

Miss E. I. Demerall

American Museum of Natural History

New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Demerall:

Will you please ascertain for me the initials of Colonel Bomp^{yu}'s name? I am very desirous of knowing them.

Thanking you in anticipation of your answer to my inquiry, I am

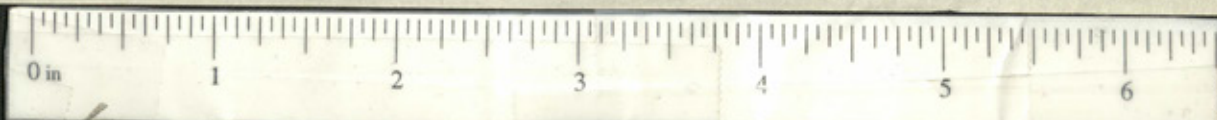
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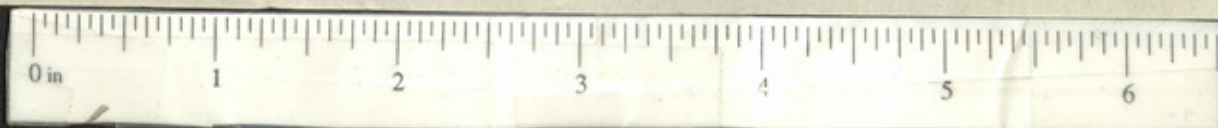
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should be addressed to
EDMUND OTIS HOVEY
77TH STREET AND CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK

New York, 13 January, 1913.

My dear Mr. Ekblaw:

Colonel Borup's initials are H. D.,
and his address is University Club, 54th Street &
Fifth Avenue.

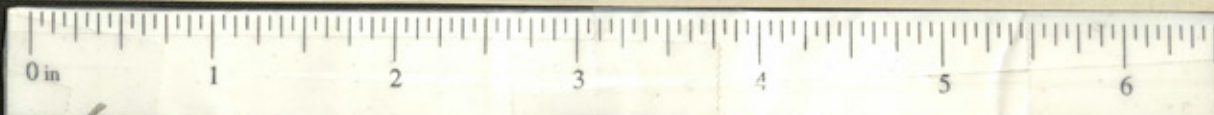
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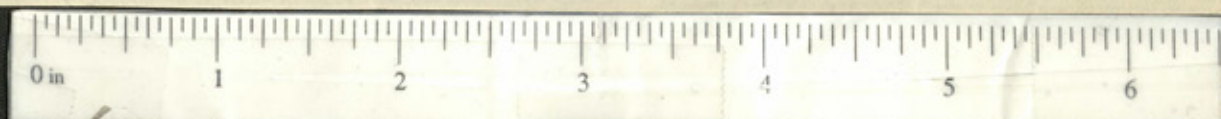
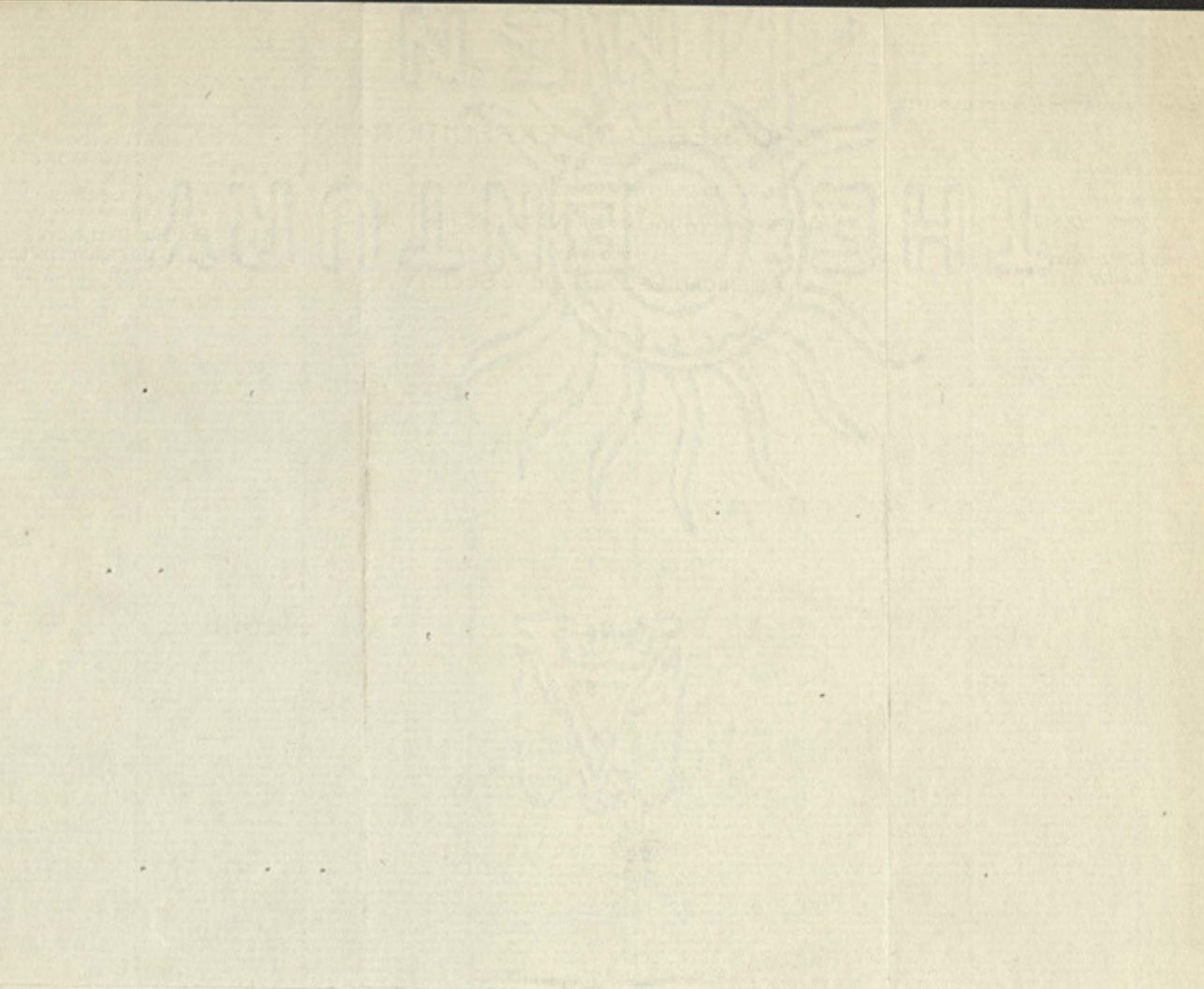
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NEW YORK

