

Camp Allen Samsony
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My dear H. I came down here
yesterday, there being nothing
to be done up above, on account
of the impracticable nature of
the valley at this season. I
succeeded in crossing for a descent however
in two or three places, that remained
on the 1st July, when I ascended
to 14,500 ft., & had a very good
view of the Tibetan boundary
rivers, with the valley I was
in turning to the N.W. & the
route to the Pop. indicated (I
presume) by a lot of sheds, some
2,000 ft. up on the opposite side
of the valley. The river I had
most carefully explored, ¹⁵ about
that place, & found it
wholly impracticable, except
at the snow bridge, now swept
away. & the valley above is

so shocked with Shudodendron
that I have no notion of
trying that any further, & at
any rate coolies could not go up.

The said hills appeared low
granulating, averaging 13000
ft. elevation, grassy & with-
sloping, not rocky sides, varied
with broad flats - I saw
little snow, & at ~~top~~ ^{appeared} of the
2 nights' previous fall. The
map was so confused & unmeaning
that we could not guess where
the Pass or route beyond the
huts lay. The range is of a
totally different character from
any I have elsewhere seen in
the Himal. Was they sure seen
from 14500 ft, against a blue
sky, it is clear that there
is no elevation beyond Kaul
& that. Still there may be
great gulfs of snow & a broad

mountain belt. yet before
reaching the table-land:
which cannot be under two
days journey from my position.
We have been very badly
off for food & I dare say you
heard, long before I did (yesterday
evening) that the bridges are
smelt away & my communi-
-cation with Chonyang ^{reduced} left
long & very arduous for coolies
My men have been terribly
frightened by the Bhottas,
all except Nimbo, the Bhottas
coolie leader, who is really
quite invaluable
I am now very glad for my
own sake I gave up all thoughts
of Tibet. I assure you I have
no more idea of finding my
way without a guide, than
you could have of sailing a ship

the lower
and snow
is clay from 12 to 14000.
13000 ft.

of course I could do it with
unlimited time & food, but not
with what I could command
under any circumstances; and
the organized opposition of the
Rajah & a whole village, close
to the frontier, was what we
never calculated upon. I have
now kept the Phothens a
month up at Latong, whither
they have taken all their houses
& chattels & got the transvians
there too.

I cannot describe to you the
richness & beauty of the Flora
here, & had one only tolerable
weather & food, this would be
charming, but with the mind
always anxious it takes all one's
time of nature to keep the Devil
aloof; still I am very happy
& happy, & very for the day when
I am to show my thanks to you.

For I have heaps to say, &
cannot write distinctly &
orderly, my tales & reasons for
retires. My men behave most
extremely well. They have been
for 12 days very hard up, besides
wet cold & starved out of their
senses. Poor souls they are quite
thin & haggard. They are below
I was 20 days in Chin. & liable
to have my throat cut any of the
19 nights. I never could have got
on with the Meepe except by establishing
confidence, & firmly believe in
ignorance of the Rajah's being at
the bottom of all this.

I have no news to communicate,
my last dates from Dorjiding being
14th June. The things you kindly
sent had not arrived at Chooytan
on the 30th of June. which I did
not expect as the weather has
been atrocious. My Father
is very anxious about my going to
Pomeo, as no doubt is my mother,

Don't be assured me that
neither she nor my sister ever
allude to the subject & he writes
on his own part only. I am quite
puzzled what to say or do. I have
written that I cannot give it
up except on a Govt. recall and
am insured £400 a year at
home, independent of what he
allows me. What on earth my
dear Hodgson in the case of my
going home to see out a
miserable affair, ten or the
£200 I had, of which £50 was
all I could see, take my own
Then I was living in my 7th
house, which could not be
the case on my return. As to
my publications my ambition
is to publish at the very lowest
possible cost, & in doing which
to forego all authors' profits,
even if I had a chance of
getting any! My prospects in
England, except the Govt. will

take me up more liberally
than heretofore, are also entirely
indefinite - beyond a wife & family!

I send you a little chart of
my whereabouts as you kindly
praised my former ones - pray ask
me about any point.

Many thanks for the Illustration etc.
I have observed, advertisements &
etc - please send me the books
whose names I append, the two
first if you can spare them, the
third is amongst my books.

I am anxious about my
plants that Beaupre has
charge of, now that Clamage
has not returned, as he ought
not written to me. Will you
kindly ask your painter or
any careful man, to see that
the bundles ^{of dried plants} are kept off the
ground, ^{off the walls} & are not mouldy
inside. I did not expect to
have to give you this trouble
as Clamage should have been

I should send him all the same

back a month ago. but I gave
him half-day & he takes in-
evitably I suppose. Drying my
fine collections in this jungle &
weather is indeed a labor, but
I get on after a fashion.

Dear your affectionate

Wm Brewster

Franklin's *Spizella* of 1858.
from my books
Common name is *string*
Natal *Spizella*
from *birds in book* - *birds in*
these packets.