intermediate theoretically between Ursus toklat of the Mount McKinley region and Ursus alascensis of the region adjacent to the Coast. The probabilities would seem therefore to place your bear with or near alascensis. At all events I shall be glad to see the skull, and to compare it with the material in our Biological Survey collection in the Museum and will do this personally so that it may be returned without undo delay.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Dickey,
Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1929

Dr. Charles W. Richmond
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Richmond:

Many thanks for forwarding to me
Miss Sara Endicott Ober's letter to Ruthven
Deane. I have read it with much interest
and am returning it to Deane by this mail.

Hope to see you some of these days.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 1, 1929

Mr. Ruthven Deane
1222 North State St.
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Deane:

Richmond has just sent me the letter from Miss
Sara Endicott Ober which you thoughtfully sent me
in his care. I have read it with much interest and
wish I knew some benevolent person who would help
the old lady out with a pocketful of cash. She
certainly does not lack for words with which to
express her feelings, thereby giving one a pretty
fair picture of her inner self.

I appreciate your courtesy in letting me see this
letter.

With best regards to yourself and Mrs. Deane,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 6, 1929

Dr. John R. Swanton
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Many thanks for your promptness and kindness in replying to my inquiry about Fierce and Ordinary Bears. I am glad to have this information and also what you tell me about "tigers". Yes, we have a number of records of the occurrence of the Jaguar in Texas and Arizona.

It is a strange coincidence new to me that the "Southeastern Indians all talk of a mythic 'Water Panther'." The same myth is current with the Karok and Shaste Indians of Klamath River and of some other tribes in northwestern California.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 8, 1929

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of the Jamesburg Quadrangle, California, and also if available your recent map of the State of Arizona, and Water Supply Paper 589 on Colorado River Basin.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Lieut. G. T. Emmons
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

Thanks for your note of the 1st instant. Mrs. Merriam and I are grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Emmons of whom we have most pleasant memories.

I am glad to know that you have almost finished your Tlingit manuscript.

As you know I am particularly interested in California Indians and for many years have worked among those of Sacramento Valley and Klamath River Basin. For this reason I have been especially anxious to see your father's Journal of his overland trip, as it naturally would contain a number of important records concerning the localities and Indians encountered on the California part of his route.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Mr. M. R. Harrington
Heye Museum
New York City

My dear Mr. Harrington:

The book on Lovelock Cave by yourself and L. L. Loud reached me a few days ago and has given me a great deal of pleasure. It certainly is a monumental addition to existing knowledge of the archeology of the Great Basin and is so completely illustrated by diagrams, photographs, and maps that little is left to the desired.

While I have not yet been able to visit the Cave I have done a good deal of work in western Nevada, both north and south, particularly among the bands of Piute and Shoshone Indians, and have collected a few mortars and pestles but have not attempted to dig into ancient deposits.

To me the basketry is enormously interesting and it is a great satisfaction to see that you have published so many excellent illustrations. The plaque shown on Plate 30 is a beautiful and represents a type widely different from any made in recent times, suggesting, if I remember correctly, one or two from southern Utah pictured by Pepper some years ago. The water jug shown on Plate 67 is a type new to me.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Mr. Edward R. Warren
1511 Wood Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Warren:

Your monumental paper on the Engineering Feats of the Beaver, illustrated by an amazing number of photographs and maps, has just arrived, for which I am greatly obliged.

It must be a great satisfaction to you as well as to your many friends to have completed and published such an important work--one that must always be referred to by mammalogists and others interested in the remarkable accomplishments of certain of our animals.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Dr. Herbert I. Priestley
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor Priestley:

Your letter of January 26 in reply to my inquiry gave me a distinct shock for I am grieved to learn that anyone should jealously regard the work of another as an invasion of his field.

Your suggestion that you might some time "whip the whole thing into shape and publish it as a brochure" strikes me as admirable, and I hope you will do this not only because of the time you spent in preparing it but also because of its value to other workers.

I am particularly interested in Arguello's route and suspect that you allowed him to go too far north. I have located a number of the rancherias he visited in Sacramento Valley, and two or three in the region between Russian River and the Coast. If I am not mistaken he turned west at or near Gino which in Redding's time was a well known village not far from the old Monroe Ranch near the mouth of Stony Creek.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Prof. W. T. Thom, Jr., PhD.
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Taylor:

It was mighty good of you to send me a copy of your informative book, Petroleum and Coal.

Mrs. Merriam and I have read much of it with interest and profit. We are surprised to know that you have dived so deeply into this subject and that you have dug out and petrified so much of importance to mankind.

With thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1929

Halloway Studio
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dear Sirs:

A year ago I purchased from you a number of photographs of Seals. I would like to obtain more, particularly those of Hooded Seals on the ice. As it is now about time for the sealing fleet to start northward on its annual hunt I am wondering if you can not arrange to secure more pictures.

I am especially anxious to get photographs of old bull hoods showing the shape of the hood, both normal when at rest, and inflated when angry. Profile views are particularly important and as close up as practicable. If you can help me in this matter I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 9, 1929

Mr. Ruthven Deane
1222 N. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Deane:

Thanks for yours of the 6th in reply to my recent acknowledgment of Miss Ober's letter. Yes, thanks, I should be glad to have her letter for filing so long as you have no use for it.

Dwight's death is a genuine loss to us old folks who have known him for nearly half a century. Few of our group are left.

I have not seen Henshaw this year. It is difficult for me to get over there and the meeting is rather unpleasant.

E. W. left for Florida a short time ago to be gone a few weeks, expecting to return after the cold weather here has vanished. He has been unusually well for him during the winter and seems to be decidedly husky. As always, he is working hard; just now I believe on the mammals of Mexico, assisted by Goldman.

Thanks for your invitation for dinner on our way to California, but as yet we do not know how or which way we shall go. If we pass through Chicago it would give us much pleasure to accept.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Deane,

As ever yours,
C. Hart

March 11, 1929

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the map sheets asked for in my recent letter. I am very glad to have these, particularly the two of Arizona executed in different types of relief. They will be most helpful in my work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1929

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Murie has just been here and we have gone over the McKinley Park map without much result. He gave me the location of one of Sheldon's cabins, but did not know about the other although he saw another one which I imagine must have been the 1906 cabin. He did not know the features to which Sheldon applied the following names:

Geological Divide East	Outside Mountain
" " West	East Branch Range
Cabin Divide	Camp Mountain
Cabin Peak	Old Camp Mountain
Cabin Creek	Caribou Camp
West Fork Toklat	Ram Mountain
Bear Draw	Forks Mountain
Intermediate Range	Polychrome Mountain
Outside Range	

He is inclined to agree with me that the stream called by Sheldon West Fork Toklat is Stony Creek on the Geographical Survey maps. He agrees with us that Karstens is likely to be the only man who knows Sheldon's use of the geographic names in his journals and manuscript.

Herewith I am enclosing the McKinley Park part of the big map sheet which I believe you were going to send to Karstens.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1929

Mr. William F. Willoughby, Director
 Institute for Government Research
 Washington, D. C. -

Dear Mr. Willoughby:

Many thanks for your courtesy in
 sending me a copy of your Service Monograph
 relating to the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

March 20, 1929

Mr. W. C. Henderson
 Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness
 and courtesy in recommending that a copy be
 sent me of the Service Monograph relating to
 the Biological Survey, just received.

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

March 20, 1929

Dr. John R. Swanton
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant giving me an additional mention of "a brown bear found more often toward Texas," and also a memorandum in relation to a so-called "tiger-cat."

Enclosed is a letter relating to work among Indians of the Northwest Coast which may be of interest to you. You need not return the letter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

March 20, 1929

Mr. W. C. Mendenhall
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mendenhall:

Very many thanks for your kind invitation to join in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Geological Survey.

While I should be only too glad to accept this invitation I am at present physically unable to do things of this sort and must therefore merely express my congratulations, regrets, and thanks for remembering me in this connection.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

March 20, 1929

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Seton:

Replying to your letter dated March 9 would say that I am delighted to know that a popular edition of your Lives of Animals is to be published in the not distant future. But as to printers errors or changes of any kind I have nothing to say for the reason that owing to extreme pressure of unfinished work it has been impracticable for me to read the work carefully and no memoranda whatever were made.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 25, 1929

Hon. Elwood Mead, Commissioner.
Bureau of Reclamation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Can you send me a copy of the March issue of New Reclamation Era? I am much interested in and wish to preserve the beautiful photographic illustration of Gannett Peak forming the frontispiece of this issue.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 25, 1929

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 East Stark St.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your list No. 504. From it, if not already sold, please send me General Hitchcock's "Fifty Years in Camp and Field," check for which is herewith enclosed in the amount of \$3.00.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Hitchcock

CHM:L

March 25, 1929

Mr. M. R. Tillotson, Supt.
Grand Canyon National Park
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Sir:

If you have copies to spare I should greatly appreciate a series of your interesting Nature Notes of the Grand Canyon, and would be thankful if you will place my name on your mailing list for future issues.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Hitchcock

CHM:L

March 25, 1929

Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw
Clark University
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the 19th instant for a copy of my Zone Map of North America, am sending you by this mail a later edition than the one you had and also a copy of one of the previous edition.

It is pleasing to me to know that you find this map of use in your studies. Unfortunately very little zone work appears to be going on at present, the type of instruction now given in the universities usually sidetracking interests of this kind.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

March 25, 1929

Mr. Stuart Rowley
403 South 1st Street
Alhambra, California

My dear Mr. Rowley:

A paper on Seal Lions by your father, whom I had known for many years, was published in the last number of the Journal of Mammalogy. I am informed by the editor that separates of this article have been sent you. I should greatly appreciate the courtesy if you will kindly send me a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

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March 25, 1929

The Smith Book Company
Suite 914,
Union Central Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me the following books listed in
your Clearance List "B" at \$1.00 per volume:

Cronise, T.F., Natural Wealth California, 1868.

Cook, C. H., Among the Pimas, Albany, 1893.

Roberts, E., Shoshone. N. Y. 1888.

Burdett, C., Life of Kit Carson.

Hines, G., Life on the Plains, Buffalo, 1851.

