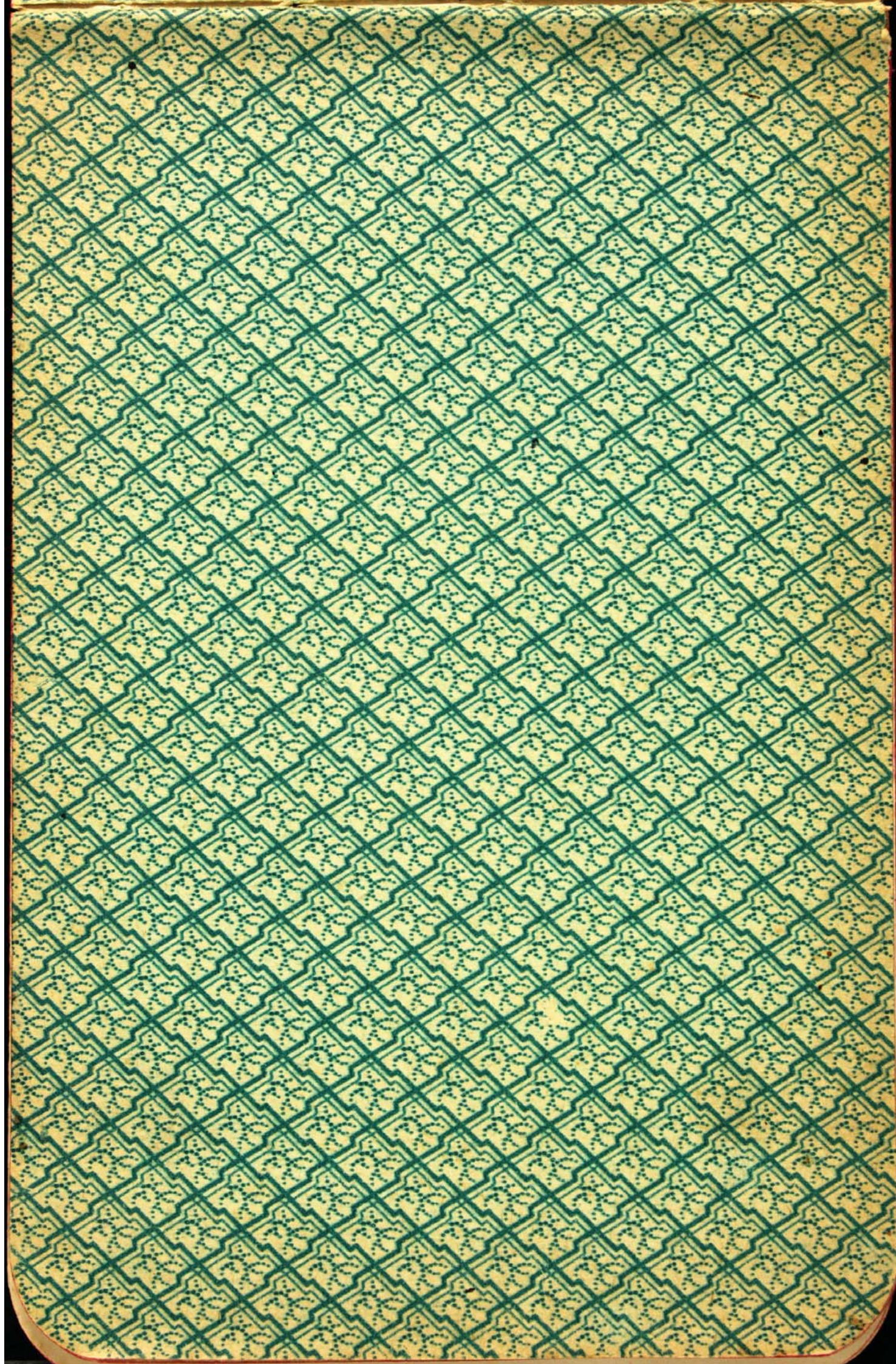




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Oct.

1. Sun - Bad day. did not venture ^{out} and commenced to rewrite the diary of our voyage.
2. Mon. This day was a public holiday in annual commemoration of the 8 Hours bill, the Australians secure a holiday on every possible pretext. The morning was wet but turning finer in the afternoon we went to the Botanic gardens which was crowded with holiday makers who by strewing paper &c about had strangely changed the usual tidy place.

3. Tues. The misses Joseph and Lazarus to tea and evening at "Fallowfield". Letter from Paterson with reference to his holiday. He would take it from the 13 or 14. The place being Cooma Tharwa nr. Queanbeyan in Cooma district. When I got home I found one of the Donac: Castaneo thorax dead. It showed no signs of having been hurt and was quite plump.

4 Wed. Took the dead bird to li' Bou who did not see anything wrong about it. I bought another (1/-)

and a pair of Poëphila
cincta. Gould $\frac{3}{4}$ We had
quite a house full in
the evening Mr. Mr. &
Mr. Frank Down & Miss
Roebuck to tea. We
received copies of the
new number of the
Museum & Records?

5 Thur. Received letter
from B Crossland, Berowra
stating terms to be:-
30/- weekly or 27/6 if
for 2 weeks. Trap from
Hornsby 5/- each way-
boat 2/6 daily or 10/-
per week - Replied saying
I would write to him
later. In view of my

being away on the
14th. Sat and my
late week Cooksey
volunteered to exchange
Saturdays with me -
Walker called at the
Museum. At night I
took Rose to the "Palmer
Beaumont" Concert at
the Town Hall where
we had good music
Saw Dr. & Mrs Vause in
the distance.

6. Fri. Thorpe took me to
Acklands - Agent for
Boswells Guns &c. where
I ordered cartridges and
other things for the
Wallaby battery -

In the evening we
went to Mrs Scotts
in Point Piper Road
where we met some
fashionable people.

7. Sat. At the Museum
until 6.0 I commenced
a painting (in oil)
of the Striped Opossum -
Dactylopsila trivirgata ♂.

8. Sun. Paterson called
in the morning when
we arranged to leave
by 9. pm train on
Friday. In the afternoon
we walked to Newtown
& met my old acquain-
tance Fred Shaw &
his wife.

9 Mon. Sent Copy of
Museum Record to
Father. wrote to C
Rowling 40 Hervey Co
Box 278. P.O. Sydney.
I have had for 2 or
3 days a live example
of Tiliqua scincoides. To
day I found that it
had broken open and
was attempting to eat
a Helix aspersa in the
box. Believing it to
be a vegetarian I
put in $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of
banana which it
immediately tackled
but being too large
I cut^{it} into 3 pieces

and it swallowed them
forthwith. I afterwards
gave it a section of
orange, this it did
not touch but the
Pygopus sucked at
it & attempted to swal-
low it. There is in
the box a narrow
2 inch tube. I had
taken some flies in
it, it would appear
that it is a favorite
retreat for I have
found a young Typhlops
ingriscens coiled
wholly within it &
at the present time
a Diplodactylus vittatus

has taken possession
and no part of its
anatomy protrudes. I
must mention, however
that it is tailless.

It is found that
Snakes have a liking
for Flower pots and
Cans and are some-
times turned out of
such small ones that
it is surprising how
they could ever be
contained.

10 Tues. Note from Paterson
asking me to get some
20 bore Cartridge Cases
for De Sales. I wrote
to Auckland for them

11. Wed. Received account
from Jepson £ 28.15-0
for the Plains. I wrote
telling him I would
pay on Nov: 1st. - Sent
off Typhlop reprints to
Boulenger, McCoy. Clarke
Roebuck - de Vis. & F. L.
Billinghamst - (National
Bank of Australasia
Castlemore - Victoria) a
correspondent of Hedley.
In the evening we
called at the Mansion
& made arrangements for
Friday.

