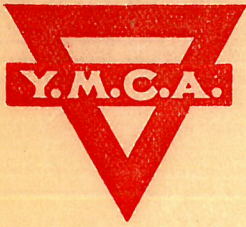


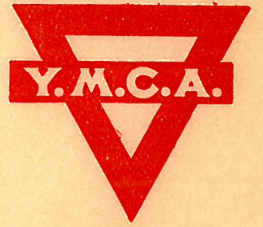
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Jan 7th 1917

My dear Norman

I was glad to receive your letter of the 29th Dec. & thank you for the good wishes which I reciprocate.

As regards the point you mention I have not heard of the eum bone implement but it does not therefore follow that it was not used for the purpose stated. all the old accounts mention that in the S.W. the blacks used the double headed axe - 2 stones set in blackboy gum - with a pointed handle for climbing the trees, a groove was first cut in the bark and the climber pulled himself up the tree by jamming the pointed handle into the soft bark in the way your enquirer refers to states the eum bone was used. If you look at the axes from the S.W. you will see they are all two-ended with a pointed shaft this was the only variety used in the S.W. coastal districts though the other type was used near Geraldton & further north.

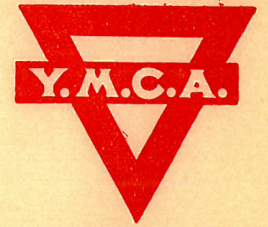
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The only work on Ethno-botany I know is Maiden's "Useful Native plants of Australia" which contains the native names & uses of each plant used for domestic & medicinal purposes. It has a green back and you will find two copies in the Museum one in Alexander's office and one in mine among the Ethnological works.

I am glad to say that I am getting on satisfactorily and that I am feeling very fit in spite of the hard manual work we are put to. All being well I shall receive further promotion in a few weeks time this time with pay.

With kind regards to everyone in the Museum Library

Yours sincerely
Alexander