

January 24, 1913.

Maurice Cole Tanquary, Ph. D.
Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Tanquary:

The University will probably appropriate \$10,000 for the use of the Crocker Land Expedition provided that "W. Elmer Ekblaw be permitted to choose an assistant to his department of the expedition who shall be satisfactory to the other members." Since I am quite sure that the committee in charge of the expedition will fall all over itself to accept this appropriation under such condition, I expect to be called upon in a few days to name my choice of assistant and I shall most certainly select Maurice C. Tanquary.

Tank, it's a great opportunity, the great adventure, and you can't refuse it. Besides, I know that the University is about to inaugurate an active museum policy, and if you join this expedition I see where you will be first choice for curator. Get it, Tank? It's a great big chance that you can't afford to lose. Prof. Smith tells me that the Board of Trustees have practically agreed to devote \$5000 a year to the museum, as it is now organized, and the President and Trustees are agreed that Illinois must soon extend its activity in this direction to conform with its development in others.

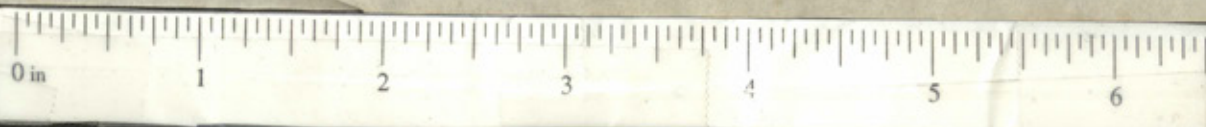
Let me hear from you at once, Tank. You can't afford to turn this chance down if it comes, even if your ears do sometimes get cold. It will be the making of you, you luxury-loving old Ph. D. Also you will be tying up with a superb bunch of young fellows.

You may expect an official letter within a few days.

With kindest regards, I remain

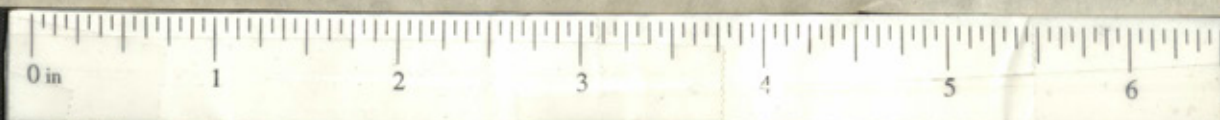
Yours loyally and fraternally,

1103 E. Springfield Ave.
URBANA ILLINOIS



NATIONAL BANK

BOND



Feb. 5, 1913.

My dear Tanq:

The sky is clearing better all the time. The expedition, or the committee in charge has tentatively accepted the University's conditions, which practically assures your going so far as the Museum is concerned. Letters from McMillan urge me to select a zoologist as quickly as possible and already I have written him to tell him of you as my choice. As the matter progresses, I shall keep you informed.

I forgot to ask you whether or not you feel physically fit for the position, but I am sure you do, both because of what I've seen of you and because I know you are too discreet to venture on such a trip unless you were sure of yourself. If I were you I'd cut out smoking and carousing around at once, and as soon as you know for sure that your're going begin systematic physical training-running, wrestling and swimming.

Also one of the most important of your duties will be to supervise the skinning and preparing of specimens for preserving and mounting so you ought to begin reading up on taxidermy at once, I'll help you on that.

I got back from Kansas all tired out but well pleased and happy. Kansas University is certainly a fine place and the chapter there a good live one. They treated me splendidly at the house. I like K. U. even better than K.S.A.C., and that's saying a great deal.

A Phi Beta, Dorothy Canfield, was in the same sleeper with me all the way from Kansas City on my return journey. It made the return very pleasant to have her along.

Tell the bunch that I'm at work now on my report, and that I'll set the wheels going in a day or two. Tell them too that they must keep on making things go, and that Frazer and I are back of them strong. I am going up to see Shepardson particularly in their behalf before very long.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Tank, for all you did to make my stay so pleasant.

With sincerest regards, I remain

Fraternaly yours,

TANK 2

P.S.

Kilmer wants to know the average time that each student
in K.S.A.C. stays in school. Can you let me know at once?
Kon't count in the short course on this, of course.



