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Dear Jan:

At long last I get around to several October letters from you and my memos attached to them.

First: enclosed on a separate slip are the addresses of the two Bobels, Louis W. Bobel the father and Norman Bobel the son, who are both interested in matchbox covers -- though I suspect Norm is more on cigar bands and I know Lou also goes in heavily for book match jackets. In fact, some years ago he bought the match jacket collection that had been my father's.

Thank you

The enclosed Australian cover came to me in a bunch, and shows the Australian international due marking in gold centimes, the U.S. due marking, and the U.S. due stamp on the back. Take it with my compliments.

id.

I am not sure if I every completed the trade for that France 5f Empire. ~~Yes~~ You wanted fantasie of various sorts for it-- and I know I found some for you-- the Franz Joseph Land and North Pole items at least. But I have no recollection whether we called it a completed trade or not. It seems that "Prince Imperial Essays" of France were among the items you mentioned wanting--- but my memo has the notation that I had none of those.

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Yes-- the African Bushmen have 16 clicks in their language. The Hottentots have 12. The Xosa and Zulu languages got clicks from these Bushmen and Hottentots, but have only 7 of them--- c, q, x, gc, gq, hx and r as they are written. So you get words looking like

Isigqoko Isiquququna Mcebe
Nqutu Xalanga umquqala

etc etc ad nauseam. Of course it was missionaries who reduced these languages to writing-- some of them trained in philology hit on the idea of using the suplicating letters for the purpose.

As ever

My regards to Mrs. Kindler.