New York, 7 February, 1913.

Dear Mr. Ekblaw:

I have just wired you as follows:

"Meeting General Electric Company officials dinner
Wednesday evening 12 February wire reply letter fol-
lows"

(Signed) E. O. Hovey"

The dinner is to be held at the University Club
at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening next, when the
personnel will be the guests of Major Woodbury.
The dinner will be formal.

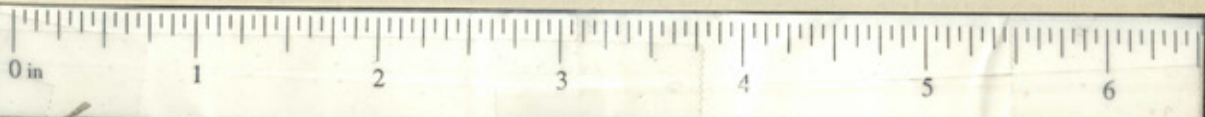
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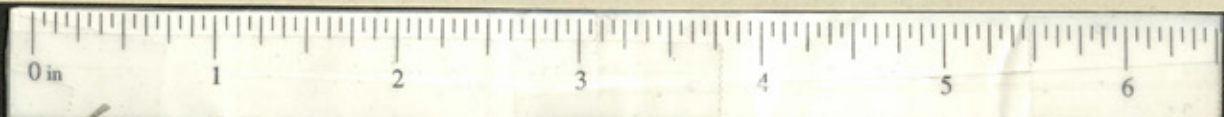
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Miss E. I. Demerell

American Museum of Natural History

77th St. & Central Park W.,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Demerell:

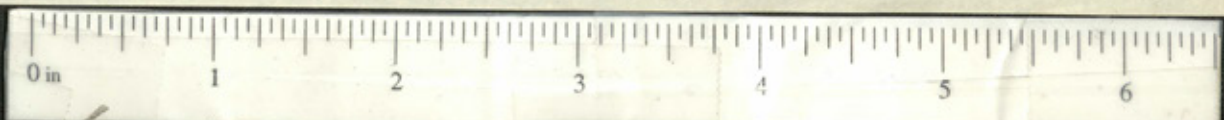
May I ask you to send me the name of the mapmaker to the Crocker Land Expedition, who is now at work on the base maps for our party, and to tell me when Dr. Hovey is expected to return? I shall appreciate your kindness in doing so.