Please send the books either C.O.D. or with bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

CHM:L

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March 25, 1929

N. J. Barlett & Co., Inc.
37 Cornhill
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me the following books as listed
in your catalog:

100 California, The Wolf Cub. Maurice Soulie, trans.
by Farrell Symons, 1927. \$1.50.

588 Game Hunting. Maxwell, Marius. Stalking Big
Game with a Camera. \$3.00

595 Indians. The Indians of North America. 1927. \$4.50.

My check in the amount of \$9.00 is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

March 25, 1929

Mr. Edgar C. Snyder
U. S. Marshal
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

On Saturday evening, March 23, one of your assistants served me with a Jury Summons to appear at the Police Court at 10 o'clock on April 1.

I believe I am exempt from this service for at least two reasons: age, and physical debility. I have passed my 74th birthday and I am suffering from Diabetes.

Will it be necessary for me to appear at the Police Court as indicated or will you kindly send me a notice of exemption?

Respectfully,

CHM:L

March 26, 1929

Col. George W. Stewart
1100 N Street
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

In a newspaper item from Visalia, dated April 26, 1928, the statement is made that "six remaining members of the Ochamane Indian tribe, whose forefathers were first known dwellers in Giant Forest, Sequoia Park, buried Dic Icho, son of the tribal chief, today."

The question is, who these people are. I have no record of any such tribe from the region in question but we have Ochecamnes (Ochehamni and other spellings) for a Mewan tribe on the lower Sacramento.

Have you any idea as to the identity of the people in question?

We expect to return to California in the spring as usual and I shall make an effort to see you and your copies of pictographs.

With best wishes and kind regards to Mrs. Stewart,

As ever yours,

CHM:L

March 28, 1929

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thanks for catalog just received. From it please send me the following:

- 606. Irving, Washington. Adventures of Captain Bonneville in the Rocky Mountains and the Far West, N.Y. 1849 \$3.00
- 119. Hoppe, J. Californiens Gegenwart und Zukunft, Berlin 1849 7.50

In payment, my check for \$10.50 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

March 28, 1929

Mr. H. A. Van Norman
Chief Engineer
Los Angeles Bureau of Water Supply
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Through the Geological Survey I have just learned that you have a topographical map of the southern part of Mohave Desert from the region of the Sink (Soda Lake) westerly.

If you can spare me a copy of this map I shall be very greatly obliged as it will be helpful to me in several ways, one of which is platting the boundaries of the Indian tribes formerly inhabiting that region.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

CHM:L

March 29, 1929

Rev. A. G. Morice, C.M.I.
200 Austin Street
Winnipeg, Canada

My dear Sir:

It is good to learn from your circular letter recently received that your great work on the Carrier Language is likely to appear. I am an old man but still hope to see it, and take pleasure in enclosing herewith my subscription order for a copy.

I notice that you still have a few bound copies of your Primitive Tribes and Pioneer Traders, and The Great Déné Race. Kindly send me these, for which my check of \$9.50 is enclosed herewith. If sent by express I shall be glad to pay transportation charges at this end of the line.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 29, 1929

Prof. J. McK. Cattell
3939 Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Professor Cattell:

Replying to your request of the 27th instant I regret to feel it necessary to decline to write an obituary notice of Robert Ridgway, whom I had known for 60 years. I used to feel it a duty to write appreciative notices of co-workers in science with whom I had been rather closely associated, but the number of these who have died in recent years has made it impossible for me to keep up the custom.

I am completely overwhelmed by a mass of unfinished work representing half a century of exploration and study, and consider it a duty to prepare for the press as much of it as practicable while still able to do so. You may not realize that I passed my 74th birthday some months ago.

Two or three years ago you wrote me for a photograph. I had none at the time but have since had some taken and am enclosing one herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

March 29, 1929

Mr. Seymour P. Smith
Natural History Museum
Stanford University, Calif.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your most interesting communication relating to the Great Kadiak Bear, especially as you have observed him in the Karluk Lake region. You have made an interesting contribution to our knowledge of the habits of the largest of our carnivorous mammals.

I knew that these bears often made their beds in the grass near the salmon streams but I did not know that they dug holes like those you describe to curl up in after eating. It is interesting also to know that these bears swim to an island in Karluk Lake in order to get salmon berries.

From your observations it seems obvious that these big bears do not come out of hibernation in ordinary years before the early part of May, and that they remain out until about the end of September--in other words that their activities are confined to about five months. I assume that the indistinct tracks on the beach of Karluk Lake seen April 29 were made the previous year.

The double row of tracks you mention evidently are similar, if not identical, with those observed by me on the north shore of Kakutat.

Thanking you for all this information, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 30, 1929

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Again I have to thank you for the bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine for 1928, containing as usual a multitude of attractive illustrations and a large amount of useful information.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 2, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for the month of March 1929 amounting to \$85.42.

Also enclosed is Voucher covering March salary of Miss Olive L. Lundy, in the amount of \$150.00.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for March 1929

		Subtotal	
1	Chas. G. Stott & Co., clips .30; 100 9x12 inv.	1.95	2.25
3	N.Y. Zoological Soc. Sub. Bulletin 1929		1.50
5	Fred Lockley, books:		
	Hitchcock, 50 Yrs in Camp & Field	3.00	9.00
	Govt. Investig. Ind. Affrs (1873)	6.00	5.00
8	Sci. League Am. Pubs.		1.10
2	Livingston: Env., pens, white ink, tape		3.00
11	Allen's Press Clip. Bureau, clippings Feb.		7.20
15	Eastman Kodak Stores, 16 prints; 16 enlargements		
	N.J. Bartlett, books:		
	Marius, Stalking Big Game with a Camera	3.00	7.50
	Kenton, Inds. of N. America, 2 vols.	4.50	4.60
5	Am. Anthrop. Assoc., Copeh separates		
2	Smith Book Co., books:		
	Cronise, Natural Wealth of Calif.	1.00	3.00
	Roberts, Shoshone	1.00	
	Burdett, Life of Kit Carson	1.00	
13	A.G. Morice, books:		
	Sub. Primitive Tribes & Traders	5.50	9.50
	The Great Dene	4.00	3.00
3	Indian photo enlargements		
23	Daniel Newhall, books:		
	Irving, Adventures of Capt. Bonneville	3.00	10.50
	Hoppe, Californiens Gegenwart	7.50	.55
	4 env. photo corners .40; adhesive tape .15		1.80
	Elect. Current Feb. 14-Mar. 18 \$5.41; 1/3 of 5.41		2.66
	Gas Feb. 25-Mar. 25 \$8.00; 1/3 of 8.00		1.35
	Barney Butler: Cleaning Office windows		3.15
	Waxing Office floors		3.00
	Jane McLean: Cleaning office rooms month of March		1.96
	Stamps and envelopes		.80
	Car and bus fares		3.00
	Allen's Press Clippings for Jan.		
			85.42

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April 3, 1929

Dear Arch and Angie:

Yours of the 17th gave us much satisfaction, and we are obliged for Angie's clippings and the White Pelican data.

Zee is still stimulating her little "puddle jumper" down in New Mexico or Arizona. We don't know just where she is but letters sent to Box 600 Santa Fe are forwarded.

We thank you for the turn you took around our ranch at Lagunitas and are glad that it seemed in satisfactory condition except for insufficient rainfall--which happily was being alleviated, according to your letter.

We are glad also that you have acquired a new "gasoline consumer" and hope you will not have occasion to "whip it" prematurely or often. I fully sympathise with and approve your desire to drive something without any movable roof over your heads.

When is the San Rafael-Lagunitas-Point Reyes paved boulevard going to be begun? We don't think much of that airplane way of navigating Marin County.

Your trip to Estero Limantour reminds me of a horse drive I took there many years ago when acquiring a collection of mammals and birds of Point Reyes Peninsula.

When leaving the Geographic Society lecture between two and three weeks ago the Boss was tripped, with a couple of people

landing on top. Result: a badly damaged knee and an ambulance trip to the hospital. Since then she has reposed in bed most of the time but now wanders to the library every afternoon and on two occasions has ventured down stairs to the dining room, but with such injurious result that she did not try it again yesterday or today. The determination to come down was due to the arrival of Dorothy, Henry, and the two kids. They drove down from Cambridge and expect to return in about a week.

The European maples throughout the city are now in full flower and the tulip trees are putting out their tender leaves, while in Potomac Park the single-blossomed cherries and the purple magnolias are already in full bloom.

With best love to you both from all of us,

As ever yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Arch M. Gilbert
Belinas, California

CHM:L

April 3, 1929

Hon. Elwood Mead, Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mead:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the March issue of New Reclamation Era, containing the admirable reproduction of a photograph of Mt. Gannett, which reached me in good condition.

Very truly yours,

C. H. St. American

CHM:L

April 5, 1929

Mr. Harold D. Carew
Pasadena Star-News
Pasadena, California

My dear Mr. Carew:

Your letter without date reached me two or three weeks ago.

The copies of Touring Topics you were good enough to send me came some time before and are most attractive. I am obliged for them.

You ask me to reconsider my refusal to be interviewed for the purpose of an article about myself. The reasons you give for this series of articles--the high standing of the men already noticed, and the fact that the articles are to be published in book form--relieves them of the odium of ordinary newspaper articles, according them a dignity that places them in a different class. This leaves me on the fence.

But right here I feel compelled to say that I can not understand how anyone can write a proper obituary of a person he does not know personally and reasonably well. It seems to me that the author of contributions of this sort should really know the man he is talking about and should know his workshop and habits.

With thanks for your kind interest, and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. St. American

CHM:L

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April 11, 1929

Rev. A. G. Morice
200 Austin Street
Winnipeg, Canada

My dear Sir:

The books have arrived and I appreciate your sending them the way you did. I enclose a U.S. Money Order for 40¢ to cover postage.

I shall look over them with much interest and undoubtedly profit thereby. I have already done some work with all of the Athapaskan outlyers in California, where they reach south only as far as Long Valley in Mendocino County.

With best wishes for the completion of your great work,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

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April 11, 1929

Mr. J. Stuart Rowley
403 South First Street
Alhambra, California

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Very many thanks for your promptness and courtesy in sending me your father's last article, the Life History of Sealions of the California Coast.