Alison wants to know the exact time that she returned

from the school. She says that she did not

know the exact time of course.



Urbana, Illinois,
February 15, 1913.

Dr. Maurice Cole Tanquary,
Kansas State Agricultural College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Tanquary:

Having been requested by
Mr. Donald B. MacMillan, leader of the Crocker Land
Polar Expedition, to look into the matter of a zoologist
who shall assist me in my scientific work, I am sending
today to Dr. Edmund Otis Hovey, American Museum of Natural
History, 77th St. and Central Park, W., New York, who
is in charge of the expedition, my recommendation that
you be considered for the position.

Will you please write to him at
once, if you are interested, a statement of your interest
in the expedition, your qualifications as zoologist, ent-
omologist and botanist, and any information concerning
your scientific training that may be of value? State
fully your physical and temperamental qualifications.
Send this application to me so that I may affix my approv-
al. I shall forward it to him.

Trusting that you will give this
letter your early attention, I remain

Sincerely yours,

1103 W. Springfield Ave.,
Urbana, Illinois.



Dear Tank:

I enclose a letter from MacMillan which may interest you. When you have your application written (send a typewritten application) have a copy made for me so I may place it in my files, will you?

Thank you for your letter and the information it contained. Let me hear from you very soon. I have suggested to MacMillan that we hold a meeting here at the University of Illinois in March to which he and you might come.

I remain,

Loyally and fraternally yours,

February 15, 1913.





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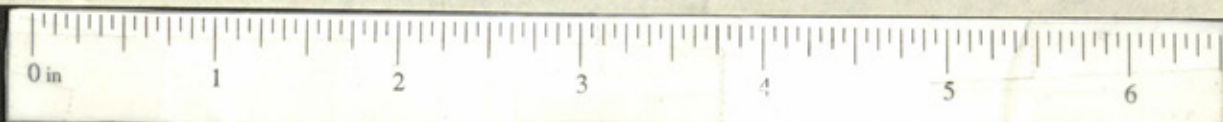
Mr. Walter Elmer Ekblaw,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois:

My dear Ekbalw:

In answer to your request I am enclosing a statement of my qualifications for Dr. Hovey of the American Museum.

You remember I said that, provided the details were satisfactory, I would be only too glad to have the privilege of going on the Crocker Land Polar Expedition. What I had reference to especially in that statement was the question of the rank I would have in the work. In your first letter you wrote, "In fact, you will have an equal ranking with me." In your more recent letters you have referred to the person who is to have the proposed position as your assistant. There is a great deal of difference there. If the position were that of Zoologist in Charge and Assistant Botanist, or Zoologist in Charge and Scientific Assistant, it would be satisfactory; or if I were to be equal collaborator with you in all the scientific work, it would be satisfactory. The latter, while preferable, would, I admit, be asking a great deal of you, because of my limited training in Geology.

I am anxious to have the question of my rank settled before my formal application goes to Dr. Hovey. If any of the categories I have suggested will be satisfactory to you, you may send my application on to New York. Otherwise, I should like to hear from you first in regard to the matter. It is not that I want to take away from you anything that rightfully belongs to you, "Ek," but you realize that I have a good thing here in Kansas and I do not feel that I could afford to give up what I have here with the excellent prospects ahead for anything less than what



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I have suggested.

Also it will be necessary for me to know very soon whether I am going to go or not. The season is opening up very early out here, and the field work must be planned and started in a short time. I feel that in justice to the department here I must come to a definite decision very soon.

All this does not mean, 'Ek', that I am less enthusiastic about the expedition. I am getting more enthusiastic all the time, and I certainly hope that everything will be arranged so I will feel that I can go with you. It only means that I must look out for my own welfare and that in justice to the people here, I must consider their rights also.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

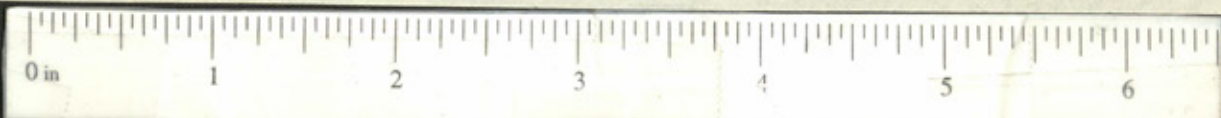
Fraternally yours,

Maurice C. Tanquary.