12 Thur. Received goods
from Auckland and paid
£ 2-18-3 - as follows -

300 12 b. Cartridges	2. 8. 0.
300 - Caps -	3. 0
3 lbs Shot	1. 0
Bag - Wads	2. 3
100 . 20 b cases	4. 0
} De Salis.	
	£ 2. 18 3

13. Fri. At 8. pm I left
 Reafern with Paterson
 for a weeks holiday to
 be spent at Tharwa in
 the Cooma district, we
 travelled all night, day
 broke about 4.30. Saw
 Lake Bathurst from the
 train, passed the loading
 platforms for Cattle and
 Sheep. These consist of
 huge pens into which

The animals are driven
whence a long narrow
fenced path leads them
into the train. in the
case of sheep the path
divides into 2 an upper
& a lower one to accommo-
-date the double tiers in
the vans. Our progress
was very slow and we
had sometimes half an
hour at a siding for
our engine was used
for shunting on the line
Saw Ants nests 4 or 5
feet in height and in
a measure resembling the
African white Ant dwelling
Along the plains I saw

my first Wallaby. There
were also many hares

14 Sat. Passed within
sight of Lake George
21 x 13 miles in extent.
We were passing through
what is called a ring-
barked country, this has
a most barren appearance
all the trees have been
killed by ringing & stand
up gaunt grey objects
like Spectres, within the
area of Lake George
however I was told
that the death of the
trees was due to the
excessive drainage of the
water from them. If

this is true the land
must have risen or the
lake lowered, otherwise
how could the trees have
ever grown there? Saw
flocks of Spur-winged
Flowers and Magpies.

The line in part must
have taken much making
In parts it is tunnelled
but generally cut out
which exposes some very
rugged sections. I was
told that the Government
lose largely on that line.
As we proceeded hills
appeared & the country
got wilder at length -
about 8. am we arrived

+ alighted at Tuggeranong
while waiting for the
buggy. I went off -
Shot a Kestrel (*Fumivestris*
cinchroides) and Leather
Head -

found several nests all
containing young birds
The hours passed along
No buggy so Paterson
inquired at the station
& found that he must
have been misunderstood
for Dr Salis had sent
the buggy yesterday. So
off we set for the 7
miles walk. Shot some
Black Magpies - Saw
Brown Snake dead on

the road - Chased a lizard but it ran too much for me among the fallen timber and I lost it. Overtook the mail cart & jumped in but I am sure we could have walked much quicker - Saw several white-backed magpies. Arrived at Tharwa a little done-up with the night travelling - In the afternoon we went up the rocks behind the house and I shot my first Wallaby - a scrub. in the pouch was a large young one quite

unhurt. Dick the black
boy who went with us
'bagged' the old Wallaby's
skin in which we
carried home the young
one.

15 Sun. I distributed some
glass tubes among the
Children for collecting
purposes. Went towards
"the little river" & found
some large lizards in
cracks in rocks. We
could not move them
even by smoking - out
but they wedged them-
selves the tighter in.
and were killed by the
Smoke and fire - went

The whole place was overrun with
the Harlequin Bug (*Dindymus*
versicolor). all in corn now -

to the same spot after
dinner. Dick found
a hole under a large
stone on lifting it
one of the Lizards ran
out. I caught it &
found it to be Sgernia
Cunninghami. Lifting
other stones I secured
4 Typhlops among the
Termites.

16 Mon. Up at 6.0 & had
a stroll round. Shot
a Rock Wallaby with
a fine young one. This
was slightly hurt but
I took it alive. Ram
drove me in - After
breakfast Paterson &

I walked to some fir
Ranges 3 miles away
but did not get any-
thing beyond a Rock
Wallaby. Returning
we pegged out our
skins. After dinner
we took horses and
rode to the "Wallaby
Rocks" after wading ^{the}
river. here after having
tethered the Nags we
had rough work, some
of the river banks on
which the Wallabys
live were many 100
feet high & exceedingly
steep. Got some long
shots which proved

my gun a good one,
Getting up again with
dead Wallaby was killing
work. I had to take
one at a time, then
return for another until
I was fagged out. I
had not seen Paterson
since we divided and
he signalled me by a
fire. We had a Moon-
light ride back when
I found the damaged
Young Rooie dead -
17 Tues. My early stroll
secured me a Fuckass
and I saw a Varanus
in the water but lost
it when shot under

Some Willows. Paterson
I went to the fir
ranges and were fairly
among the Rockies, by
this time I had got
my eye in, they are
very nimble & rapid
and remind me much
of Squirrels only larger.
Saw inaccessible nests
of Black Magpies. a
bowl shaped mud nest
built on a horizontal
branch. Some distance
from the trunk, Shot
a few hares. These are
so common that the
people on the station
do not thank you for

carrying them home -
Shot 2 'Possums, one
was a female with
a large young one -
she was only slightly
injured and gave us
a fine chase. I secured
the young one unhurt
& unearthed its mother
from a hollow stump
in which it had taken
refuge -

18 Wed. This day we
also went to the fir
ranges and got some
more Wallabys. Shot
an Owl. Ninox boobook
the same species which
had disturbed my birds

Plenty of Bee Eaters
about the neighbourhood.
19 Thur. Drove with Mr.
Farmer, who is making
experiments on rust
proof wheat to his
farm at Lambhigg
and walked the $4\frac{1}{2}$
miles back along the
banks of the Murrumbidgee - Saw a large
Buzzard quartering a
pasture, in the river
for a moment I saw
an object which must
have been a Platypus
I afterward met a
boy fishing who said
that there were some

Platypus at the spot
I indicated he having
shot one last week.
Shot some Bee Eaters
which were very common.
Flocks of Ducks on the
river, and large flocks
of White Coccatos
among the trees. When
I returned we took
horses to the Fir
Ranges, and shot more
Rock Wallabys. One
had a damaged young
one in the pouch which
I nevertheless took
alive. Shot a Plover
(Spur winged) and in
the evening a "More Pork"

(Podargus.

also a Bandicoot.

Perameles —

20 Fri. Had an early
bath in the river —
found that the young
Scrub Wallaby obtained
on 14th. had escaped
it had become quite
tame & was feeding well.
Took horses to the
Wallaby Rocks & shot
more Rockies. They had
become wilder & more
unapproachable. In
coming back I took
the river bank afoot
in the hope of seeing
Platypus, was not
successful. Saw a

large flock of White
Coccatos which made
a fearful din.

21 Sat. Took horses to
a new place some
miles away among the
rocks. the Wallabys
were very thick and
we got many. A fine
young one took refuge
in a crack & although
we "smoked" we could
not get him out.
Shot an "Iguana" wh
came down a tree &
was running across
an open piece when
I knocked it over. Shot
a pair of Gang-fang.

Parrots and returned
only just in time to
pack my things and
drive off to the station
7 miles to Tuggeranong.
as it was my bag
with all the skins and
birds in flesh were left
behind. Left at 8.20
booking 28 Wallaby
skins at Queanbeyan
1/9 & taking a Wallaroo's
tail for soup and a
Duck -

22 Sun. Landed in
Sydney at 6.15. Found
Rose at Mr. Paterson's
The second Diamond
Sparrow had died while

I was away. Letter from Miss Scott asking us to meet Mr Garvie Smith on Tuesday. The boys next door told me that an Opossum was in hiding behind our packing cases at the back. On getting it out it scooted off & I caught it 3 houses away. It was very savage and would not tolerate my little Opossum and bit very wildly at me.

23 Mon. The 'Possum was so savage that it 'let it go'. Letter

from Mr Ellis. 'At home'
Tomorrow. Letter from
C Dowling 25 Canterbury
Rd. Albert Park Melbourne.
to which I replied.

letter from Prof. David
granting me permission
to take away from
the Macleay Museum
the Typhlopidae I had
asked for. Bought wire
netting for Wallaby &c
enclosure 7/3. Spent
the evening in making
the said enclosure -

24 Tues. Left Museum at
noon and at 2.45 with
Rose visited Miss Scott
who with a party of

5 or 6 look as to
McFarvie Smiths. He
showed us all his
appliances for cultivating
bacteria and then to
his snake room. He
is a wonderful man
and uses admirable
apparatus for catching
the snakes & collecting
the poison. Every
lady present sooner
or later handled
Death Adders, ~~the~~ Black-
Tiger and Brown Snakes
so great was the
confidence he could
inspire. He warned
me - privately - not to

entrust any information
to Profs Stuart or
Martin - we spent
the evening at Mr
Ellis's "at home".

25. Wed. Did not attend
the Luncheon meeting
Cohen our neighbour
asked me for a lecture
for something or other
after Christmas.

26. Thur. Letter from Fred
Shaw asking us for
a musical evening
on Tuesday. A large
box from Tharwa came
containing the young
large Rock Wallaby
which I had intended

to leave and a young
weak Scrub Wallaby.
A young living Magpie
and a living Echidna,
also a dead Platypus
and a few birds. On
examining the Rock
Wallaby I found it
was infested with
maggots which were
eating into its living
flesh - I got them
out with Kerosene but
don't see how the
poor thing can live.