I am very glad to add it to my Sealion file and appreciate your kindness in sending it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

April 13, 1929

The Holloway Studio
Bates Hill & Henry St.
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the four photographs of Hooded Seals just received. My check for \$6.10 in payment is enclosed herewith.

Should you obtain any additional photographs of hoods or of any other seals I should be obliged if you will kindly send me prints with bill as usual.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

April 18, 1929

Mr. M. R. Harrington
Director, The Southwest Museum
Highland Park
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th instant. I am glad to know that you are in Los Angeles, and shall be particularly glad to see your report on explorations in the Moapa Valley. I rode on horseback through the southern part of that region nearly thirty years ago and have since hoped to work there again.

When you are in San Francisco I wish you would phone Lagunitas and ask if I am there, and if so, leave your San Francisco address and I will phone you in the hope of making an appointment. Lagunitas is usually my base from early June until November.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

April 24, 1929

Prof. W. Elmer Ekblaw
Clark University
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Ekblaw: —

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant:
I want to express my gratification that you are paying so much attention to the study of life zones, and that each year you are turning out students "grounded in plant and animal distribution and geography."

This prompts me to inquire as to how much knowledge of species of animals and plants is actually possessed by these graduates--it being obvious that in order to carry on intelligent field work in locating the several life zones it is imperative to know in advance not only what species are distinctive of each zone but to be able to recognize these species in the field.

I should be glad to know the names and addresses of any young men deemed adequate to carry on this kind of work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 24, 1929

Dear JC:

A few days ago you asked me if I knew of any young men qualified to conduct life zone work in the field. You may be interested know therefore that Prof. W. Elmer Ekblaw of Clark University is training students in this kind of work. In a recent letter he says, "We are turning out here at Clark each year a half dozen or more doctors and as many masters in geography, all of whom must be thoroughly grounded in plant and animal distribution and...in life zone work."

As ever yours,

CM

Dr. John C. Merriam
President, Carnegie Institution
Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1929

Mr. W. E. Clyde Todd
Carnegie Museum
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Todd:

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd instant just received. I am particularly glad to know that a large reddish bear, believed to be the Barren Ground Bear, has been seen in recent times, although it is a terrible disappointment to find that it was not killed.

By this mail I am writing to your friend Koehler about it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

April 24, 1929

Mr. H. J. Koehler
Bloomfield, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Koehler:

My former assistant, W. E. Clyde Todd, has been kind enough to let me know about your luck in seeing a Barren Ground Bear in the interior of Labrador. This interests me very much. I have been on the trail of this semi-mythical animal for at least forty years but have not been able to get hold of a specimen and fear that I shall die without having the satisfaction of examining one of their skulls.

I infer that you did not kill the beast and that you cannot suggest any way by which one might be secured. If I am in error in this I shall be very happy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

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April 24, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

The afternoon mail has brought me the bunch of prints you were good enough to send of the type specimen Ursus holzworthi. Unfortunately none of them are quite suitable for reproduction. However I have checked two (red check in upper right hand corner) which if carefully printed on glossy paper might possibly be used. All of the prints are returned herewith.

By the same mail I received a set of false teeth suitable for mounting in heads prepared with the mouth open. I have handled a number of sets of false teeth of bears but these seem to be an improvement over any previously examined. I assume they are to be returned, but will hold them a day or two until I hear from you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

May 2, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for the month of April 1929 amounting to \$37.56, together with Voucher covering April salary of Miss Olive L. Lundy in the amount of \$150.00, which kindly pay as usual from the E. H. Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for April 1929.

April

3	Smith Book Co.: Cronise, Calif.; Roberts, Shoshone; Burdett, Kit Carson	1	3.32
9	Andrews Paper Co., file folders 4.40; ink .25	2	4.65
10	Allen's Press Clippings for March	3	3.00
11	Fuller & d'Albert, devel. & print. photos	4	2.88
12	Halloway Studio, Nfld., 4 photos Hooded Seals		6.10
18	Art Metal Constr. Co., 25 guides .45; postage .12		.57
19	Paul L. Brand, "Perutz" Daylight loading film	5	3.75
	Gas: 1/3 of \$12.00 (Mar. 25-Apr. 25)	6	4.00
	Electric Current: 1/3 of \$4.06 (Mar. 18-Apr. 17)	7	1.35
	Jane McLean, cleaning office rooms April		3.00
	postage and envelopes		2.80
	2 spools thread .10; bus fares.80		.90
	Street car tokens (15)		1.00
	Expressage on books		.24

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C. Hart Merriam
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May 3, 1929

Mr. W. C. Chanler
 Assistant Secretary
 Boone and Crockett Club
 New York City

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 29 asking for a copy of the Boone and Crockett Year Book for 1918, would say that I have a copy of this Year Book. Before sending it to you I would like to be sure that you have not received one from some other member as I have a rather complete set of these reports which I desire to keep. However if you have not been able to get a copy elsewhere I will send you mine as it is more important for the Club to have a complete series than for me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

May 3, 1929

Mr. Remington Kellogg
 U. S. National Museum
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Replying to your letter of April 22 I regret to say that it is now too late for me to supply a complete set of my writings on mammals. Still, I think I can get together a set that is nearly complete.

Yes, I have a fairly complete, not absolutely complete, list of my publications, from which you may be able to select the mammal titles.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:L

SIS

May 3, 1929

The Stratford Company
289 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

What has become of my percentage on the sales of Annik-a-del? To the best of my knowledge and belief I have not received anything from you at any time. This does not seem in accord with our contract.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Muniam

CHM:L

May 3, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

Please accept my apologies for delay in replying to your letters of April 24 and April 25 and in not earlier acknowledging the typed copy of your Journal which you were good enough to send me. The trouble is that I have been under such pressure during the past few days that it has been impossible to take this matter up.

Just now I am writing merely to acknowledge the receipt of these things and at the same time to say that in my opinion it would be a mistake to go to the expense of having a cast made of the jaws of the type skull of Ursus holzworthi. The teeth, as you know, are already badly worn and the canines are in none too good condition, so that they might easily be injured in taking the cast. Another reason is that a set of celluloid teeth of approximately the same size would answer every purpose (in a rug or mount) as the originals or an exact duplicate of the original.

For practical purposes professional taxidermists who are confronted again and again with this same problem have found that two or three at most sizes of teeth cover all reasonable requirements for open jaw mouth in all bears from the hugh

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brown bears of Alaska to the smaller grizzlies.

The glossy prints you were kind enough to send at my suggestion arrived yesterday but I feel they are not good enough for reproduction.

In a few days I shall be only too glad to read and return the copy of your Journal, and know that it will prove intensely interesting. And I have no doubt that a book of your hunting and photographing experiences in Alaska and British Columbia will be welcomed by a material number of sportsmen and others interested in wild animals.

I want to thank you also for your generosity in offering me the use of some of your photographs and notes for my work on the big bears--which I earnestly hope I may live long enough to finish.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

CHM:L

May 6, 1929

Mr. Charles S. Graves
Yreka, California

Dear Mr. Graves:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 24 and for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your recent book entitled Lore and Legends of the Klamath River Indians. I have read most of it with a good deal of interest. The tales strike me as of very unequal value, some having the appearance of the story as told by an individual Indian; others as more or less amplified and interpreted, possibly from accounts from different Indians. It is regrettable that you did not in each instance mention the tribe from which the story was obtained. For instance, I do not find information as to whether the story of Ed-witch-me is from the Karuk or the lower river tribe.

It is unfortunate also that in your picture of a Karuk basket maker on page 66 the baskets shown were not restricted to those made by this tribe--one at least coming from as far off as Arizona.

I am reciprocating with a copy of Annik-a-del, in which I trust you may find something of interest.

To me the most amazing fact is the striking resemblance of Ed-witch-me to the Modesse story of E-de-che-we. While the two are quite different in detail nevertheless the resemblances

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are so striking as to leave no doubt that they are modifications of the same tale. It would be worth while but probably not possible to find out which was derived from the other. The breadth of the gap between the Modesse of Great Bend Pit River and the Karuk of Klamath River imposes a serious obstacle, the intervening territory being occupied for a long period of time, as you of course know, by the Shaste tribe.

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

May 6, 1929

Dr. Richard T. Bang
139 West 11th Street
New York City

Dear Doctor Bang:

Replying to your recent letter, I regret to say that it will be impracticable for me to take part in the Fiftieth Anniversary of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. I am an old man and completely overwhelmed with pressing duties.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart

CHM:L

May 6, 1929

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
402 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Your letter of April 9 reached me some time ago and has given me some consternation. You want an article on the bears of California for publication in the Sierra Club Bulletin. I have a surprisingly large quantity of material on the popular side of this subject and should be glad to put it together for the purpose you have in view. The only obstacle is the time element. I am more than overwhelmed just now and for the immediate future, but nevertheless will make the effort to prepare the article.

Some time ago I received a letter from Charles L. Stewart of 2726 Folsom Street asking for more details of my circuit of Mt. Shasta in 1898, and suggesting that I send him photostat copies of the part of my Journal describing this trip. I have not replied to his letter because continuously swamped with other matters. However if you think it desirable to comply with his request kindly let me know and I will attend to the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart

May 14, 1929

Mr. Edwin D. McKee
Park Naturalist
Grand Canyon, Arizona

Dear Mr. McKee:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 5th instant transmitting a set of the Grand Canyon Nature Notes. I am very glad to have these and the first glance shows that they contain a large amount of material of interest in connection with my work.

I was glad to learn of your appointment to the position of Park Naturalist and have no doubt that you will find much of profit in the work and at the same time will add materially to its value.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:L

May 14, 1929

Prof. Frank R. Lillie
Chairman Committee on Medals
National Academy of Sciences

Dear Professor Lillie:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant asking my opinion as to the award of the D. G. Elliot Medal for the year 1928, I regret to say that I do not know of any work on mammals of sufficient scientific merit to entitle it to be so honored by the National Academy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall American

CHM:L

University of Chicago

May 18, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your recent letters. I have been under very severe pressure in the effort to finish going over the Sheldon book before next Thursday the 23rd, and therefore have had to set aside practically everything.

Doctor Bell is a very busy man and I have only today succeeded in getting him on the phone. We have agreed on an appointment for Tuesday the 21st to attend to the necessary photographing of the bear skulls at the Museum.