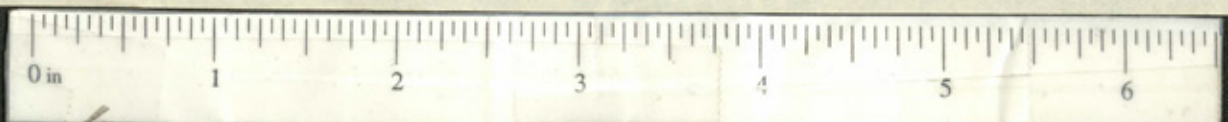
I thank you in anticipation of your attention to my request. I remain

Yours sincerely

1103 West Springfield Avenue

Urbana, Illinois





Urbana, Illinois

February 11, 1913

My dear Miss Demerell:

I wish to thank you for your kindness in telegraphing me the notice of the General Electric Company dinner. It is impracticable for me to leave here now, except upon imperative and urgent demand, for the second semester is just beginning. I regret that I can not come.

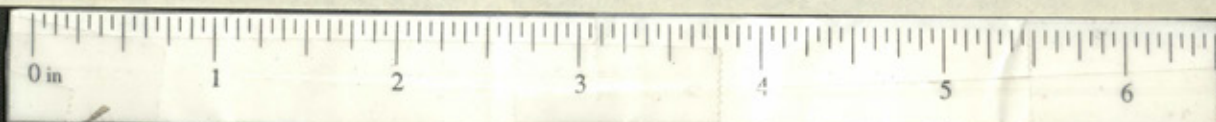
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Sincerely yours

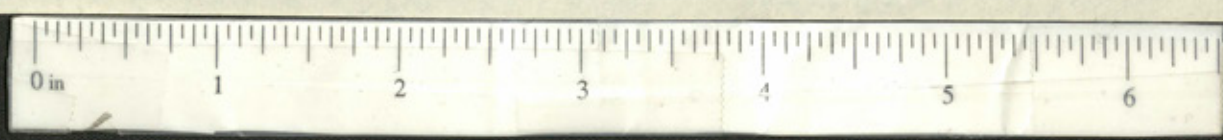
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New York, 11 February, 1913.

My dear Mr. Ekblaw:

Your letter of the 8th instant
is at hand. Mr. A. Briesemeister is the man who
is doing the Crocker Land map work. We are ex-
pecting Dr. Hovey to return on the 19th of this
month.

Very truly yours,

E. Demerell

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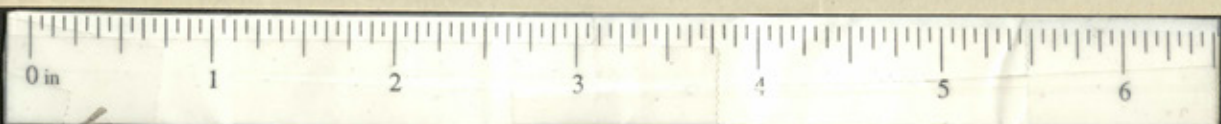
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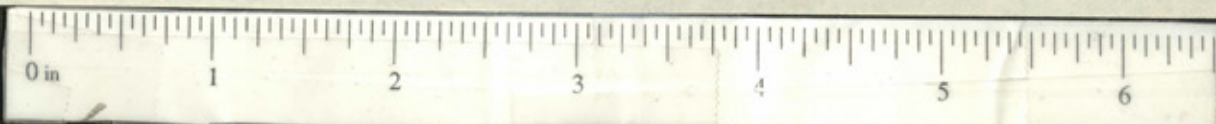
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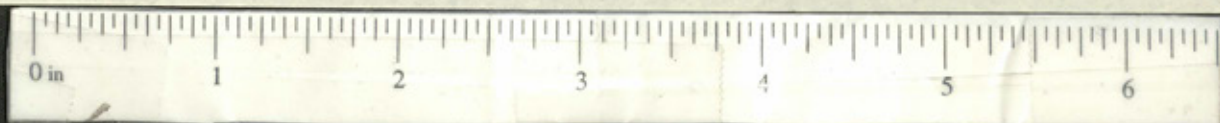
Will you please send me the data concerning
~~Konan~~^{Se} Land, and how it has been "misplaced" on the maps
heretofore, as you told me when I saw you on my visit to
New York in January?

Thanking you in anticipation of your early at-
tention to my request, I remain

Sincerely yours

1103 West Springfield Avenue
Urbana, Illinois





Urbana, Illinois

February 15, 1913

Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn
American Museum of Natural History
77th St. & Central Park W.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear sir:

In the event that the University of Illinois appropriates some considerable sum to the funds of the Cracker Land Expedition, and the suggestion be agreeable to the members of your board, I should be pleased to name Dr. William Shirley Bayley of our Department of Geology, a man deeply interested in the success of our expedition, as the third member of the committee in charge, and either President Edmund James James or Dean David Kinley as a member of your honorary committee.

