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Mr Robert R. Corbould
— Sturt Street —
BALLARAT.

Australia.

Edward Henry Corbould.



October 2nd 1889
R.I.

P.S. I have risked the sending a line to your brother William at the Florn Bell Mines?



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why shouldn't eye?

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He may have left the locality before any letter could reach. I hate nobody - but of things that exist in this world of ours there are 3 things which I do hate. X These are the three.

Ingratitude - Meanness, and Selfishness.

And if any man possesses these properties, he is placed outside all that constitutes "a gentleman". Some people feel a difficulty in defining what it is that makes the "Gentleman". There is no difficulty whatever in the matter. Some think it consists in the cloth he wears. No such thing! The scoundrel who has murdered a man, & rifled his pockets, & spray with the coin - purchase a suit of the finest cloth ever made - but that garment does not alter the wearer - except so far as to deceive the public eye.

A man may be born a Prince, or a Duke - but if Selfish or Mean - he is not a Gentleman - but a Snob. & more

may be a Gentleman at heart - though his hands be soiled with labour! There have been, what the world has called "Great-men" - but whose lives have been devoted to the ruin of the less wealthy. They are truly speaking Gilted Villains, whose rank has shielded all their Devilish acts, which had they been done by a poor man, would have been devoted & the man severely punished. Now nothing would give me more than - that the only reward you brother should receive - should appear to be Ingratitude, Fellow, feel it a very Great kindness - that you brother should have responded to his wishes - as he has most substantially done.

We all know - that however Grateful a boy may feel, he finds it a Great nuisance to have to express in writing. W.H.C says he may shortly address me from some other quarter of the globe. Should you chance to know where, please say so in plain words. With the best of wishes to every Colonist you know. Believe me truly yours
Mrs. Robert R. Corbould, Ballarat. [Edward Henry Corbould.]

7. Trevor Road, Earl's Court, South Kensington.
Dear Mr. Corbould, 2nd October 1889 LONDON.

Your brother William Henry writing on 6th August (and which letter received on Friday last 27th September) tells me - that notwithstanding the climate agrees with you that he is confident that in the near future it will be a good Mining district - he regrets that he must leave the place - owing to the overbearing character and manner of the Mine Managers of the Company. And he is driven to his determination because there is no other means of getting far from the coast. That it is not as though the place was a City upon a hill - he could get away from the fellow - so that he had either to put up with things as they are, or else leave - X that of the two - he prefers the latter. He says he has been offered two other places, but that the Directors of the Company he is in, have been most kind to him - X he considers it would be mean on his part to take another place in the Territory. A friend of his - D^r Mackenzie in Sydney wants him to join him - but he thinks he would like to remain about for a few more years, X after that, settle down in the Colony - and try to bring the old name to the front. I am glad he thinks the name of Corbould worth treating most brilliantly! It speaks well for a young man bearing that name, X anxious to carry it forward with honour!

The young Corboulds of the day - seem as though there was some good impressing forward. My youngest boy wrote to your brother some mon Mo ago (& he, like most boys, is not given much to writing letters) for your brother had hinted - that there was a possibility that within a couple of years time - he might pay England a visit - so Master Pelham Stewart Corbould thought he would like to have some weapons such as the Niggers use - & that was the object of his writing to your brother to bring him some. Now your brother writes - that the Niggers did not turn up so soon as he expected - but at last it seems that they did - & brought with them certain weapons - & that he procured a dozen & has packed them in a box. & forwarded the same to the Agent at Port Darwin to send on to England. I am sure it was most kind and Corbould like on his part to think of the boy's request. & still more so to purchase the weapons - for nobody else knows what sum - pack them in a box and pay the Carriage of the same to London. The Agent had written to say by what vessel, & that he had done as Mr W. H. Corbould told him, namely, free the box - so that any further demand on delivery would amount to an attempt to swindle.

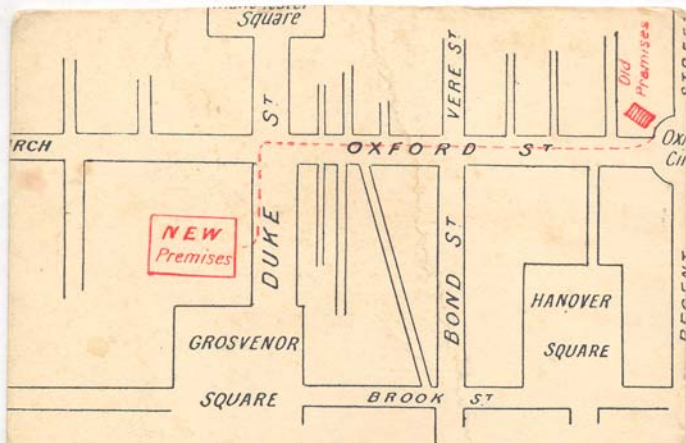
He sends a formal paper to Pelham, in which the sum of one guinea has been paid for Carriage. Your brother states that it will be a few weeks before "he can leave". Now this places me in a fix, for it would take about seven weeks for a letter to get to the Flora Bell Mines - if written at once, & he might then have left - & he might not get it, or if he did - have (after considerable loss of time) to pay a heap of extra money for postage, so I don't know what to do. This however I do know - and that is - that there is a very common saying - to the effect of "Talk of the Devil - and he's sure to appear!" & Master Pelham at Breakfast time on Wednesday 2^d October - was asking me whether I thought the box would arrive on Friday 4th? because Peters started off on Friday - or at least letters had to be posted on Friday, or they would be too late. Well! whilst speaking - a Carrier ran pulled up at the door & the box was delivered - no demand made beyond the box being signed - proving safe Delivery. Pelham's 9th Birthday was on Saturday last 25th Sept. Your brother's letter came the day before - so Pelham said "I shall consider that Mr William Henry Corbould has sent a Birthday present" - never mind when it comes, it can't be very far off! because most likely it came to England by the same ship as brought the letter from Australia? He certainly (I mean your brother William) ought to hear that the box had arrived - & that Pelham is overjoyed. Just by what means I am to let him know, beats me!

INFORMATION: ya
R.R-CORBOULD.

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purpose of making certain things
publicly known at Millers C.



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