Your suggestion that Admiralty Island be set aside as a game refuge for big bears strikes me as admirable. I doubt very much if there is another place in the whole world where so many big bears--grizzlies and browns--congregate along the streams during the salmon run and where the area is of so little commercial importance.

The date of my going to California is still uncertain but we hope to get off before the 10th of June.

I greatly appreciate what you are doing in regard to

the motion camera, but do not on any account bother about it now when you must be rushed to the limit in getting ready for your coming trip. From June to November my mail address will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

I will write you more fully next week after we have secured the skull photographs.

In great haste,

Very truly yours,

E. M. C. Harrison

CHM:L

May 20, 1929

Mr. C. O. Durham
San Anselmo, California

My dear Sir:

We expect to arrive at San Anselmo some time between the 8th and 12th of June. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly examine our Dodge car and put it in good shape for the road.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

May 20, 1929

Mr. C. P. Russell
Park Naturalist
Yosemite, California

Dear Mr. Russell:

The April number of Yosemite Nature Notes came to hand about ten minutes ago. The first glance at the new cover gave me a very unpleasant feeling for the reason that natural objects mutilated by man have never appealed to my sense of the beautiful.

And don't you think you are a little hard on the magnificent big trees of the Calaveras grove to say: "The Calaveras grove has been forgotten by the traveler"?

You have been doing such fine things since you came to the Valley that the points mentioned give me a distinct shock.

Hoping to see you and your museum during the coming season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart American

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May 22, 1929

Warden
Leavenworth Prison
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In the fall of 1906 a desperado named
Hendrickson was captured on Yukon River in
Alaska and taken to one or two jails
temporarily and finally to Leavenworth.

Can you tell me whether he is still
alive, and if not, the date of his death?
If so I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Holt Merriman

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May 23, 1929

Merrill
Dr. A. Wetmore, Chairman Dinner Committee
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wetmore:

This is merely to call your attention to
my inability to be present at the seventy-fifth
birthday anniversary of Dr. George P. Merrill.

In connection with this event would
remark that some time ago I sent a birthday
letter to Doctor Merrill to be presented with
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Regretting that it is impracticable for me
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May 28, 1929

Mr. T. B. White, Warden
U. S. Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness
and courtesy in writing me that Hendrickson
was discharged February 11, 1920.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 28, 1929

Mr. W. W. Hurlbut
Dept. of Water and Power
Los Angeles, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter
of the 21st instant and accompanying
map sheets of the southern part of the
Mohave Desert from the Sink westerly and
southerly. These will be of much service
to me in locating old Indian boundaries.
I appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 28, 1929

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Thanks for your letter and Preface.

The letter I have had copied for the book as you suggest and have added thanks to Olaus Murie for some additional pictures which Nelson has just picked out from the series in the Biological Survey.

The excellent picture of a young caribou was rejected because of its small size. It is such a fine picture that it is a pity to leave it out and I am therefore enclosing a print marked for enlargement to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches^(in length). If you can get at the negative conveniently you might have an enlargement made in New York, or return the

negative to me and I will have it done here.

Mrs. Merriam continues to improve slowly. Today for the first time she has been able to lift the foot with the bad knee well off the floor, which is encouraging.

Thanks for the memorandum in regard to Mr. Sheldon's service in the Naval Intelligence office, for which I had no definite information.

Mrs. Merriam joins in kindest regards to yourself, your mother, and the children.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 30, 1929

Mr. Horace M. Albright
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Albright:

On looking over the current booklet on Mount McKinley National Park I am horrified to see on page 23, under the heading References (comprising half a dozen titles) the name of Frederick A. Cook with the title of both of his masterful falsifications--To the Top of the Continent... First Ascent of Mount McKinley, and My Attainment of the Pole.

Is it not a dreadful thing that a government publication on a great National Park should advertise two books by a man notorious throughout the world as the greatest faker of the present generation--a man who for some years past has been enjoying the advantages of free bed and subsistence in a Texas prison?

Personally I am filled with shame at discovering the advertisement of this rascal's books in a publication of the National Park Service.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 1, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my Expense Account for the month of May 1929 amounting to \$13.08, together with Voucher covering May salary of Miss Olive L. Lundy in the amount of \$150.00, which kindly pay as usual from the E. H. Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

May

Expense Account for May 1929

8	Art Metal Constr. Co., 25 file guides	1	.57
11	Allen's Press Clippings for Apr. 1929	2	3.00
13	1 copy Field & Stream June 1929		.25
	Gas: Apr. 25-May 24	1/3 of \$9.80	3.27
	Elec. Current: Apr. 17-May 16	1/3 of \$2.91	.97
	Jane McLean, cleaning office rooms May		3.00
	Postage and envelopes		2.02
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Eight -----

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C. Hart Merriam
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June 3, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

When I wrote you on May 18 I had no idea that the remaining work on the Sheldon manuscript would take so long, but I have continued on it without any let up until an hour ago when I took it with accompanying illustrations to the express office to go to the expected publisher who, I understand, is to have an interview on the subject tomorrow.

This is all I can say in the way of apology for not writing you earlier.

However, I don't imagine that this has caused you any annoyance as the photographs you wanted of the three bear skulls were made a week or more ago and sent you direct by Doctor Bell.

I shall now arrange to publish the description of Ursus holzworthi in the near future and will have enough separate printed so that you may be able to send copies to such of your friends as you wish to be informed in the matter.

The more I think about your suggestion of setting aside Admiralty Island as a refuge for big bears, the more impressed I am with its desirability.

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I earnestly hope that your forthcoming trip will prove a great success and that you will secure a fine lot of pictures of the big bears to add to the wonderful series you obtained last year.

Please give my kind regards to Hasselborg and tell him that if I were younger I would surely see him in person.

My address from the middle of June until some time in October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

With best wishes and apologies,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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detailed observations on the habits of mountain sheep and grizzly bears, and also a good deal on other mammals and some birds, particularly the Canada jay. I believe it to be beyond comparison the most authentic work ever published on the hunting and habits of the animals of which it treats.

The matter of the map I hope to take up today at the Geological Survey. It was necessary to keep the one I was working with until the manuscript was finished.

Your kind words are deeply appreciated, as also a lovely letter from "Teedles," which I will answer before long.

With kindest regards to you all, not forgetting your mother.

Very truly yours,

As you know, it contains a wealth of

Dear Mrs. Sheldon:

The Denali manuscript and illustrations I shipped to you at your mother's address by American Railway Express, insured, yesterday afternoon and wired you to that effect.

The terminal job took longer than expected and in order to get the manuscript off in time for you to take to the publisher by the 5th I was unable to read it over again. Every time I read it I see opportunities for improvement. Fortunately it will be possible to do a little more when it comes back in galley proof. I hope it will be set up this summer and published in the fall.

June 4, 1929

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 E. Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Lockley:

Owing to pressure of work I have been unable to look at your catalogs for some time. I now find in List 507 two books which I should be glad to purchase if not already sold, namely:

- Murdock, Backward Glance at Eighty, 1821 . . . \$3.50
- Del Norte County to 1894 2.75

Also from List 519 please send Senate Docs. 36 Congress, 1st Session Report Secty of War dated 1859, relating to Camp Floyd, Utah. 2.00

please send such of these as ^{you} may have on hand, with bill for same, as early as practicable for the reason that I expect to return to California in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 4, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
White Plains, New York

My dear Mr. Holzworth:

Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing photographs of your mounted bear and telling me of the change in your plans has just arrived.

Mrs. Merriam fell a short time ago breaking her knee cap and is now in the hospital. As soon as she is able to travel we shall go to California where my headquarters will be at Lagunitas until fall. I shall be very glad to see you at Lagunitas if you will let me know a week or ten days ahead so that I may be sure to be there. I am away on field trips a good deal of the time.

No, I had not heard of the new Vitacolor camera and shall be interested to learn more about it.

In regard to official cooperation with the Biological Survey, you had better write direct to Mr. Redington or Doctor Bell. I left the Survey nearly twenty years ago and as you may appreciate I feel a certain reluctance in making recommendations to my successors.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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June 4, 1929

Dome Oil Company
Tacoma Park, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.61 in payment for 66 gallons oil delivered May 10.

On my return from California early in December I asked you by phone to pump out the dregs in the bottom of my tank before filling for the beginning of winter. You sent two men with a pump pipe too big to enter the filling hole. They were not mechanics and in order to open the big bung at the far end of the tank they forced that end of the tank off from its brick base thereby springing a leak in the rear end. I phoned you about this the same day.

The leak, while a small one, has continued and the oil has gradually spread over the basement floor.

Can you repair it?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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June 4, 1929

Miss Nellie Higman
Big Bend, California

My dear Miss Higman:

Your letter of May 26 reached me today, forwarded from Lagunitas. As you see, I am still in Washington, but hope to reach California in the near future.

I am glad to know that Hulsey Bill is in better health than during the winter and am glad also to know that he has some more stories which he wants to tell me. It goes without saying that I shall be very glad to get these, and if all goes well I will visit him during the summer.

Shall you be there during the summer? With kind regards to Mr. and Mrs. Hulsey,

Very truly yours,

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June 7, 1929

Mr. C. O. Durham
San Anselmo, California

My dear Sir:

This is merely a reminder that my daughter, Mrs. Zenaida Merriam Talbot, is pretty sure to show up at San Anselmo on Thursday, the 13th of this month, and will want the car to drive to Lagunitas.

I assume that you have done what was necessary to put it in good shape for the road. One thing I am not sure about is the battery. If I remember correctly, the battery was old and may have given out or be in such a condition that it is likely to give out in the near future. If so, I wish you would either get another or advise my daughter in the matter so that she will not be caught on the road.

She will pay you for the storage, work on the car, and battery--in case a new one is necessary.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 7, 1929

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for \$200., which kindly place to the credit of my account in the Crocker Bank.