27. Fri. I had placed
the Echidna inside
the enclosure, but
this morning found

it had burrowed away
I dug with a spade
but am afraid we
shall not find it.
Paterson turned up at
9. am. and said he
had packed up in
the box the body of
the Platypus in a
damp Wallaby skin
Neither skin nor body
had arrived so the
Station people had no
doubt 'collared' the
Wallaby skin & thrown
the Platypus body away
as dead meat. The
Platypus being a male
rendered the loss less

Severe. wrote Fred Shaw
& accepted invitation -
Having noticed some eaten
Passion fruit the per-
petrator was discovered
in the shape of the
Old Opossum which I
had set at liberty. We
pursued it on the vines
but it got away. I
wrote to Father. Have
noticed in the stomach
of Reptiles as follows:-
In Hydrosaurus, a whole
Egernia cunninghami
In Acanthophis, hind
quarters of Amphibolurus
muricatus and in Dicnemna
superciliosa - a frog.

28. Sat. Mounted the
Platypus. A fearfully
wet day. In afternoon
Mr & Mrs Paterson came
round, he suggested
that by prodding with
a wire I might find
the Echidna. I did
so and at length I
felt something elastic
under the fence and
beneath the asphalt
walk of the next house.
When I dug the Echidna
also dug but at last
I got to it and then
had great difficulty
owing to its spines &
great weight in getting

it out of such an awkward position. When Patersons went away they took the little Opossum for themselves and the young Scrub Wallaby to rear for us, wrote to Wilfred. Paterson called round later & after tea we went to the Mansion. I had left the *Schidua* in a box in the kitchen the lid weighted and the Magpie in a box open at the top when we returned I found the *Schidua* had got out, climbed up into

The magpie's box, and
the bird was sat upon
its prickly back asleep.

29. Jun. Olliff who was
asked to come in the
afternoon did not turn
up until after tea. I
allowed the Echidna loose
in the room, as long as
we remained quiet it
ambled about but when
we moved it ducked its
head and erected its spines
its walk is by no means
slow, perhaps not quite
so quick as a Hedgehog
and first one side of the
body is advanced then the
other. A veritable waddle

The young Rock Wallaby
was so much crippled
and appeared in pain
so I killed it

30. Mon. Mrs Paterson
sent the body of the
Scrub Wallaby, it had
died under her care.
I has fastened down
the Echidna last night
but it had forced
the lid and in the
morning I found it
had been rampaging
about the kitchen. It
had removed everything
from against the wall
including a rather
heavy table, boxes

boots, bottles &c &c. It
is immensely strong.
After having gone the
round I don't know
how many times, and
pulled up linoleum
knocked out lime and
plaster it had crawled
into the Muepie's box.
I found it could climb
the stairs quite easily.

31. Tues. Pay day. As soon
as I received my cheque
I got it cashed & paid
£20 the whole of it
less 16/8 to Jepson, on
acc of the piano. The
balance £8. 15. 0 to be
paid next month. In

Oct. Nov.

The evening we took
train to Newtown and
spent a musical evening
at Fred Shaw's, there
were about 20 present
I performed on the flute.
Shaw gave me a ticket
for the "Lieder-tafel"
Concert on Thursday.

1. Nov. Wed. I had long
asked the landlora for
some sods for "our
back" and received them
to-day, Spent the even-
-ing in putting them
down in the "Wallaby
run."

2. Thur. Got on approval
a 6-keyed flute from

Joseph with the idea that
Whiteleggs might like
it. 15/- The Ailanthus
moths given me in pupae
by Mrs. Gorge are now
beginning to come out.
In the evening I met
Fred Shaw and together
we went to the Sydney
Siedestapel Smoking Concert
at the Town Hall and
had good music. all
male voices about 60
and a good orchestra -

3 Fri. Heard the Cicadas
for the first time
this Spring. There are
in the trees at our
front & make a din.

4 Sat. Cooksey asked me
if we would have a
picnic on Thursday next
Public holiday - Prince
of - Wales birthday.

5 Sun. wrote to Uncle
Banks and had a walk
after tea it being too
hot to go out during
the day - I had almost
night seen the Possum
which I let go feeding
on the Passion Vine -
but until this night I
had not been able to
secure it. However it
allowed its tail to hang
down and as I had
as usual taken my

stand below it I seized
the opportunity (which
in this case happened
to be the tail) and
swung the animal into
a sack which I held
in readiness, thence I
transferred it to the
"Wallaby run".

6. Mon. Spent the evening
with Paterson when we
discussed the question
of the introduction of
his new amalgam into
England. I arranged to
write to Reynolds and
Branson with regard to
a British agency, and
also to Birch. Found

that a mouse had
entered the top drawer
of my bird cabinet &
had destroyed several
British birds. To-day
Gibson, (a neighbour.)

called respecting a
flute when I told him
I could get him one
for 15/- Whitelegge had
got a silver key one
having low B and
high — and many
useful movements for
the old style of flute.

7. Tues. The Magpie
pecked-up its food for
the first time to-day -
and will save us some

trouble, wrote a draft letter for Brauson & took it to Paterson for consideration. Found that he would have to return to business and as Mr P. was going to attempt to make an Opossum cage I returned for Rose & my tools and worked hard all the evening at the Mansion. Asked Hedley to go with us on the Pic-nic.

8. Wed. Letter from Paterson re my draft for Brauson with suggestions to Mr & Mrs North Spent the evening with us and

Nov.

asked us to Ashfield
for Sunday.

9. Thur. Public holiday
wretched day. we had
to abandon all idea
of the Picnic. Rose had
a letter from Oliff
asking us to afternoon
tea tomorrow.

10 Fri. Found that the
Possum had forced
the wire netting & had
escaped. wrote to B
Crossland re holidays
for the 20th inst. In
the afternoon I went to
the Linnean Soc: & saw
for the first time the
new Catalogue of Snakes

in the British Museum -
T nigrescens regarded as
a synonym of T polygram-
-mies which has prece-
dence. T Curtus equals
T ligatus. Rose and I
went at 5.0 to afternoon
tea at Olliffs where we
met some aristocrats.

11. Sat. An order was sent
round the staff informing
us that we might pub-
lish papers in any
journal we thought fit
as the "Records" were
to be discontinued. Wrote
to Father. Birch & Brauser
and saw Paterson with
reference to Braus letter

to the latter. Returning
from the Mansion I
met Hedley who was
off for a stroll. He went
with me to Fallowfield
when we both went
off together, skirted Rose
Bay & dropped at the
further end of Double
Bay where we sat on
a rock & watched the
multitude of white
sails plying up & down
the harbour. Hedley
returned with me to
tea. In the evening I
developed internal pains
& had turpentine - flannels
applied. I had probably

taken cold while on
the rock.

12 Sun. Spent all day
in bed & ate nothing
all day, but felt a
little better towards
night. Fearfully wet

13 Mon. Remained in bed
in the morning, Rose
posted my letters to
father & Birch & asked
Paterson to copy & attend
to Brauson. I went to
the Museum in afternoon.

14 Tues. I had ordered some
Hute music from Palings
& to day they told me
that it could not be
obtained in Australia.

My late week, (6 O'clock)
at the Museum.

15 Wed. Adapted the Piano
Case for the accommodation
of the Echidna. We were
at Patersons in the evening

16. Thur. Not having heard
from Crossland in reply
to my letter of the 10th
asking him to meet us
at Hornsby on Sunday,
by the 11.5 train. Bertie
Etheridge promised to take
the Magpie during our
absence. Rainbow came
to Fallowfield in the
Evening when I gave
him some hints on
drawing for reproduction.

17. Fri. Still no reply from Crossland. I saw Paterson who advised me to see Chauncey which I did at noon. He says that Crossland fetches his letters once a week, on Thursdays so he would not get mine of the 10th until yesterday. In the afternoon I received a telegram from him to say he would meet the train. Letter from Father enclosing slip of Mr. Loebucks death & offering to send me the piano. Also a letter from Percy Davis thanking me for

Expressions of Sympathy
Conveyed through Father
Called to see Mr Down
but he was out. When
I got home I found Miss
Frost with Rose. In the
Evening I wrote to Roebuck
& to Father, enclosing a
photo of an Aboriginal
which I had bought as
an Xmas Card.