MCT/LAE

P.S. I note that MacMillan asks if I could come to see him some time after March 1st. Does he mean simply for a conference, or to leave here for good and put in time in the East for preparation? Your proposition that both of us meet with you at Illinois is a good one, I think. I could get away from here for a short time almost anytime, but it would be just a little more convenient sometimes than others.

Tanq.



February 23, 1913.

My dear Tanq:

You needn't worry for one minute about your rank-- you will be zoologist, Tanq, and rank with me as Geologist. In that division of the science I shall be your Assistant, except in ornithology, for which I shall be held directly responsible. You will go as zoologist and scientific assistant. I think however that the sciences, all of them, are entrusted to my care in a general way, but that won't affect your ranking with me.

It is my desire that we work conjointly, Tanq, and whatever credit for satisfactory scientific work comes to our expedition, I want you to share it equally with me. You are my friend, Tanq, as well as a member of this expedition, and I have never considered that I should take from you a single matter, a single bit of credit that rightfully belongs to you.

My idea is that in the work we shall have to do, we shall lay such a broad basis, such a definite statement of the problems to be solved, and how best to solve them, that all future workers in the field must refer back to our work as the foundation for theirs. And so, in ecology for instance, we should work up the botanical and zoological sides together, and use the geological and meteorological data as well.

So I am sending your application on to Hovey, and in doing so, old man, I assure you that I shall not merely hope that you are definitely chosen, but that we shall be able to bring back with us from the North associations that will make us both always glad that we went together and that we shall secure so much valuable data that neither of us shall fail of obtaining a secure position among our scientific co-workers.

With this assurance, Tank, I remain

Loyally yours

P.S. I don't think, infact I am quite sure, that Mac Millan did not intend that you should go on to New York to stay, but for a conference. I have wor~~d~~ from him that he thinks it would be a good plan for the meeting to be here.



Urbana, Illinois

March 25, 1913

Mr. Maurice C. Tanquary

Manhattan, Kansas

My dear Tanquary:

Now that you have received official notice of your appointment, you can make your plans rather definite, and as soon as you determine upon them let me know what you decide. I expect to see you here the latter part of next week, and I'm glad you are coming, for we unquestionably have as much work to do before we leave for New York as we possibly can get done.

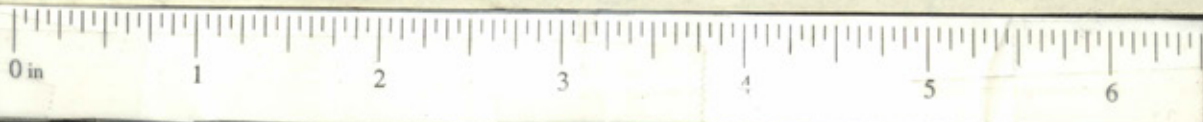
I am leaving the public announcement of your selection to the party, until you get here and can receive the congratulations of your friends at first hand. I do not know whether or not you approve of that plan, but Dr. Bayley thinks it best. You can announce it at K.S.A.C. at the time you give your lecture there.

I hope to hear from you, soon, Tank. With best regards, I remain

Loyally

1103 West Springfield Avenue

Urbana, Illinois





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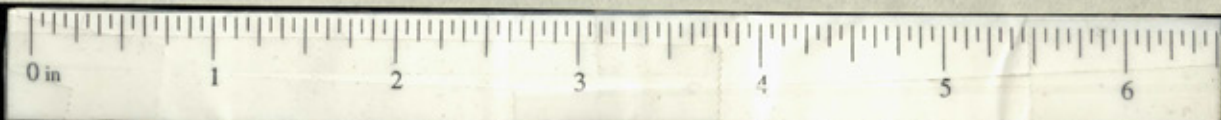
My dear Peter.

Mac has given me orders to take charge of the party, supplies, and equipment at North Star Bay - Capt. Comer, Dr. Hunt, and myself and our impedimenta - and Dr. Hovey as the representative of the American Museum has endorsed my plans and authorized the use of expedition funds up to a certain amount.