Hereafter, until further notice, please send my monthly statements to Lagunitas, Marin County.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 8, 1929

Mr. H. S. Allen
 Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
 255 Commercial Street
 San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Allen:

Kindly send clippings hereafter, until
 further notified, to Lagunitas, Marin County,
 California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 8, 1929

Publisher
 Science
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

Kindly change my mailing address for
 the summer, for Science and The Scientific
 Monthly, beginning with the next issue,
 from 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.
 to Lagunitas, Marin County, California,
 returning to the old address the 1st of October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Similar letter to:

American Forests, 1523 L Street, Washington, D. C.
 Field and Stream, 24 W 45th St., New York City
 Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
 Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
 National Geographic Magazine, 16th St., Washington
 Nature Magazine, 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
 Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.
 Boonville Herald, Boonville, New York

June 8, 1929

Mr. Harry S. Swarth
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Swarth:

A few days ago I received a copy of your admirable paper on Faunal Areas of Southern Arizona. Such noteworthy contributions to knowledge of geographic distribution, especially when accompanied by important details concerning the mammals and birds of the region, are matters of sincere congratulation. You don't need to be told that you have done a fine piece of work and one that must prove more and more useful to an increasing number of naturalists.

I congratulate you also on the knowledge and foresight necessary in the selection of a region previously so little understood.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 8, 1929

Mr. P. M. Gahan
Postmaster
Lagunitas, Calif.

My dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this memorandum please forward no more Merriam family mail to Washington, as we hope to reach Lagunitas in the near future.

Please deliver to my daughter, Mrs. M. W. Talbot, all mail addressed to Mrs. Merriam or myself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly
send me the usual advance of \$500. for
field expenses in California.

I am planning to start about the end
of the week.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

June 11, 1929

Dr. R. M. Anderson
Geological Survey Museum
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Doctor Anderson:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in
sending me a copy of your translation of
Bernard Hantzsch's articles on Labrador
Birds as published in the 'Ottawa Field
Naturalist.' I am very glad to have this
reprint and appreciate the good work that
you and Mrs. Anderson have done in making
it available for American Ornithologists.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

June 11, 1929

Mr. Charles L. Stewart
2726 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your request for a photostat of that part of my 1898 Journal relating to my trip around the upper part of Mt. Shasta. I have just had the photostats made of the pages in question (18 pages) and am forwarding one copy to you here-with; another to Mr. Farquhar.

My address for the next few months will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

June 11, 1929
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Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
402 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Herewith I am enclosing photostat copy of the pages of my 1898 Journal covering my trip around the upper part of Mt. Shasta.

By same mail I am sending copy to Mr. Charles L. Stewart, 2726 Folsom Street, San Francisco.

Am expecting to return to California in about a week. My address for the rest of the season will be as usual Lagunitas, Marin County.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

In regard to the article you ask for on the Grizzly Bears of California, would say that I shall be very glad to put together the material under this head after my return to Washington next fall. It is impracticable of course to do anything about it during the summer while I shall be engaged in field work.

June 11, 1929

Mr. John M. Holzworth
Bar Building
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Holzworth:

Yesterday I turned in to the Editor of the Biological Proceedings, Dr. C. W. Richmond of the National Museum, the article describing Ursus holzworthi. Doctor Richmond promises to send me proof before I go to California (about the end of the week) and I will leave directions to have 25 copies sent you as soon as issued. If you wish a larger number let me know at once so that they may be printed with the others, as the type is distributed immediately afterward.

Doubtless your mounted type of this bear is making quite a hit as a loan to the Heads and Horns Collection of the New York Zoological Park.

In regard to the moving picture machine, please do not take any trouble on my account as I shall be too busy to use it for some weeks after reaching California unless I happen to learn of an Indian ceremony, which is hardly likely now. However I appreciate your kind interest in the matter.

Hoping that your trip to Admiralty Island is merely postponed, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Please pardon my long delay in returning your interesting diary or your Alaska trip of last fall. I read it with much interest and have learned a number of things from it. Have also made a few notes from it, and am returning it herewith by this mail.

June 11, 1929

Mr. George W. Stewart
P. O. Box 1132
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Please don't infer from my long delay that I do not appreciate your letter of April 1 in regard to the 'Ochamanees' and so on.

Your suggestion in regard to the township plats of the General Land Office I acted on some years ago. I have found two very serious obstacles to the use of these maps. One is that in those I have had, the names of mountains and streams are rarely given. And furthermore the streams rarely match up on two adjoining plats. Most of those that I have attempted to use were made a very long time ago. I suppose they are doing much better now.

Thanks for the photo of the very curious pictograph enclosed in your last letter.

Mrs. Merriam fell and broke her knee cap a while ago and her right leg is still in the plaster cast. This makes traveling very difficult. Nevertheless we are expecting to go to Lagunitas next week and I shall surely make an effort to see you and Mrs. Stewart during the season.

With kindest regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1929

Dr. Charles G. Abbot
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Kindly pardon my oversight in not replying to your request for titles for the Appendix of the Smithsonian Report. It came so long ago that it settled to the lower part of my unanswered letter tray and in the pressure of current matter was overlooked.

Mrs. Merriam and I expect to leave for California on Monday the 17th, after which our summer address will be Lagunitas, California, as usual.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Merriam was operated on for fracture of the kneecap. Her right leg has been in a plaster cast ever since. Still, she is able to walk a little on crutches every day and hopes to shed the cast in about a month.

With kind regards to Mrs. Abbot and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

The Smithsonian advance of \$500. for field expenses has just arrived, for which I am obliged. I appreciate your courtesy and promptness in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1929

Dear Doctor Priestley:

Again I must apologize for long delay in replying to your last letter and in thanking you for your kindness in sending me the proof of your articles on Franciscan Exploration of California. My only excuse is that I have been continuously swamped for months in editing a book for a friend who died last fall.

Only today have I had time to look at the proof of your matter relating to the Arguello Expedition of 1821 (Galley 35).

On Galley 36 (see Slide No. D-32) Capay is given as opposite Chico. As a matter of fact it is about 75 miles south of Chico. The location is important, being both an Indian name and also that of a present day white village. Corn is Colusa. Sunus was an old Indian village at Parrot Landing on Sacramento River north of Jacinto.

Now we come to the most important place mentioned in the narrative, namely Cheno, the northernmost point reached by the Arguello Expedition and the point from which they turned west. You incline to follow Bancroft in placing Cheno at Red Bluff. Cheno was an Indian village near Munroe's Ranch (Munroeville) near the junction of Stony Creek with Sacramento

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River and therefore about 40 miles south of Red Bluff.

West and south of this the village names are badly mixed, but the fact that the Expedition recognized the Russian colony and mentioned the rancherias Libantiliyame [a few miles northeast of Sebastopol], and Oleyomi [5 miles south of Petaluma] shows where they were on the latter part of the home journey.

Herewith I am returning your proof, with many thanks for your courtesy in sending it. I only regret that owing to great pressure I have been unable to examine other parts of it.

I expect to reach Lagunitas in about a week and hope to see you in person during the season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

Dr. Herbert I. Priestley
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California

June 13, 1929

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the Metropolitan National Bank of this city for \$300. which kindly place to my account and oblige.

Very truly yours,

My address until fall will be Lagunitas,
Marin County, California.

June 15, 1929

Mr. George Strohmeier
138 2nd Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your statement that dues to the Lagunitas Canyon Club are now payable reached me a few days ago. The amount of the dues was not stated, but if my recollection serves me correctly, the dues are \$3.00. Acting on this assumption I am enclosing herewith my check of \$9. in payment for my wife, my daughter Zenaida (now Mrs. M. W. Talbot), and myself.

We expect to arrive at Lagunitas in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

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June 17, 1929

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house--1919
Sixteenth Street--for the season, and do
not expect to return until some time in
October. I shall be obliged if you will
kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye
on the house from time to time as they pass.

My address until October will be
Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,
W. H. ...

Terminal letters also to the following:

Washington Gas Light Co.
Potomac Electric Power Co.
Water Dept.
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. Co.

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June 17, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is Voucher covering my expenses
from June 1 to 15, 1929 in the amount of \$316.27.

Kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund,
sending check to Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

We are leaving for California this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California (Marin County)

Expense Account June 1-15, 1929

June 8	Fuller & d'Albert, 54 Photostat prints of 1898 Journal pages	1	8.10
		2	.50
13	Fountain Pen Shop, pen repaired		.75
13	Messenger to Museum (proof of Bear papers to Doctor Richmond)		1.50
	Cleaning office rooms June 1-15		2.40
	Car and bus fares		.45
	3 Registered pkgs MS and photostats		2.86
	Stamps, postage, envelopes		.35
	Postage on books to Hagenbeck, Germany		
15	Pa. RR Fare Washington-San Francisco:		105.88
	C. Hart Merriam		105.88
	Asst. O. Lundy		
	Drawing Room for 3 persons:		
	C. Hart Merriam & wife; O. Lundy, Asst.		74.00
	\$111. [2/3 of \$111. \$74.]		
15	H.L. & J.B. McQueen, printing 2 Bear articles	3	9.10
	Proc. Biol. Soc., Washington	4	3.00
12	Allen's Press Clippings for May 1929	5	1.50
17	Union Transfer Co., 2 trunks to Union Station		

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June 27, 1929

Judge Fred A. Baker
Sacramento, California

My dear Sir:

In the course of your important work in enumerating the Indians of the State you have registered certain remnants of tribes of which very few Indians are still alive. I assume that you have the names and locations of these Indians and am writing to ask if you will give me the privilege of obtaining this information so that I may obtain material from them during my field work in the State.

If so, may I see you at your office in Sacramento at your convenience?

If you will let me know a week or so in advance as to when you will be there I shall be very glad to call on you.

Very truly yours,

June 27, 1929

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 East Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Lockley:

Your enclosed bill for Del Norte County (\$2.75) arrived in Washington just after my departure for California and has just reached me.

Also your lists as enclosed.

From List 509 top of page 5 please send me Robert Merry's Museum, Vols. 3 and 4, Boston 1842, \$3.00, making \$5.75 in all, for which my check is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

June 27, 1929

Dr. Daniel Borden
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Borden:

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Merriam made the trip as comfortably as could be expected and that Zenaida met us with our car at Oakland so that we crossed the ferry and drove to our place without any other change.

In changing position she has hurt the knee once or twice but we feel that nothing serious has occurred.