18. Sat. Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of
Powder. 2/- In evening
I loaded some cartridges
and packed up generally
for Berorora

19 Sun left Redfern at
10.0 Changed Strathfield
& arrived at Hornsby at
11.5 met by Crossland
& we drove to Berowra
a blazing hot day, after
dinner we sauntered about
the place. I caught some
green frogs..
and large Tadpoles. We
had a few lemons which
grow about the place -
During the night a heavy
rain & wind storm came
on & awoke everyone -

20 Mon. Up at 5.30 - I
took a boat & pulled up
the small creek where
I found most beautiful

Scenery. Saw the Coach
whip bird & had no
difficulty in naming
it from its peculiar note
"SW ——— swash". After
breakfast I pulled down
the Creek with Rose. Saw
Shag - A large Varanus
in the water too order-
-ferous for me to tackle
with Rose in the boat
Gallinas Leather-heads
After dinner the tide
was low so we pulled
up the Creek into very
shallow water and had
a paddle. Hence, as
the water was rising
attempted to get up the

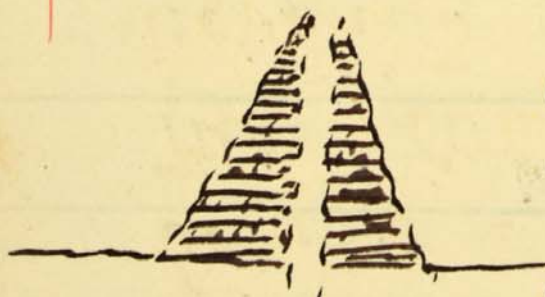
little Creek got on the
sand and while waiting
for more water commenced
a W. color sketch, Also
shot a Kingfisher, got
further up the Creek
where I commenced to
make another sketch -
Returned to tea at which
we had a feed on Oysters

21 Tues. After breakfast
we paddled up the Creek
and I enjoyed a swim
next attempted to go
up the little Creek but
the water was too low -
Searching the bank I
found nests of Trap
door Spider & secured

a large cimate. In
an old log by the
water I found numbers
of molluscs like Muscels
each in a tunnel wh:
it might have made
there were also some
small Crustaceans in
holes. In the afternoon
rain fell heavily but
during an interval I
called out & found
~~several~~ nests which I
believed to be Red-
heads. One nest con-
tained 4 white eggs.
by placing a gauze
over the opening. I
secured both old birds

* finding them to be
Redheads I released
them. Near the house
a cuckoo sat & often
flew off & returned to
the same garden post
22nd Wed. Rain all day.
I put on a mackintosh
& walked up the Creek.
Saw some very beautiful
ferns including a
pretty "maiden-hair".
There were some Black
Magpies about and
numbers of frillinas
A very large tree
had half fallen but
this must have been
year ago as from

The side of the almost
horizontal trunk shoots
as thick as my body
were growing, down
by the water on the
mud flats I found
some curious conical
mounds about 3 in
high each had what
appeared to be a
decayed stem in the
interior thus:—



top being open—
All round were
holes & scratchings
of bandicoots &
a little one scooted
off into cover before I
could get the gun to

my shoulder - Beneath
hollowed rocks were
the pits of Ant-lion
larvae which I have
before described ()
The whole district is
covered with grass trees
in all stages of growth
some with the bases
just appearing above
ground while others 5
feet or more in height
Found 2 or 3 nests in
trees built entirely
of bracken, they were
however all empty
I noticed that on
climbing a tree if
I broke off a branch

Containing a nest. it frequently remained suspended by the creepers which hung about it. The rain was very annoying & I returned with my 'bag' wet through from having collected the rain from the scrub.

23 Thur. To day was as fine as yesterday was wet, immediately after breakfast we took out "our" boat & with a high tide pulled to the farthest point on the little creek to which a boat could

be taken. I walked
further up and saw
2 Lizards on the rocks
by the water, both
of which I failed
to catch, one looked
very like L' Tenuis
but the other I
think was a Gecko
of a dark grey color
for a moment it
was in a small pool
of water, I exposed
2 plates on the Creek
Shot a Leather-head.
Returned with the ebb
tide & landed at the
boat house. While
Rose was gathering

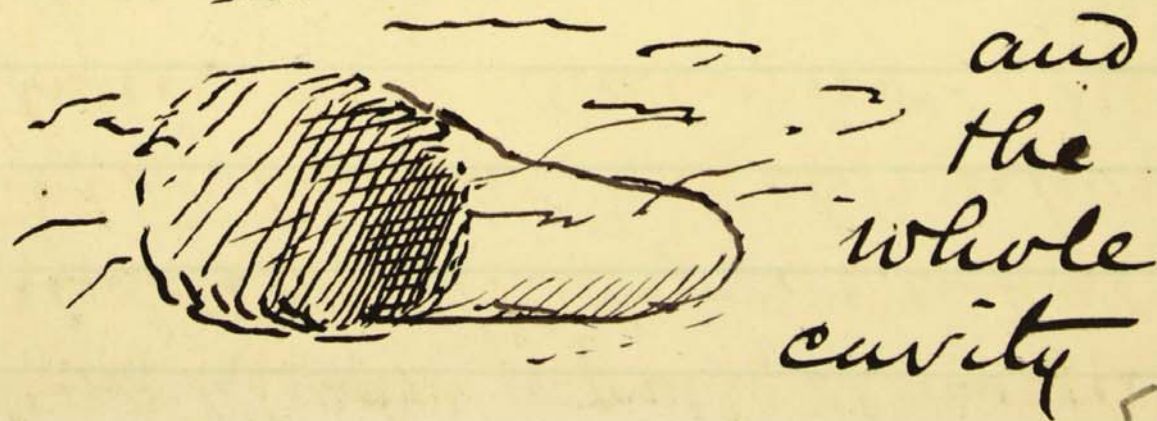
flannel flowers and
Trunking grass - I
Climb up among the
rocks. Poking about
I came across in
one of the wind-holes
in a large rock a
mass of Eucalypti
leaves - these I thought
might have been
carried in by the
wind but as they
appeared to be very
regularly laid I
began to poke them
out with a stick I
then found that the
hole was deeper than
I thought & seemed

full of leaves, a
rustle put me on
the Qui Vive; when
peeking cautiously a
little snout & a
pair of sparkling eyes
was thrust between
the leaves, I now
knew this must be
a "mouse's" nest. I
carefully drew out
the leaves during
which a little animal
pushed out and was
climbing up the per-
pendicular rock when
I secured it. The
scuttering inside told
me that the occupants

in some numbers.
I finally drew out
the nest and feeling
movement within took
care that any of
the inmates did not
escape, a larger &
evidently the mother
"mouse" came to the
opening but seeing
me scuttled back
the nest I held in
my hand contained
2 young ones but
before I had disposed
of them I saw the
old one rush out
of the hole, with
young ones on her

back & was climbing
under a horizontal
ledge back downward
when I caught her
she had 4 young ones
on her back & on
taking them off I
found that each had
in its mouth a tuft
of fur proving how
they had held to
their mother I had
now 7 young ones &
in looking into the
hole found an 8th
The pouch of the old
one could now not
be regarded as such
for any of the

young were each far
too large to be con-
tained, the orifice of
the pouch was very
much enlarged and
exposed 8 teat^{les}, so
that the old one
had evidently her full
complement of young.
The hole was about
8 inches in diameter
& found deep it then
curved & was about
8 inches long in
that direction thus:-



and
the
whole
cavity

had been filled with
leaves - the young
had many lice upon
them & I caught one
large lively flea wh,
hopped well - After
dinner we took the
boat up the main
Creek and I moored
it leaving Rose in
while I ascended the
ranger it was very
rough work some of
the huge boulders
wh block my way
were almost insur-
mountable, huge
holes also abounded
& as these were

generally concealed
by a luxuriance of
Vegetation much
higher than my head
added to all being
very "up-hill" made
progression tedious -
I had just dropped
from a big boulder
when at my feet
lay a Diamond Snake
or Python as we
ought now to call
it (cf Boulenger B.M.
Cat:). I cut a forked
stick and very soon
secured it. I descended
to the boat the snake

aiding my movements
by checking my too
rapid movement -
progress. Curling its
tail round any thing
into which it came
into contact. I drowned
it but it took a long
time & swam it behind
the boat by a string
I opened it to make
a "flat" skin & took
from its stomach what
I believe was a
small opossum ie
it was something
short of being full
grown although very
large. In the evening

I was prowling around
near the house & saw
a Lyre Bird - a male.