I am well pleased to hear that "The Roosevelt" has been obtained for the use of our expedition.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly consideration of my suggestion, I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours

1103 West Springfield Avenue
Urbana, Illinois



AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
NEW YORK

February 18, 1913

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

In re Crocker Land Expedition

My dear Sir:

Acknowledging your valued letter of February 15, I am quite sure that the appointment of Dr. William Shirley Bayley of the Department of Geology would be entirely agreeable to the Members of the Board. It would seem to me advisable, however, to refer to the University the question of the appointment of a member of the Honorary Committee.

I trust that the University of Illinois will make the appropriation, because it will insure the national character of the undertaking.

You will be interested to hear that the electrical equipment is being cared for by the General Electric Company and the U. S. Government. The chronometers are to be donated by the Waltham Watch Company.

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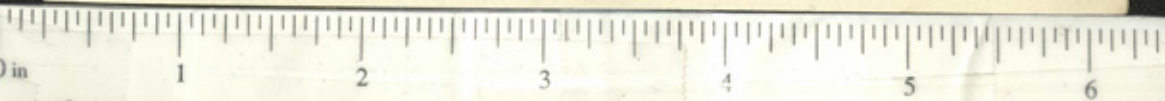
Believe me, always, with best
wishes,

Very truly yours,

Stan Fairfield Brown

President.

Mr. W. Elmer Ekblaw,
1103 West Springfield Avenue,
Urbana, Illinois.



Thule, North Star Bay,
North West Greenland.

October 2, 1916.

President Henry Fairfield Osborn,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York.

My dear President Osborn:

Because circumstances which I shall narrate in this letter make it seem necessary that word from the Crocker Land Expedition be left at North Star Bay for post south, and I consider it my duty to send this word, I am writing this letter from this place at this time.

The circumstances are as follows: - Dr. Hovey and Capt. Comer left the Cluett and came to North Star Bay on July 11-12th. This they did upon Mr. Rasmussen's advice, which led them to alter the decision to which Dr. Hovey had come previously upon Dr. Hunt's and my advice, that they had better risk going out with the Cluett than withdrawing here in case no ship should come through; Mr. Rasmussen was positive that a ship would get through to our relief early in the summer. With four of our party - Dr. Hovey, Capt. Comer, Dr. Hunt, and myself - and two Eskimo helpers, subsisting upon the little supply of food that the Cluett brought up to the Crocker Land Expedition last year, the provisions could not last long, especially since Capt. Comer, Dr. Hunt and I, had used them in part from January on, so that by late August when we began to feel convinced that we should not be relieved the supply was sufficient for but a few weeks longer. Some items were already exhausted.

The situation was serious. Dr. Hovey first made arrangements to go south in Mr. Rasmussen's motorboat, and went to Etah in it after Mr. McWilliam and Mr. Small. Mr. McWilliam however stayed at Etah to look after the expedition property there. When Dr. Hovey came back from Etah, ice-conditions were so bad that the trip south in the motor-boat had to be given up.

In conference then it was decided that Dr. Hovey and Capt. Comer would go to Etah, while Dr. Hunt and I stayed at Thule to await sledging south when we would go out. It appeared to us that since Dr. Hovey was unable to sledge out last year it was not likely that he could succeed this year. Facilities in this land are so limited, that it is impossible to provide adequate resources for travel for any one; the supplies were so very limited that all who could go out should do so; At Etah, Dr. Hovey could have fair comfort and food, fuel and



light, and be reasonably certain of health and safety; if he attempted to go by Sledge to South Greenland, and failed again, his going might prevent any one else's getting through successfully; for these reasons Dr. Hunt and I argued that we, who because of our physical condition and experience in the North were likely to succeed in an attempt to reach South Greenland by sledge, were justified in asking that we make the trip. The conditions in the part of the North justified any one's going. To these arguments Dr. Hovey acceded, and authorized Dr. Hunt and me to go South under certain conditions. Capt. Comer felt it his duty to stay with Dr. Hovey, while Mr. Small elected to remain at Etah upon Dr. Hovey's request.