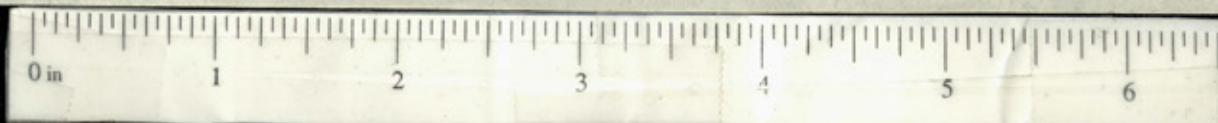
I have written Capt. Comer to ask him to buy from you any flour, sugar, biscuit, or other food from your stores, that you can spare. With what Mac has taken and asked for from our supply and with what Dr. Hovey's party will need on the southern trip, our supplies will certainly not be nearly enough, and we shall appreciate any that you can sell us. If you wish to talk to me about it when you come down in case you can sell us some, you can write to Henrik from the ship.

If you come down we can talk over any suggestions or requests you have to make. I suppose you will be down in a few days. We will start back tomorrow.

Sincerely,
H. Elmer Ekblaw



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W.S. & B. PARAGON LINE



Etah, North Greenland.

April 1, 1916.

M.C. Tanquary, Ph.D.,

My dear Tanq:

In compliance with your request I have packed up your books, specimens, and belongings, as far as I have been able to find them and gather them together.

Your books are packed in two boxes marked "M.C.T., Books"; the larger, a large dog biscuit box, contains your personal books as you listed them to me before your leaving and a number that you forgot. The personal books you listed and which I packed, is as follows:

Isopods of North America	Gray's Botany
Ecology of Isle Royal-Adams	Eubaiyat of Omar Khayam
Insects of New Jersey	Tennyson's Poems
French Dictionary	The Animal Mind
Heroine in Bronze	Titchener's Psychology
Origin of Species	Parker and Haswell's Zoology (2 vols.)
Strasburger's Botany	Hertwig's Zoology
Biology and its Makers	Zoology, (Univ. of Mich.)
Carpenter's Insects	Animal Life (Jordan and Kellogg)
Comstock's Insect Life	Bull. Univ. of Ills. (S.A. Forbes)
Adventures in Friendship	Fishes of Illinois (S.A. Forbes)
Descent of Man	Life's Handicap
Remsen's Chemistry	Cape Cod
Court of Boyville	Comstock's Manual for the Study of
Reveries of a Bachelor	Insects.
The Silent Places	Animal Studies (Jordan, Kellogg, Heath)

The books you did not list but which I found and packed are as follows:

Folsom's Entomology	Little Rivers
Practical Parasitology	Yearbook of Famous Lyrics
Vertebrate Zoology	The Dawn of Tomorrow
Elements of Insect Anatomy	Revival of Gifts of Healing
Animal Parasites of Man	Holy Bible
Checklist of N.A. mammals	Protozoa of Connecticut

The smaller box, a pemmican box, contains the expedition books you listed, which are as follows:

Fishes of North America (4 vols.)

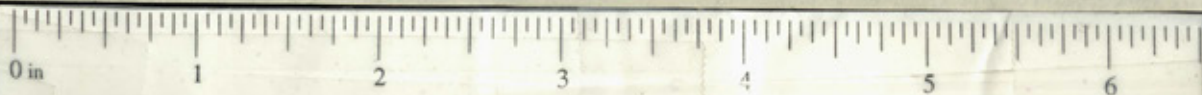
I Challenger Expedition (2 vols.)

In addition this box contains 3 tin boxes of Lepidoptera which you collected at Umenak and Etah.

I left with MacMillan Jordan's Guide to the Study of Fishes, and took with me to Umenak Reed's Taxidermy and Guyer's Animal Microscopy. The Harriman Expedition Reports I packed last summer. The History of N.A. Pinnipeds which was ordered for the expedition but which you never found is still missing.