24 Fri. This morning we
pulled to the head of
Still Creek, I found a
'gaana' it was very
sluggish & I had not
the slightest difficulty
in catching it with
my ^{hand}, it did try to run
away but made no
attempt to bite me. Rose
called me & said she
had seen a large bird
like a Pheasant which
made a curious noise
this was no doubt a
male Lyre Bird - The

afternoon was so very
hot that we remained
indoors. After tea I
went out and when
the moon was up I
saw at the top of a
tall Gum-tree something
which I was undecided
as to whether it was
a Bear or an ants'
nest - I was viewing
the tree from all sides
when suddenly some-
thing gave me a very
acute prick in the
ankle then I felt
another, then a third
the pain was very
severe I knew they

must be ants & as
I was not more than
200 yards from the
house I made a rush
for it and found
several Bull-dog
Ants, an inch long
on my socks, I next
exchanged my shoes
for boots and again
went forth, not being
able to satisfy myself
I shot a shot into
the tree without pro-
ducing the slightest
effect so judging the
object must be a
Termites' nest I left
it further alone.

Some bats were flying about the house and also several birds all in the dusk these latter I could not at all make out, they looked like Hawks but flew noiselessly like Owls. I thought they might be Minors never having seen this bird in flight but could scarcely comprehend that it would have pointed wings.

25 Sat. After breakfast we made our way up main Creek. Saw some beautiful Kingfishers

of a dark purplish
blue, whereas the
one I shot was of
a lighter blue. In
one part we came
across some huge
rocks weathered-out
into most remarkable
hollows which hollows
are again honeycombed.
Against the wall of
the hollow Swallows had
built their nests. I
concluded the morning
with a swim & having
no towel pulled about
the creek ad natura
until I got dried - &

longer, Afternoon Saw
us down the Creek
as the tide was ebbing
In the evening we
heard a bear over
the Creek some where
above the boat-house.
New visitors came viz:-
Mr. Baker a Cutter,
Mr. Dobbie a Surveyor
+ Mr. + Mrs. Begby a newly
married + Sanctioned
couple.

26. Sun. Dobbie + Rose
pulled up Still Creek
while Crossland + I
went to try + find
the bear. We on the
flats found a Diamond

Snake hanging head
downward from a
sapling, having killed
it we hauled the boat
left the snake in it
& then commenced to
ascend the rocks in
search of the bear
but although Crossland
said he knew within
a tree or two where
the bear had oried
we failed to find it.
The three of us then
pulled up the main
creek, examined the
rocks mentioned yesterday
and found in horizontal

crevices nests of some
kind of wasp, the
nests were made of
light colored earth &
divided into chambers
in each of these we
found a grub and a
large number of small
long-legged spiders -
the spiders all being
the same species.

The construction of the
nests was like this the
portion



on the left is
intended to represent

the exterior aspect of
the nest intact and
on the left 3 cells
are shown. In coming
back we saw a bear
at the top of a tall
tree, I fired one shot
from the boat which
did not seem to have
the slightest effect.
I then went ashore
& he fell into the
water & sank in a
few moments before it
could be reached by
the boat. As the water
was 6 feet or more
in depth and as it

was running strongly
I despaired of getting
it guided by rising
bubbles and shading
my eyes I fancied
I could see it. By
prodding with the
oar Dobbie brought
it to the surface when
I seized it from the
shore. Spent the after-
noon in skinning the
bear & the diamond
snake. After tea I
had brought to me
by Crossland a small
sizard
of which they all
were much afraid.

27. Mon. Dobbie & Baker
left. we pulled down
the creek intending to
go up Conlrip Creek
but just as I had
turned the boat a
large bird which I
thought might be an
Osprey flew further down
and alighted some 400
yards further. I then
pulled down but could
not get within shot
before it winged its way
out of sight. By this
time we were opposite
Sands or Sams? Creek.
So up I pulled. it is
very beautiful but

short only about $1/4$
mile in length. After
going to the head I
went further afoot. a
very pretty waterfall
fed the stream, here I
saw several of the dark
Colored Kingfishers. We
returned & then partly
ascended Conley's Creek
intending to pull to
the head, when about
 $1/4$ mile up I noticed
a pair of Black Throats
flying overhead and
making a great 'to-do'
almost directly I saw
a young one sat on
a branch overhanging

the water, I pulled
gently up to it and
as it only exhibited
curiosity I bent the
boat close to the tree
on which it was sat
I went ashore, by
moving cautiously I
was able to seize it
by the legs when it
did make a noise wh:
was vociferously responded
to by the old ones. When
I got it into the boat
I clipped a wing and
put it beside May wh:
we always took with
us in the boat when
it would either sit on

the edge or poke about
in the bottom - we
then pulled homewards
the new captive remained
very quiet but soon
after we got into the
main creek it jumped
on to the edge & into
the water, it endeavored
to reach the shore. I
secured it once more
& then tied its legs - I
frequently threw Mag
into the water for a
bath but it always
made for the boat &
not for land like the
wild bird. The afternoon
was hot and I did

little except skin a
Black Snake which
Crossland caught at
a water hole not 50
yards from the house
at dusk I shot one
of the Hawk-Owl-like
birds whose flight
had troubled or rather
puzzled me and I then
found it to be a
nightjar -

28 Tues. Not having seen
the head of Couleys Creek
we made there first
thing to day, Among
the Mangroves growing
in the water I found
several nests but they

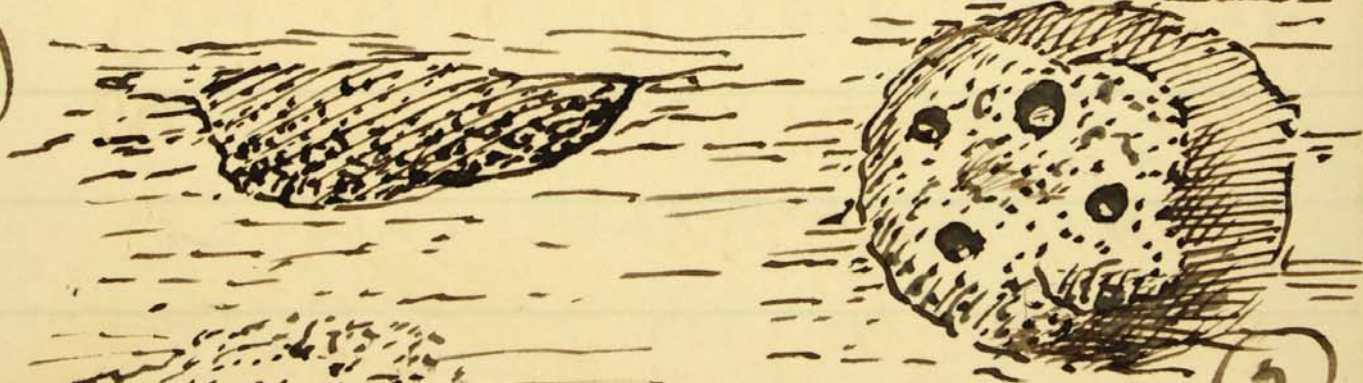
were old ones. The
sandy bottom made
it a delightful place
to bathe & I enjoyed
my dip to-day immensely
just after dinner a
thunder storm came
on accompanied with
exceedingly heavy rain
and large hail which
made a terrible noise
on the iron roofing of
the house. it was so
heavy as to make the
distant, i.e. over the
creek, ridges were
blue washes. Later it
cleared when I found
that owing to the ex

ceptionally high tide
when I fastened up
the boat our boat
was stranded high &
dry, while the Begby's
boat had the bow
tilted & the stern part
under water, we did
manage to right her
& then had to bail, then
we launched "our boat"
I took the Nurses, C.
with Rose down the
Creek saw several very
large Medusa & landed
one. More rain with
promise of much more
drove us back, in
returning I saw a

4 dark Kingfisher on
a spray and beneath
it noticed a little fish
jump the bird also
saw it & in a moment
it was wriggling in its
beak & soon had its
life dashed out against
a branch. I went
up to the rocks at the
back of the house &
found sundry things
A Spider's nest which I
may have noted before,
it is white about the
size of a florin and
is probably protected
~~from~~ by its great
likeness to the spots

of lichen on rocks -
under rocks I found
2 or 3 kinds of nests
one was like a cocoon
attached to the under
side of rocks while
others were in holes -
a mass of earth with
2 or 3 openings, a
third had a projecting
tube which marked
the entrance.