On September sixth Rasmussen's motorboat again went to Etah taking Dr. Hovey, Capt. Comer, and Mr. Small. I accompanied them in order to get at Etah certain supplies and equipment that Dr. Hunt and I should need for the journey to South Greenland, and to obtain from Mr. McMillan the necessary orders. I got back to North Star Bay on September sixteenth. Dr. Hunt stayed with Peter Freuchen while I went into an Eskimo igloo to stay until winter sledging began.

On September twenty-third the "Danmark" came in, having been over seven weeks on the way across Melville Bay. The ice is unusually heavy and impenetrable above Upernivik this year, as the Captain of the "Danmark" reports. After her arrival here she was engaged in discharging the goods for the people of the station here for several days and taking on some goods. During the first two days the weather was good and the way to Etah open, so that had the "Danmark" had for its sole object the going on to Etah she could have done so. This, however, the South wind began blowing, and part of the pack so obstructed the sound that when we were ready to go to Etah we were unable to get out. Continued south wind has kept the ice jammed in the mouth of the bay, so that the ship can not get out. ^{though Eskimo coming} from Cape Thomsen hunting on the coast of Uluk's bay report open water north of Cape Parry.

It has I write this letter it is not at all certain that the "Danmark" will get to Etah this fall, but she will attempt to do so until frozen in here. Mr. Rasmussen intends starting over the ice-cap for South Greenland in a few days, and he will take this letter with him. In case the "Danmark" leaves here, none of the expedition

members will be able to send any message after she leaves, by Mr. Rasmussen if he carries out his present plans.

The Danmark is amply provisioned, but her supply of coal is too small to warrant her entering the pack off the mouth of the Sound and burning much coal to force her way through to open water. Besides her engine is not very powerful; I understand that she can steam but a little over four knots an hour. The season is late; darkness is fast coming on, ice conditions seem most difficult, though the Captain does not commit himself and is disposed to say little; I am inclined to think that even though we do get to Etah, it is not at all certain that he will start out upon the return voyage this season.

The only authoritative papers that I have seen that bear upon the status of our party in its relation to the Danmark, are the orders that the Captain received from his owners. These orders in no way define our position, and leave as source open to us but to accept what the Captain submits, a rather difficult and unsatisfactory state of affairs, under the circumstances, but I feel sure that the agreement between Mr. Nyelov and the Museum, the charter party, ensures our proper treatment should any question arise. I anticipate no trouble, but so many interests are involved that complications may arise.

You are probably aware that Dr. Thorild Nulff, botanist and ethnologist from Stockholm is aboard the Danmark as guest of Mr. Nyelov and Mr. Rasmussen. He will be a member of Mr. Rasmussen's party to Peary Land in next spring's expedition. He has announced that he will make the Danmark his headquarters, retaining the salon cabin.

Should the Danmark fail to get to Etah and go into winter quarters here, it is quite likely that Dr. Hunt and I will sledge out this winter. We assume that the Museum has done its utmost to get the Crocker Land Expedition home ^{this year}, and has used all the means at its disposal within reason. These means have failed through no fault of the Museum, and it is unlikely that better means will be available next year, and there is always ~~there~~ ^{the} a possibility that the Danmark can not get out safely, so we feel justified in attempting the journey to South Greenland where it can be reasonably sure of getting a ship



to Denmark, and thence home.

I can not say what Dr. Horrip's course will be. If the ship remains here at North Star Bay, the journey down from Etah this winter may be too arduous for him, and he may remain at Etah. I think he will be more comfortable, contented, and happy under the conditions there than he would be aboard ship here. If the ship gets to Etah and remains there the matter will not be so difficult. If the ship gets to Etah and starts home, we will, of course, all start with her.

The summer at Etah was marked by unusual success for the hunters. Sixty walrus and seals, narwhal, and caribou were obtained and cached by the Eskimos; four thousand eider duck eggs are in cache; thousands of little auks were netted by the Eskimo women on the bird cliffs; some of supplies, enough for all, will be available for the Expedition. The greatest need is sugar and flour, I think, but there is no danger of starvation, I feel sure, even should the Danmark fail to get to Etah. Dr. Horrip's health is better, or was when I last saw him, though, of course, his physical condition is not that of a hardy man.

We received almost no mail by the Danmark, but we received considerable by Mr. Rasmussen last June. The Claret got out some time in the last of July or first of August. We wonder if she got through safely.

If the Danmark stays here longer and there is anything further to report, I shall add to this letter later. If this be the close, please excuse me for not writing more fully. Will you please greet for us those who are interested in our welfare and advise us all that we are now in no precarious situation, even though we are ready, and more than ready, to get home. Sincerest and kindest regards. I remain

Loyally,

W. Edwin Ekblaw,

