

Lincoln, Nebr., June 29th, 1917.

Mr. Harry L. George,  
St. Joseph, Mo.,  
Dear sir:-

Replying to your two recent letters. Will say that I received the two packages containing the articles you sent.

In regard to our proposition of exchange, it was my intention to stick to any proposition that I made you, in fact thought that I was doing so. Your letter to me was some what misleading, from the fact that you said you were sending an Otter bag for my consideration and then listed the other articles that you would add in the exchange, and after inspecting the bag and deciding I did not want it I wrote you what I recalled as being my former proposition, as I did not retain a copy of the letter I wrote you as I should have done, and from the fact that you mentioned including a "Winnebago club" I was left under the impression that one was to be included. Upon second thought and after receiving your letter, I remembered that I stated, provided I paid you in cash for the horse ornament, then a "Winnebago club" was to be included, otherwise the horse ornament was to go as part payment. There was no intention on my part to hedge on any proposition that I made you.

As to the Comanche shield, you have a mighty fine specimen I consider and one that will not be able to duplicate very soon. I would have kept it myself if it was not for the fact that I was endeavoring to satisfy you with some thing for the Crow spear. I can give you no data as to its history, except that the party from whom I got it, got it from a Comanche Indian and the Indian said it was a very old shield, and that is all I can tell you.

What I am going to say now is not meant as a criticism in any sense, but just as a suggestion, and that is, I think you should have your Indian curios fumigated in some way. I say this for the reason, that on two pieces I have secured from you recently, which I formerly owned, the moths are or were at work on them, until I got them. These two pieces were the three knife club hand hold and the feathers on the Crow spear. It is very evident that the moths have been at work on them, whereas they were none when I had them formerly. I think your pieces should be put in an air tight place of some kind and sulphur burned and any bugs killed that may be in them, otherwise you are going to have some trouble one of these days and be disappointed to find some of your pieces damaged beyond repair. I expect to fumigate the Crow spear immediately, as I did the Three knife club. I took the handle off of it and soaked it in gasoline for three days and now there is not a sign of a moth. I hope you take this suggestion in the spirit it is given.

I hope you enjoy your trip to the west and that I may hear from you on your return. Will be glad to keep in touch with you from time to time and possibly we can make some more trades.

I would like one of the two Winnebago club that I sold you, either the one with the bone point or the one with a head carved on one end, would you want to consider trading me one of these for some thing you might want?

Yours truly,

Wm. Thompson