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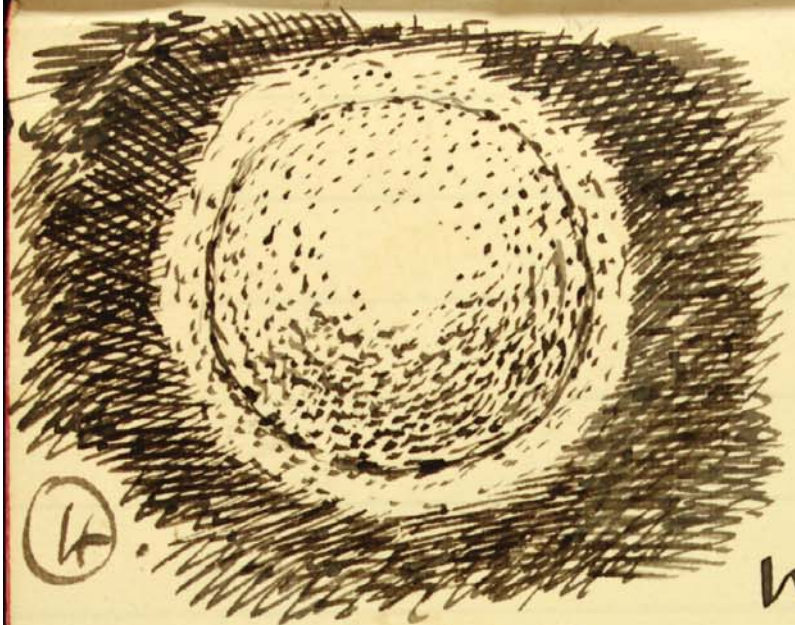


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No 4
represents the
Slider's nest



of the
Natural
Size. -

Between
high & low
water mark

on all the creeks in
suitable places one
may notice holes in
the mud, when the
tide is out numerous
Crabs run about but
as soon as they see
the boat in they pop.
Got several Ant-leon
larvae out of their
pits whether the sand
was not suitable I
cant say but the

blowing dodge would
not work I found
I could get at them
by putting in a
mosquito when the
larva would seize
it & I lifted it with
the handle of my
scalpel. Sometimes I
managed by digging
deeply & quickly to
oust the larva with-
out the aid of the
bait & I noticed that
a small nodule of
sand around the insect
was of slightly firmer
consistency than the
surrounding sand.

29. Wed. This morning
we pulled the most
distance Creek we had
visited viz: Merriman's
Bay. The entrance is
wide but it very soon
narrows into a short
Creek terminated by a
rock over which falls
water broken up into
scores of driplets. Among
the rocks in the water
shoals of prawns jerked
about & jumped out on
to the rocks when disturbed
and the ferns were very
varied and luxuriant,
the sides of the Creek
were studded with mangroves

Afternoon with the
lusses C are pulled
to the end of the Shoals
viz: into the deep water
which extends to the
Hawkesbury the spot
being Britannia Rocks
In various spots on the
Creek one may see the
Kitchen Middens of the
blacks, chiefly disting-
-uishable by the imbedded
mollusc shells and also
by a peculiar fine
grass which grows over
them. Crossland says
there were many blacks
in various parts of the
Creek when he first

went there, they went
to him for corn cobs
several burnt parts of
which I saw in their
camps and they were
often to be seen fishing
from the rocks. In the
evening I put down
a fishing line but
the tide was ebbing &
I caught no fish.

30 Thur: I went out early
& strolled down the
Creek found a nest of
young birds in a Rose
Bush may be Malurus.
it was somewhat
of this shape:—
when $\frac{1}{4}$ mile



from the house I saw
at a little distance a
Lyre Bird mobbed by a
Gallina which led it
a fine dance, the
Lyre Bird seemed to
be quite helpless. I went
back for the gun as
I wanted a Lyre Bird
when I returned I
soon found the bird
which was scratching
much after the ways
of a Megapode. It
allowed me to get to
within easy range. I
was sorry I had shot
it for it was only a
young male with a

very short = Lyre & Back
at the house I found
Mrs Crossland with a
fowl in her lap. it
had picked up my fish
bait which I had
left at the back and
swallowed the hook. I
don't know what be-
-came of the Sinker.

Our morning row took
us to Merriman's Bay
here I picked a few
small ferns - I found
the time had slipped
away rapidly and was
exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ hour pulling
home against a strong
wind

Nov - Dec

Rose stayed in in the afternoon - I pulled up to Tree-fern Creek, the T-ferns here are very fine. It is amusing to see the Black Magpie it had not yet got over the idea of being fed by its parents, for it rushes to "Mag" & literally attempts to swallow it, while Mag not understanding the state of affairs amuses itself by picking at the Black Mag's tongue. The interior of the mouth of the latter is yellow-white that of "Mag" is

a delicate rose color -
In the evening a' South:
Buster' came up with
heavy rain and hail
and fine lightning -
1 Dec. Fri. Pulled up the
Main Creek to a point
further than we had yet
attained & returned early
to dinner in consequence
of our haughty
couple's leaving to - day.
We took both Magpies
with us, Black Mag
soon jumped out & made
for the shore - it had
however a long way
to swim & got tired out
& waited until I got

to it & it seemed to be
glad when I lifted it
into the boat. In an
hour when it had got
dried I threw it out
but this time it at
once made for the boat.
its spirit was subdued.
After dinner we made
for Still Creek I saw
the lizard which I
before thought might
be a Skeko. I found
it was an Amphibolurus
it played hide & seek
with me it ran under
a Rock when I went
near to it, but came
out soon after I left [97]

many a time. By
throwing water into its
crevice I made it very
unruly & at length
it quitted when I caught
it. In the evening I
watched a party of
jackasses, old & three
young. here they call
them "go burras" or

are these
native names? I noticed
galvanised iron round
2 or 3 trees in the
paddock, these trees
are utilised by the
fowls for roosting &
the iron is to prevent
the native cats -

Climbing the trees.

Berowra is a creek
cut deeply from a
high plateau 500 ft
& the water is about
- ^{6 feet above} sea level, it being
tidal to the head of
the creek, the sides
generally are steep &
covered with gum trees
intermixed with huge
boulders which are
tumbled about in a
wild manner, in parts
the slopes descend
directly into the water
which is there generally
deep, sometimes a
large flat exists between

the base of the steeps
and ~~the~~ ^{water} And it is
on such a flat that
Crossland has built
his house, on piles
for at rare intervals
the house even is
flooded. Berowra Creek
is intersected by smaller
creeks each having a
distinctive name. The
borders of these & the
main creek are some-
times of firm soil &
at others of soft mud
covered at high water
& crowded with mangroves.

2. Sat. Wet day. In the morning I went to Tree-fern Gully with the idea of photographing some of the ferns, but when it did not rain there was too much wind & no sunshine. We then went further down the Creek when very heavy rain obliged us to land for shelter. I saw a Snake (*A. reticulata*) gliding over the ground it stopped, (when I cut a stick) but eventually went down a hole. There was no pleasure in being out so pulled home

remained in the rest
of the day. At 7.0 I
logged - up in Mackintosh
to & went down to the
Creek and on coming
Crossland who had been
out line fishing came
for me. The rain shut
out all distance & I
did not see the boat
until she was only a
short way from me. We
were now going to try
net fishing so the boy
pulled us down the
Creek. In the west one
could still perceive some
evidence of the sinking sun
by the red murkiness of

the clouds. Soon however
the sky darkened but
throughout there was suf-
-ficient to distinguish the
outline of the ranges
& their perfect mirroring
in the water below. Even
to the giant guns wh:
occasionally broke the
outlines, the line of
separation was marked
by a streak of light
where the water reflected
the sky. There was a
slight wind which just
dulled the surface of
the water like breath
on a mirror, but in
some places the water

was smooth in long
streaks, this marked
the current way and
under the same tides
these lines were always
in the same places.
Although the rain beat
upon the water it
did not prevent the
phosphorescent like glow
turned up by the oars
& forming a curve of
light on each side of
the boat. While watching
the water a comet-like
streak darted away,
caused by a frightened
fish rushing near the
surface. Occasionally I

saw streaks shooting
out in all directions
very like the fireworks
"Devil among the Tailors?"
This marked a shoal
but the water was too
shallow & too many
sticks to cast the net.
we passed successively
Still Creek (left) Conley's
Lam's Creek, ~~Merrin~~ (Right)
Merrin's Bay (left)
the Britannia Rocks
Soon after passing the
latter, Crossland pointed
out a rock in which
was a cave wherein
he told me that there
were some very good

examples of "black's hand".