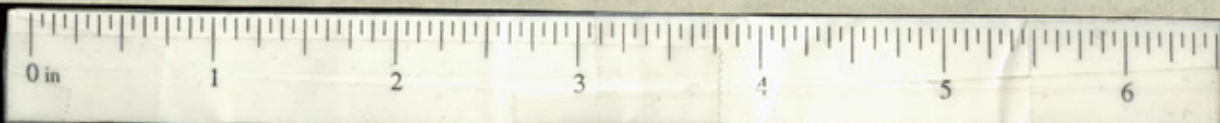
Of your other materials, I nailed up, and marked with your initials, boxes #1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, just as you had them packed and listed. I left the glassware in box #3 behind, and packed the box with the Schmidt boxes containing shells, lemming skins, etc. Everything in box #6 I left, and the box now marked #6, contains the little model of the kayak that Nukapingwa made you and which I packed in the thought that you would wish it.

I put into large dog biscuit boxes and marked with your initials and the words "Lepus" and "Vulpus" respectively, the tins of rabbit skins and fox skins which you have collected. I collected and packed in a box with my bottled specimens the various vials and bottles of specimens you left. The skulls and leg bones of muskox and bear that you left hanging out side are all in the attic, I think.



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M.C.T.2. Apr.1,1916.

Because of unusually heavy snowfall,I was unable to get at the skins in the igloo at Provision Point;the large milk tins of alcoholic specimens left outside;and the boxes of walrus heads and wolf skins and bones left near Sipsoe's old igloo.The skins in the attic are in good condition, but quite a number are missing.I had considerable difficulty finding the skin of the yearling muskox that I sent back from Bay Fjord last year,but I finally learned that one of the Eskimo women had appropriated it,and got it back intact.

Jot says that he will pack up the skulls and bones of the various specimens not already cared for,during stormy days this spring.Accession number 272 and 272AI shall pack up myself.

I have not been able to find the plankton net you wished me to look up for Peter Freuchen,but I have found the paper on The Selachians of Greenland,and will take it to him when I go to Umenak.

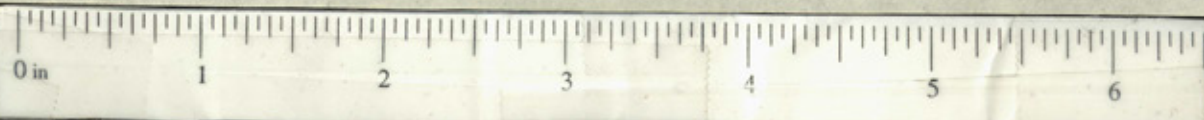
Such of your personal belongings as had not been taken and for which you would obviously not care to have brought back, I have given to the Eskimo,excepting some Sheepskin and other clothing that I could make use of at Umenak this summer.

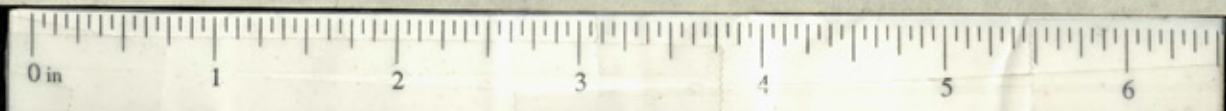
I am not sure yet whether I shall leave "The Sea-Beach at Ebb-tide" at Etah or take it with me to Umenak;Mac would like to have it here,but I expect to have considerable use for it,and since it is your personal property I feel more free to take it than I otherwise should.

Some of the bottles on the shelves in our room had been broken,and several staining solutions had escaped onto our books.The shelves were a "mess "

I guess that's all for this time.I just adore this country-----APRIL FOOL;

Loyally yours,
EK.





Dear Ek,

Dr. Hovey's letter and Fitz will explain what has happened. Dr. Hovey made a brave attempt to get back with the mail but his condition as shown by his tendency to faint this morning alarmed us all so that we insisted on his not attempting the trip farther and he admitted himself that it was dangerous. He has shown the best of pluck, but his condition is against him.

You forgot to give me a list of things I could get or do for you in N.Y. If there is anything I can do for you there, or anywhere else, please let me know.

I don't think Dr. Hovey is in any danger now, but we don't want to leave him until Hal or you come down. If you could send a small bag of figs or prunes without going over to the cache to dig it out I should like it. I join Fitz & Jerome's request for the chocolates.

Tamg