In Chicago we made a very interesting and rather important discovery. We had wired for a wheel chair but on entering the Union Station were met by three men with a litter. They took Mrs. Merriam for some distance to the outer part of the station where she was transferred to a wheel chair and wheeled to the Chicago and Northwestern Station and was taken in an elevator to the hospital rooms upstairs where she was lifted into bed and remained for six hours and was then taken down to the train without further change till we arrived at the Oakland side of the San Francisco Ferry. The important thing we learned is that there is a small hospital in both the Union and Northwestern Stations for the free use of such patrons of the road as may require medical or surgical attention.

Next door to the hospital rooms is a small restaurant where needed nourishment may be obtained at moderate cost.

Dr. D.B.

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I was told that most of the railroads now have hospital facilities at their important terminals.

With thanks for your kind attention, and best wishes to yourself and family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 27, 1929

Mr. Walter B. Snook, Builder
Monterey, California

My dear Sir:

Dr. Walter Fisher told me when in
Washington a week or so ago that you had
roofed his house on the Carmel with some
sort of a slate composition which he liked.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly
give me the name of this roofing, which I
assume is fire proof in the usual sense.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

June 27, 1929

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant--written the day we left Washington for Lagunitas.

It is good that you have heard from Mr. Scribner and that he is having the manuscript examined. I have no doubt that he will accept it.

And it is good to know that you are so comfortably and pleasantly located for the summer.

Mrs. Merriam stood the journey better than expected. The main difficulty was in getting her on and off of the cars. The only change between Washington and San Francisco was at Chicago where she was taken in a rolling chair and carried up in an elevator to the railroad hospital, where she stayed until our train left.

Arriving at the Oakland side of the San Francisco Ferry we saw Zenaida from the car window. She had our car there in waiting so that we were able to drive on to the Ferry to San Francisco and from San Francisco to our place without change or inconvenience. Zenaida had had the house cleaned and put in order for the summer, so we have made a good beginning.

The cast on Elizabeth's right leg will have to remain about a month longer but she has learned to navigate with crutches

Mrs. C.S.

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on the level floors and has improved notably since we left Washington.

She joins me in love and best wishes to you and the children.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Charles Sheldon
Woodstock, Vermont

June 27, 1929

My dear Miss Clark:

Your letter of May 21 reached me only a short time before my departure for California.

Unfortunately I am not personally acquainted with the powers that be in the Indian Office and don't see how I can help you, though I should be very glad to do so as I believe you are eminently fitted for the position you seek.

I often heard of your work in Sonoma County and hoped to meet you there, but pressure of work elsewhere prevented. I have personally camped, with my wife and one of my daughters at the Stewart Point Schoolhouse which you built and am familiar with most of the rancherias in northern California.

Not being in a position to help you directly I am referring the matter to Doctor Wilbur and trust that he may be able to take advantage of your unusual qualifications.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Miss Louise Clark
Associate Secretary
The Education Commission
Los Angeles, California

June 27, 1929

The Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Wilbur:

The enclosed letter from Miss Louise Clark I am taking the liberty to send you.

For some years I have heard good of Miss Clark and her work among Indians of Sonoma County and elsewhere in northwestern California and believe her to be an unusually qualified person for work with and about Indians.

Regretting that I was unable to meet you in person before leaving Washington for my season's work in California, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

June 29, 1929

Mr. Frank Graham
Willow Creek
Humboldt County, Calif.

My dear Mr. Graham:

Will you kindly tell me whether or not Saxy Kid still lives up the hill from your former Ranger Station. I want to see him again and hope to go out there before very long.

With kind regards to Mrs. Graham,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 29, 1929

My dear Mrs. Carpenter:

Your letter of the 18th instant forwarded from Washington reached me a few minutes ago. I am very glad to hear from you and to know that Ellen has reached the age of 14 and that Jimmy is 11--all of which goes to show how old I must be!

Very many thanks for the excellent photograph of Arabella and Charles.

You mention your brother as living near me, but you do not mention his name or say where he lives. I assume however that you refer to Washington rather than Lagunitas.

I hope to drive along Trinity River this summer and if so shall surely call on you.

A year ago I was obliged to go to a hospital for about a month, and during the present spring my wife has twice been taken to a Washington hospital in an ambulance. Both times owing to an injury to her right knee. The last time her knee cap was broken across and the fragments separated more than an inch. The bones were drilled and drawn together and the leg enclosed in a plaster cast, which is still on, so that she has to use crutches and cannot step up. We hope however that the cast may be removed within two or three weeks and that she will be able to walk again.

With love to Ellen and the other children, and kindest regards to yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California
June 29, 1929

Dear Vernon:

Your letters of the 24th and 26th came yesterday and am mighty glad to hear from you and also to have the brief vocabulary you were kind enough to take of the Havasupai people. And I am obliged to Barbara for copying it so nicely.

But there are some things in the way of spelling and pronunciation that are not clear to me. For instance, when you write wakse, do you sound the a as in hay or as in pat, or do you give it the ah sound? Similarly when you write saguata for chat, do you mean sahkwata or does the a have its alphabetic sound (as in day)? And what sound do you have in mind when you write cul-cu? Do you give q here the sound of g or of k? Why not write k? I never use q except in connection with the ch sound, as in chat.

And I have no idea how you pronounce hein. The Anthropologists would translate it hā-en but I have a suspicion that you meant hīn as in pine.

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You write woman gom and widem. I assume that the g should be k. Girl you write mischeh. I suppose you have in mind the misseh.

For fox you give catharda and in parenthesis coort. I would be sure of the sound if you wrote katharda and kokort.

Some of these names are followed by the word bela. What does this mean?

Anyhow the words are useful for comparison with those of other languages though I wish you had given the proper sound for water, which you write ha, leaving the sound of a to the imagination.

Some time when you think of beginning a word with qu try kw; see if it isn't easier to read.

I certainly envy your last trip and also the trip you are now making. There are few parts of the world I would rather see.

Hope you are getting good series of the small mammals of the Kaibab country. If so you will be able to describe several new things and to write a most valuable report.

It is a great pity that your mail is handled so poorly at Grand Canyon. Evidently you have not received more than

V.B.

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half of my letters, perhaps not so many.

Yesterday a doe and large spotted fawn walked slowly along on the east side of our house and crossed our road below. Country unusually green for the season owing to abnormally late rains.

Elizabeth is doing well but of course has more or less pain in the knee and cannot step without crutches. We hope the cast may be removed in two or three weeks-- then what?

Love to you all,

June 27, 1929

Mr. H. J. Koehler
Bloomfield, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Koehler:

Pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of May 8 about the Big Bear of Labrador, supposed to be a form of the Barren Ground Bear.

This, as you know, is a very rare animal and one concerning whose occurrence even the most meager notes are of value.

You are to be congratulated on having explored so much wild country previously unknown to white men.

Surely the changes in the range of the caribou have been a terrible thing for the Indians. When I was at Seven Islands many years ago starving Indians came in from the Hight of Land--one woman dragging the body of her dead husband on a sled. They told a distressing story of starvation caused by the sudden disappearance of caribou.

Thanking you for your interesting letter,

Very truly yours,

June 31, 1929

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the last half of June, amounting to \$115.45, account for the first half having been sent you as I was leaving Washington.

I am enclosing also three Vouchers which I shall be obliged if you will pay direct, namely: Biological Society of Washington for two papers on Bears \$76.25; Herbert Lee, Tenakee, Alaska for three bear skulls \$20.00; Olive L. Lundy, salary for June 1929 \$150.00.

Will you kindly send some Vouchers and Voucher carbons?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense Account June 1929

June 14	Durham's Garage, San Anselmo, Calif.: 7 months storage Dodge car Grind valves & scrape carbon Wash & polish car New battery installed	\$35.00 8.00 3.50 15.80	1	62.30
17-21	En route Washington to California: Meals C. H. Merriam " O. L. Lundy, Assistant Porters Hand baggage, Chicago Baggage in Lagunitas Round trip season ticket, S. F.-Lagunitas " " limited " " " Calif. license 1929, San Rafael, Calif. (incl. Notary) Headlights adjusted Engine oil changed 17 gals. gas @ 20¢ Phones San Anselmo expressage, box manuscript from Washington		2	10.35
26	Spindler and Säupe, 1 Leica Camera film 85¢; 1 yellow filter No. 3 \$2.75 Office supplies: pencil sharpener .10; glue .10; Ms clips .05; rubber eraser .05; stamps & env. 1.54		3	3.50 .90
				115.45

One Hundred Fifteen -----

Forty-five -----

115.45

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July 3, 1929

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Mabel doubtless told you that she had had a phone from Zenaida telling when Mrs. Merriam and I were expecting to arrive. We came on time. Zenaida met us at Oakland Pier and brought us to Lagunitas via San Rafael and Novato. We have since found that the road via Nicasio Valley, 10 or 12 miles shorter, is nearly as good as the one by way of Novato.

Elizabeth is getting on pretty well, walking about the house a little every day with the help of crutches, but spends most of the day on her back. We are hoping to get rid of the cast in about two weeks. Then we shall know better about the outlook.

Lagunitas is very beautiful this year owing largely I expect to the late rain. At all events our ferns are not nearly so dried up as they were when we came a year ago.

We miss you and are wondering when you are coming. I appreciated your nice letter last winter and fully intended to write you but pressure of work for a friend who died last fall so overwhelmed me during the winter and spring that I had to let everything else go--by reason of which my own work is fully six months behind.

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Mrs. Clark

The cement of our new road was layed yesterday at San Geronimo, thus completing the main link from this side of Whites Hill to San Geronimo. The road people are now working between Lagunitas and Toccloma.

Today's paper tells of the terrible fire at Mill Valley--most heart rending.

With kind regards to you all in which Elizabeth joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Marcia Clark
1808 Alameda Ave.
Alameda, Calif.

(*Parus neglectus*), Allens Humming Bird, the tiny Bush-Tits (*Psaltriparus californicus*), and two or three Warblers, the commonest of which is the pileolated (*Wilsonia pileolata*).

In addition to these, the Western Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) nests every year under our porch. The first brood this year flew away a few days after our arrival. Other common birds of the redwoods are the Great Horned Owl and the little Screech Owl--both of which are much in evidence nights.

The Olive-sided Flycatcher and the California Redheaded Woodpecker have nested near our house for a number of years but this year both are absent, which we regret.