At length we reached
the whale's back and
it was decided to cast
the net, An 8-foot
pole like a tennis pole
to which the net was
attached & weighted at
one end was thrown
into the water, the
boat was quickly rowed
away until the 250
yards of nets were all
paid out, the net is
coiled along one edge
& leaded along the
other. The net is 300
yards long but is
slacked down to 250

the boat now made
a large sweep &
carried the end of
the net which was
terminated by another
pole, as the first
cast pole was made
for Crossland beat
the water with the
oars, thus driving
the boat rapidly and
at the same time
frightening the fish
into the net, I had
imagined that the fish
would be enclosed but
learned this was the
seine net while that
here used was called

the marsh, and the
fish were caught by
the gills so that only
those of a certain
size were secured,
there were but few
fish they were Black
Bream, whiting and
Mullet, 2 hauls were
made in different
places when having
caught as much as
was required we
turned homewards. In
various places we had
evidences of marvellous
echoes chiefly at the
mouths of the various
creeks, Reached the

house in drenching
rain about. 10.30

3. Sun. Took boat to
Tree Fern Gully & took
photo each of a Tree
Fern & Grass Tree under
unfavorable conditions.
Visited nest of the M.
superbus when the young
ones being ready to fly
fluttered out of the
nest. Gathered a few
ferns, took large patch
of Stag horns which
some visitors had pulled
by left also some birds
nest ferns which C.
gave to us, paid
him £7. incurred as

follows. for a fortnight
Board & Lodging @

£1-7.6 - week - 5. 10.0

Boat @ 10/- — 1-0.0

Trap @ 5/- — 10.0

Left Berowra at 2. pm.

walked up the steep

met Crossland at the

top drove to Stornaby

got 5.0 train to Sydney

had tea at mansion

learnt the Echedua &

the Quail were dead.

Letter from Wilfrid, 3

Photos from Father

taken by Furnell &

a water color sketch

of the Deveron Bridge

Huntly.

4. Mon. At Museum again
found letter from C
Rowling he is back
in Sydney at Horderns
in Pitt St and is
lodging 252 Forbes St.
Thither I went but
found he had removed
to 43 Eliz St Paddington
he returned with me
to Fallowfield and we
spent a musical evening
arranging to meet next
Monday.

5. Tues wrote to Father
On leaving the Museum
Rose met me and with
Hedley we went to
see the Art Gallery -

6. Wed Paid Jepson at noon
£8. 15. 0 being balance
for the Piano, he told
me that Cooksey was
ill at home. he being
from the Museum on
his annual leave. To
day was very hot and
according to the official
report reached 93.6
in the shade.

7 Thur. wrote to Father, I
commenced a drawing
of 2 Lobivanelius lobatus
developed some of the
Berowra photos but they
were not good, I dis-
continued the work owing
to Mr. Mrs Paterson calling

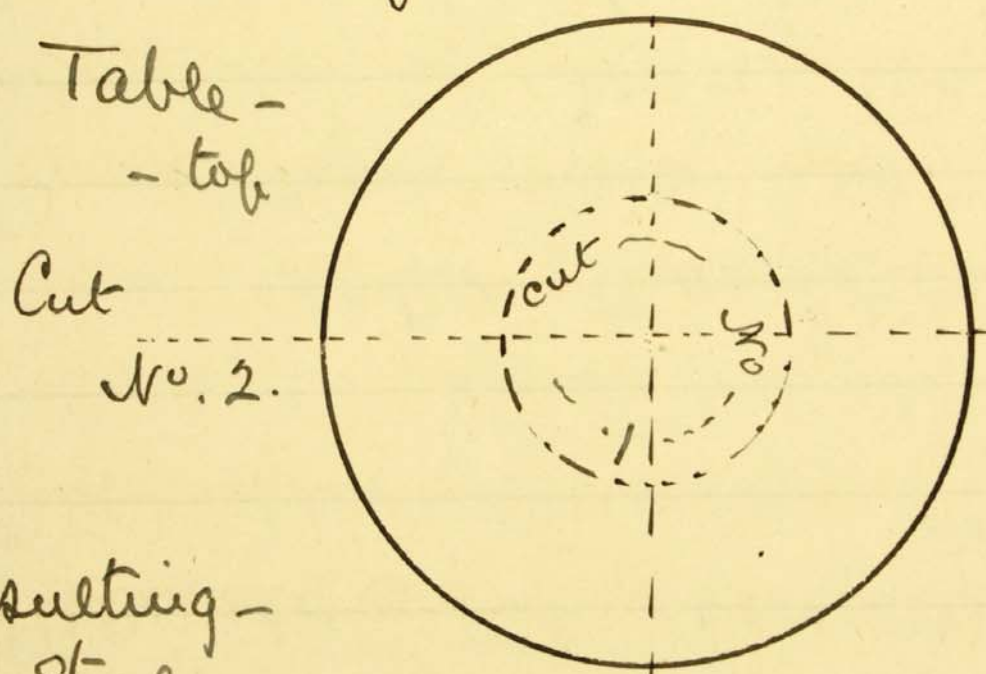
Planted the ferns brought
from Berourra

8. Fri. wrote Miss Bowling
enclosing £1 for Wilfrid
to get me Flute music -
when at Harwa. With
regard to the Magpies
I noticed that the Black
ones were always seen
on trees not on the
ground while the Magpie
proper was as frequently
seen upon the ground
These young birds show
the same disposition -
as soon as we put in
the Black Mag it at
once goes up into the
doquat tree where the

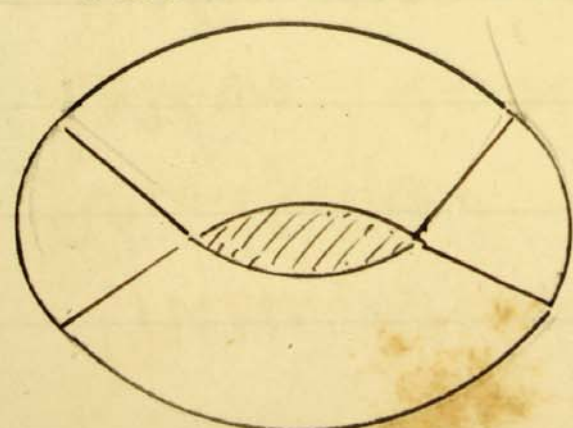
Red Mag is never seen
They are put into the
"Wallaby run" every
morning & taken indoors
at night to avoid the
cats.

9. Sat. In the afternoon I
finished the drawing of
the Spur-winged Plovers
& had a stroll with
Rose after tea round
the bay. - Here is a
puzzle - A man took a
circular table top to a
carpenter & asked him to
make 2 oval stool tops
out of it. This he did
in 3 cuts without
wasting a fragment, the

pieces merely required
to be joined, Cut as
indicated & the joints
will be perfect leaving
a hand hole in the
centre of each stove.



Resulting -
- stove



Cut
No. 3

The inner
circle must
be cut the
radius.

10. Sun. Finished the
drawing of *Lobivanellus*
& practised the flute.

11. Mon. Sent letter and
Newspaper to Father. A
letter each from Rose
& self to Fanny in wh.
I enclosed £1. for
Wilfrid to get me some
flute & piano music &
a letter to Belle (Rose's)
Rowling came in the
evening & we had our
practise - now working
out a lizard the one
drawn on July 5th
it is a Lyggozoma &
if new may be named
Lyggozoma () zebra

12 Tues. Sent 9/6 to
Patterson £1. for Thawwa
Cartridges + proportion
of ditto for de Salis.
This evening we had
a splendid thunder-storm.
The lightning flashes
were very frequent &
some of them brilliant.
as usual I stood at
the verandah, for a
thunder storm always
had a great fascination
for me. The charm of
'Sport' lies in its un-
certainty and there is
something very uncertain
about lightning. One
must keep their eyes

fixed on the leaden
sky & wonder where the
next flash will appear
its character & intensity
being loth to move
away for fear of mis-
sing a more brilliant
display than has hitherto
occurred. Found the
Lizard to be a very
young of Hemidiodon
gerrardii.

13 Wed. Went to Macleay
Museum & took away 9
tubes of Typhlops. I
superficially examined one
I had marked "Nov Sp."
and now believe it to
be new. Wrote to Fred

Shaw & asked him to
meet Rowling at Fallow.
- field on Monday -
Healey had seen Dr
Creech who invited he
& myself to his house
on Friday, Etheridge now
at home in. so that
North Healey & myself
are the only ones of
the "Staff" on duty, my
late week at the Museum.
~~The~~ ~~At~~ I received a long
letter from Grassham he
is just going to the
Hudson's Bay Co having
'signed' for 5 years. This
evening we had another
lightning display. but

no thunder. the brilliant illuminations were almost continuous and made the world as light as day.

I could have sat up all night watching it.