In the warm chaparral on the opposite side of the canyon the commonest and most characteristic birds are the California Jay (genus *Aphelocoma*),

July 3, 1929

Dear Carolyn:

It was good to hear from you and it is good to know that you are again with your family in such a beautiful country where you have many kinds of birds to watch.

Here in the redwood country we have only a few species, but where the redwood gives way to the chaparral of the hot slopes there are many more kinds. Our house is in the redwoods and madrones. Nearly every day we see a Golden Eagle or two sailing overhead, but the only small bird about the house, besides an occasional California Quail, are the Black-headed Grosbeak, Chewink, Vireo, Crested Pacific Bluejay, Russet-back Thrasher, California Purplefinch, a very small Chickadee

evidence at present and the brilliant golden tarweeds that cover hundreds of acres of open country will not be in flower for several weeks yet.

Mrs. Merriam seems to be getting on pretty well but we cannot tell much about the actual condition until her east is taken off a couple of weeks hence. Fortunately, Zenaïda is with us and will be for awhile.

With love to you all,

Very truly yours,

and the odd Wren-tit (*Chamaea fasciata*) whose peculiar note is likely to be heard all day long regardless of the heat; while along the roads and in the bordering bushes the brown California Towhee is common.

In the willows and arrow brush of the creek sides in the bottom of the canyon the Yellow Warbler and Lazuli Bunting (Western relative of our Indigo Bird), and the Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, and the two Yellow Birds (*Astragalinus tristis* and *psaltria*) build their nests.

Wild flowers are common in the forest and profusely abundant in the open country where, along many of the sunny roadsides, the splendid pink Godesias cover considerable areas. The famous California poppies are not much in

July 9, 1929

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Your Special Delivery letter of the 3rd instant did not reach Lagunitas until this morning--double the time it usually takes from Washington.

I am not surprised at Scribner's decision in regard to the book, for the reason that the early sales of books of this kind are rarely, if ever, sufficient to pay the cost of such a large number of illustrations.

You ask if I would advise trying another publisher. To this my answer is, no. It is doubtful if any other publisher would make better terms and it is a great advantage to have a book of this kind published by Scribner.

If the full number of photographic illustrations are retained the cost will be \$2000, which they tell you would be paid off by the sale of 1800 copies. I should advise either doing this or reducing the number of illustrations by say 25%, thus reducing the amount to be advanced to \$1500 instead of \$2000. This could be done it seems to me without seriously injuring the book, although it would be nice to have the full number. Still, we must admit that a good many, while not actual duplicates, represent nearly the same scenes.

Elizabeth remains about the same. She is able to walk with crutches from her bedroom to the living room every day but does not attempt other walking. We all have great hopes of gain when the heavy cast is taken off the last of this week. She joins in love to you all.

Very truly yours,

cannot tell much about the future of Elizabeth's leg until the cast is removed, which fortunately will take place by the end of this week. She spends most of her time on her back either in bed or on a couch, navigating between these with the help of crutches.

Zenaïda met us at the Oakland Pier and brought us home, thus solving what seemed to be a very serious difficulty. She is keeping house for us here. Otherwise we could hardly live here under present conditions.

Trusting that you have had no more pull downs.

As ever yours,

July 9, 1929

Dear E W:

Today I received a letter from Mrs. Sheldon stating that Scribners would publish the book on condition that she pay for the illustrations, to be reimbursed by a liberal percentage as the sales proceed.

I advised her to accept these terms rather than seek another publisher, suggesting that if the total amount was larger than she cared to advance, she might reduce the number of photographs by, say 25%, though it would be nice to have the full number.

I presume you have received a similar letter.

We are getting on fairly well but

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July 9, 1929

My dear Doctor Boas:

Replying to your letter of June 29 forwarded from Washington, I concur in the recommendation of Doctor Berthold Laufer of the Field Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Franz Boas, Chairman
Anthropological Section
National Academy of Sciences

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July 9, 1929

Mr. Charles L. Stewart
2726 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant with enclosure of \$10. for the photostatic copy from my Journal. But I cannot think of accepting this and am returning the \$10. herewith by check on the Crocker Bank.

It interests me to know that you are writing a thesis on the Discovery and Exploration of Mt. Shasta, and I am glad that you are so favorably located for this investigation. I shall be very glad to call on you if, as I hope, I am able to visit Bancroft Library during the present season.

As to the mountain to which Ogden originally applied the name Mt. Shasta, I see we are not in agreement. I admit that the proof is not absolute, but in my judgment it is mighty close to absolute and is supported, according to my recollection, by at least three independent kinds of evidence. It certainly is a calamity that Ogden's Journal was not a little more detailed, but can you tell me of any other river than Rogue River that fits his description--as to size, rapids, and so forth? And furthermore, can you name any spot on any river along which he could have traveled, from which the mountain we call Mt. Shasta could be seen?

You say "the matter hinges on the possibility of his having got the form Sastise from the Achomawi." Unfortunately I have no copy of my paper here and therefore have to depend on memory. My memory is that he speaks positively of the presence of this tribe on the river in question--not from hearsay from any other tribe.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 9, 1929

Dear C C:

Yours of the 4th of July arrived today. Seems to me you are making a good deal of a fuss about rain. Out here we don't know anything about summer rain and don't expect any before October. Of course it has its advantages in putting out fires, as we admit sadly.

So you know about the Tamalpais fire already! It seems so recent that I was at first amazed to see mention of it in your letter. Muir Woods wasn't in the line of fire but houses of several of our friends were. Alice Eastwood's for instance. She cared much less about the house than she did about the trees from various distant parts of the world which she had planted and carefully cared for.

What a blessing it is that you have men and Augusta with their families with you. We are mighty fortunate in having Renaida, for with Elizabeth on her back it could be hard to do without her. There are a few helpers in this region and we live so high up on the hill that in case we are able to find any woman willing to work here for a few hours we have to go for her with the car and take her home again.

As to Elizabeth's leg, we do not know much about it and shall not until the end of the week when we take off the cast. There may be little change in most respects but we hope that when the cast is off she may be able to move the leg more freely, but of that later.

Wish you could see the Madrones now in the glory of golden whorls--brilliant in the late afternoon sunlight.

Our love to you all,

Handwritten note:
Hark
Don't forget to write to Elizabeth about the leg. It's a pity she can't see the doctor. I'll write to her about it.

July 9, 1929

Mr. Dorr C. Yeager, Park Naturalist
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

My dear Sir:

The June number of Yellowstone Nature Notes has just arrived, for which I am obliged.

I am particularly interested in the specially large buffalo skull figured and described by W. M. Rush on page 3 of this number.

Can you tell me whether or not the horns were firmly attached to the horn cores, or whether they were loose as is usually the case with old skulls? This would make a difference in the measurement of the spread, as in the case of picked-up old heads it is hard to say exactly where the horn began to grow-- in other words, to fix exactly the base of the horn on its core.

The account of the Bull Snake and the Gopher, and of the Jackrabbit attacking the captors of its young are certainly interesting records.

Very truly yours,

people were able to transport the materials for such a wonderful building on the North rim. Such things are hard to understand.

What a splendid place you must be in with Crossbills, Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Grosbeaks, and Siskins about.

It gave me a little thrill to hear you mention Billy Crosby, the man of all men in that whole country whom I would like to have a day or two with in order to collect his version of a Piede (Southern Piute) vocabulary. He is one of the two men who furnished the Forest Service with vocabularies of Southern Piute dialects. The pitiful fact was that the forestry men who got the vocabularies combined them into one, so that it was impossible for me to separate the two dialects or ascertain the languages of the tribes. If you see him again I wish you would

July 15, 1929

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Your letters of July 8 and 10 are full of interest. You must have had a hot trip driving by way of Tuba and Moenkopi--the route Vernon and I took on horseback about 40 years ago. Doubtless Vernon pointed out to you the former residence of John Lee, one of the ringleaders of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. The home of Lot Smith is in a small canyon which you did not visit. I have never seen Houserock Valley.

Sorry to learn that overgrazing has ruined the vegetation on so much country.

Glad to have Vernon's translations of his Supai words.

It is a marvel to me that the Canyon Hotel

Elizabeth's knee last Friday, but it is still in very bad condition--much swollen and highly sensitive, and the swelling extends down to the foot. She still has to stay in bed or on a couch nearly all the time and even with crutches cannot walk but a few minutes at a time.

Don't know what in the world we should do without Zenaida and don't know when I shall be able to get off on a field trip.

With love to you all,

make a special point of finding out as correct as possible the ranges of the Piede and any related band which he may be acquainted with. Ask him what Piede means.

In the same mail with your letters came copy of No. 10 of the Grand Canyon "Nature Note" dated June 30, in which are many items of interest, not the least of which Barbara's article on the Myotis californicus--only I shouldn't call this species red--no, not by any manner of means. The little red bat is an Atalapha (or Lasiurus, if you prefer) as Vernon very well knows. Barbara writes easily and pleasingly and it is a good thing to have such personal observations on record.

Our news is less joyful. We unceasingly

be actually brought out before January or February as this will give more time for the proof reading and the Index.

As to the map, I took the copy I had cut out from the big sheets to the Geological Survey twice and talked with their map makers as to the best way to have it drawn for reproduction. They agree that to have it redrawn, replacing the contours by some form of relief, would be very expensive. On the other hand, they agree in recommending that the publisher write the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey asking for what they call a transfer from the original plates from which these sheets were printed. This transfer should be faint so that the parts wanted may be inked in afterwards and the parts not wanted, omitted. The faint contours will be a guide to the draftsman in working in the mountains. The

July 15, 1928

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:

Your letter of the 10th instant from New York arrived today. Apparently you were away when my letter of July 9 reached Woodstock, as some of the questions you ask were answered therein.

I certainly agree with you that it is better to accept Scribner's terms than to try elsewhere with uncertainty as to the result.

I am a little surprised that they intended to put the whole work into a single volume. This, with the plates, would seem to make a very thick book. Of course they will set it up in reasonably large type, as small type are an abomination. I am rather glad that it will not

be enough to make a useful index. It should be a discriminating index, avoiding a series of page references after a single entry. Many indexes, it is painful to admit, are about as useful to the reader as a lump of mud on the end of his nose!