14 Thur. The Museum ^{watchman} ~~porter~~ told me that the lighting went on without a break from 9. until 4 am - ~~at~~

15. The evening with Hedley
^{Mr} I went to Dr Creed met
Mr & Miss C. Miss Freeman.
+

a missionary from New Guinea whom Hedley had met there. The conversation was lively and chiefly on life in Papua - Dir.

W^m Macgregor astonished
the natives by killing
(chloroforming) a man
cutting off a shattered
hand & restoring him to life
He, (the governor) was a
dead shot, a native
would not accept the
offers of peace & friend-
ship- & drew his bow
when Sir W^m sent a
bullet into his knee,
while bending up the
wound he expostulated
with the man for his
foolishness. A native
murderer was being taken
in a canoe to execution
where he jumped overboard

Swam ashore, but just
on landing he received
a bullet thro' his heart.
The Native arrows are
not feathered but are
heavily weighted towards
the point. The Dr. is a
funny man "yesterday"
said he "a man came
to me & said he was
ill", "What's the matter?"
"A pickle bottle ran
all over me & 6 Corkscrews
came out of it and
bored into every part of
me!" Received £1. from
Paterson for Cartridges
we used during our
holiday at Tharwa.

16 Sat: At the Museum
until 6 pm - Spent the
afternoon in painting
at the Opossum (*D*
trivirgata) Commenced
on Oct 7th Received
a letter from Shaw to
say he would come
on Monday.

17. Sun. In the morning I
made some studies of
horses in pencil & in
the afternoon Mr & Mrs
Paterson called, (P told
me of his domestic affairs)
& we went out horse
hunting round by Double
Bay, returned to the
Mansion to tea where

we spent the evening
18. Mon. A small party
of jackasses feeding in
the park at our front.
Squashed up some
Tomatos and planted the
seeds, unearthed the
sprues & as many of
the ~~body~~^{bones} of the Echidna
as I could find. I
easily separated the
sprues by throwing the
mass into water when
they floated, In the
evening Shaw Rowing
Came when we had
music and general
old-country Chat all
Leeds, Middle Class school
Boys -

19 Tues. English mail
brought letter & "Sketch"
(the paper) from Father
Now working at Bato
& Rato le Souep brought
from Cooktown Queensland
In the evening I sorted-
out Echedia bones &
Rose & I had a walk.

20 Wed. Ogilby called
at Museum & said his
wife was very ill &
asked if we would go
to see her tomorrow -
at noon I almost
finished the D. tri-
virgata which I have
painted at every day
since Sunday. Many

of the horses here have their heads covered (protection from the sun?) with a cap which cannot be placed there as an ornament.

21 Thur. Heard first - thing on reaching the Museum that Mrs Ogilby died last evening wrote to Rose bought 2 tickets (@ 7/-) for Xmas day Concert. Received Rose's Hincible from Berowra which she lost at a known spot in the Creek. Finished a

letter to Father and
illustrated the envelope
by a copy of Jakko
from a drawing I
made last night. The
Envelope sketches I
have sent are on the
last page of this
book. In the evening
I got a frame made
for the Picture of the
Opossum - $5/6$ - while
Rose & I had a walk
through the city.

22. Fri. Went to Luncheon
Hall. Saw Fletcher who
helped me with the
Queensland (le Soups)
Frogs, framed the

Dactylopsila trivirgata.

Made sketch of "Mag"
copying on to an envelope
ready for next letter
to Father. "Broke-up"
at the Museum until
Wed: morning. All the
telegram boys ride
ponies and gallop along
with their messages at
a fine rate.

23. Sat. Holiday. "Squared-up"
generally in morning.
Hedley came after dinner
& he & I had a walk
along the head of Rose
Bay through some Scrub
& then on to a large
stretch of sand hills -

which it is said
were caused by some
one cutting down the
timber & so letting the
sand in, through this
which is of enormous
depth the Sydney Main
Sewer has been cut
& we made for a stone
pedestal, over a mile
of dazzling sand, this
marks the spots where
the sewer joins the
sea - Along the sand
I noticed numbers of
beetles chiefly

These have
no doubt been blown
off of their course &

left their "bones" (sic)
to bleach in the
desert. Arrived at the
Coast I noticed that
the Sandstone had a
columnar appearance
& Hedley took me down
a precipitous way to
the sea where he
showed me a good fan-
like section he said
the lava melted the
Sandstone & after it
had cooled in basaltic
form, the Sandstone
cooled around it being
in fact moulded upon
it, the softer lava
had weathered away

leaving the Sandstone
of Columnar form -
Having ascended the
Cliff we walked along
the Bondi beach &
then through part of
Bondi whence we
returned to Fallowfield
having walked about
12 miles in a broiling
Sun in part over
immaculate sand wh:
cast up a glare very
trying to the eyes even
through dark goggles -

24. Sun. - Too hot to go
out during the day
& in the evening heavy
rain fell. Had a

long chat with Mr. Cohen
on Biblical Animals &c.
25-Xmas. Mr. Cohen in
all morning when he
enlightened me much
on Jewish history &
the Talmud. In the
afternoon I went to the
G.P.O. to post letters for
England but found the
box had been closed
at 10 am. The 'Ormuz'
is now in & sails on
the 30th. In evening
we went to the Town
Hall Sacred Concert &
heard Miss Lillian Tree.
& excellent music. Dr.
Vaure we saw in the

distance. Rose felt
ill when we left
amid vivid lightning
which had flashed in
during the concert.

26. Tues. Rose in bed
all day. Consequently
during the morning I
was occupied about the
house. In the afternoon
Hedley came and we
walked to Rose Bay
The strangest thing we
saw was evidently an
animal but no one
knew what it was—
There were very many
about & they occur all
round the coast. —

This creature appears to attain a length of 8 inches and is very decidedly curved. It is of transparent jelly of firm texture and apparently without structure. Its base is flat & the upper surface rounded with a faint ~~sub~~ line almost in the centre of the dorsal surface — The ends are slightly furrowed.

In the evening Paterson came, he told me pretty full particulars of his domestic affairs which it may at this stage be well to commit to paper so far as I am concerned (to be written up separately.)

27. Wed.: Took home a Cuscuta Phalauger maculata to draw from - Rose received a letter from Mrs Dorn asking us to dinner on Sunday she replied that we would go later.

28. Thur. Bought an Album for unmounted photos

for 6/6. Received letter
from Furnell and some
English papers.

29. Fri. Mounted Port Said
+ Gibraltar photos in the
new album. Took skins
of Wallaby's to Museum
for preservation.

30 Sat Spent afternoon in
making a Water motor
ferry Roebuck having
sent me a caterpillar
crushed in the post. I
wrote the following & sent
it to her along with
a letter by Rose. Telegram
from Mr. Down.

Discovered

Water motor

Ode on a Patricide.

otherwise Pater cillar

Copy

Please pronounce the (C. as K.)
Like the Greeks of older day.

My dear Gertie please attend,
And suggestions herein find
Hope the "my" will not offend.
Perhaps the "dear" has been assigned,
The "Gertie" faith I cannot mend
'Tis your name (so please be kind.)
If I thought I'd be contemned,
If I thought you hadn't dined,
Then the lines I'd not have penned
I don't want to be maligned.
Now your ears, or eyes may lend
For I'm sure you are not blind
When an insect next you send
Pack it please if you don't mind
In a box that will not bend
For to tell you I'm inclined
That of the creature there's an end
When the box's not wooden lined.
I found the insect in a jelly
and could not tell the back from belly.

To JGR. Jan 1. 1894. from ERW.

31. Sun. Took 12.0 boat
to Woolwich and spent
the day with the Dorons
Mr. Wallace also there -
he also being "Yorkshire"
they pointed out a
peculiarity of speech
they said all Yorkshire
^{people} use. e.g. "He's a nice
fellow is Jones". That
is placing the Nominative
last so that it occurs
after the Verb. "It is a
beautiful flower is that".

Illustrated envelopes to
Father, : —

		Kangaroos -
		Emus -
		"Ormuiz"
Oct	30.	Opossum
Nov	20	Xmas flowers.
Dec.	11.	Perovra drawings
Dec	25.	"Jakko?"
1894. Jan	8.	"Mag"
	22.	"Cereus glandiflorus"
Feb.	5.	Platypus.
	19.	Echidna -
Mar.	5.	Diamond Snake
	19.	Jackass.
Ap.	2.	Malurus cyaneus -
	16.	Chaetodon
	30.	Spur-winged Plover