We took the cast off from Elizabeth's leg three days ago so that she has less weight to lift when she moves about the house on crutches, as she does for a few minutes at a time three or four times a day, but the leg is still in bad shape and very painful.

After the protracted strain you have been under for so many months I hope you will be able to take a good rest this summer and I know you and the children will greatly enjoy being together again.

With love to you all in which Elizabeth joins,

Very truly yours,

C. H. H. H.

Survey people thought that the publisher would have some one who is used to doing this sort of work. The transfers will have to be made from parts of two large plates--the upper part of one and the lower part of the other--in order to completely take in the McKinley National Park and a small additional area north of its northern boundary.

The temporary map which I was using is made up of these two parts pasted together, and after its return from the Survey I put it in the large safe in my basement. There would seem to be plenty of time to attend to it after my return to Washington.

I am glad they are willing to make the

Index, assuming they have some one with sense

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July 10, 1929

Mr. C. P. Russell
National Park Service
Yosemite, California

My dear Mr. Russell:

The June number of Yosemite Nature Notes
has just reached me.

While disappointed that the Yosemite Museum
is to be deprived of your personal attention, I
want to congratulate you on your promotion to a
wider field, where I am sure your experience and
ability will enable you to do equally excellent
work.

Shall you have an official base? If so, where?

With best wishes, and congratulations,

Very truly yours,

July 15, 1929

California Motor Vehicle Division
Sacramento, California

Dear Sirs:

Three weeks ago, on my return from Washington,
D. C., I delivered to the AAA office at San Rafael
my Washington, D.C. Registration Certificate of
1928 (for my Dodge car which I drove to California
last summer and left over winter at the Durham
Garage at San Anselmo).

The fee for the 1929 license plates was paid
at San Rafael three weeks or more ago, but the
plates have not yet been received.

My field work takes me into various parts of
the State. It is annoying to be asked "how I get
away with it" in the midsummer of 1929 with only
1928 license plates on my car.

Can you not favor me by sending the plates
at once?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

July 16, 1929

Dr. Barton Warren Evermann
Director, California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Your letter dated June 1, informing me of my election to the high position of Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, reached me only four days ago, having been delayed in Washington.

Please accept for yourself and convey to your associates my appreciation of this recognition of my scientific work.

Thanks also for the interesting news in regard to the activities of Swarth, Van Duzee, Slevin, and Alice Eastwood. I am always interested in the field work as well as the research work of the Academy, and it is encouraging to know that the Academy under your direction is not only building up the museum but at the same time contributing largely to many branches of Zoology and Botany.

In the near future I hope to give myself the pleasure of calling on you in person. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

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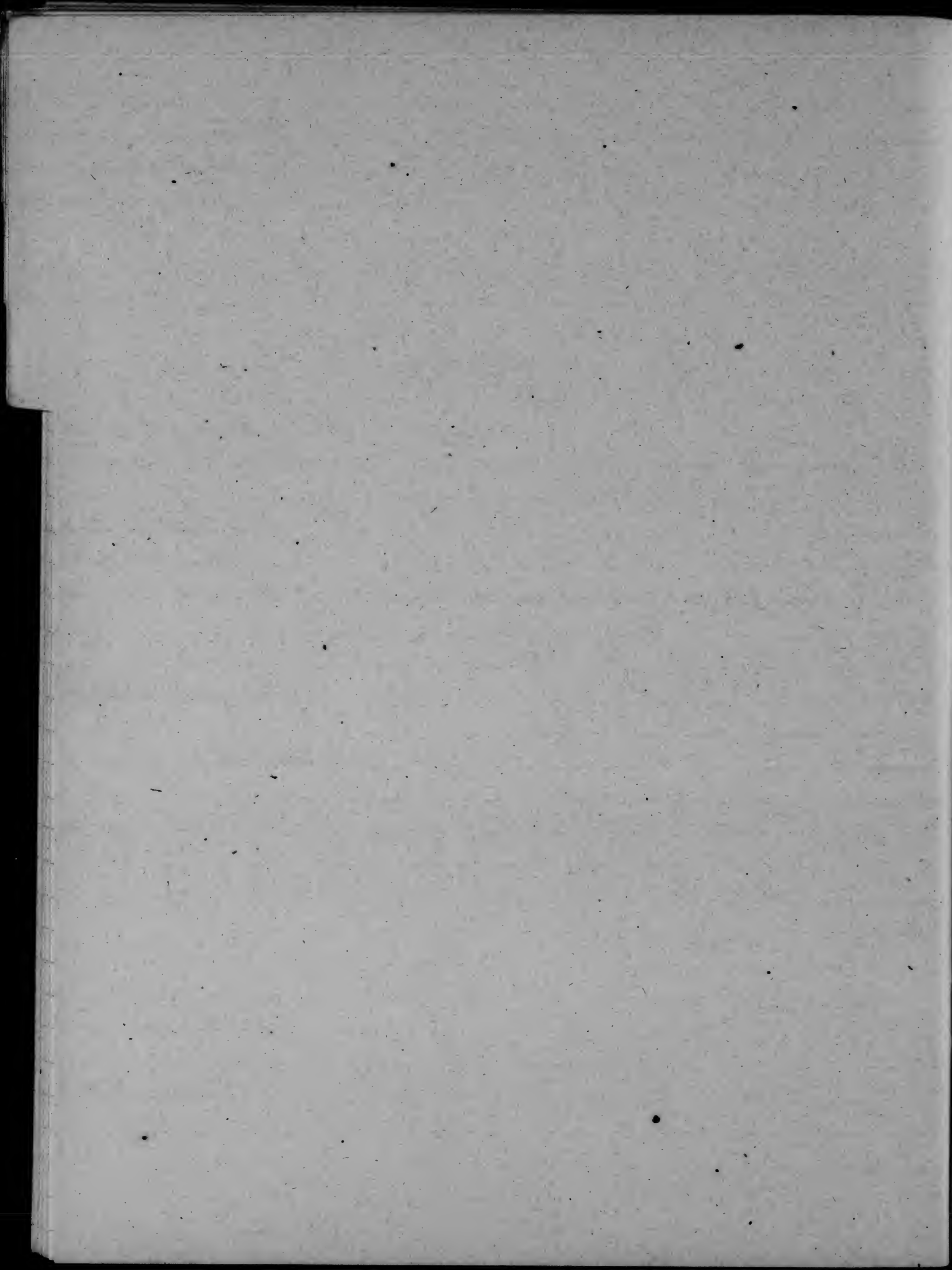
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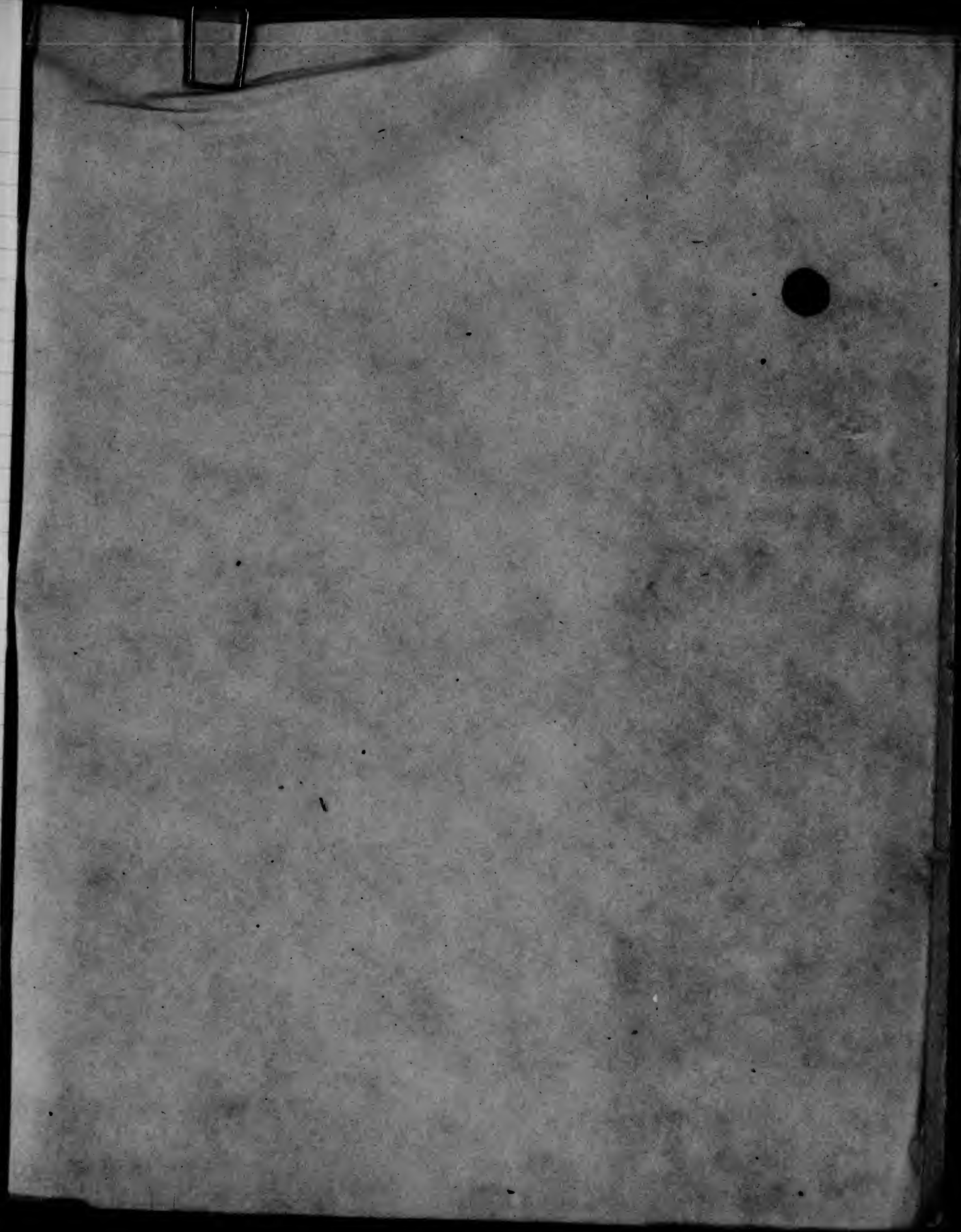
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