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Dear Clerk:

Thanks for your check, I am not a dealer
I have advertised for thirteen years in Hobbs

Wanted Relics Books etc.

I buy relics for my friends and I let
my friends have also some of my accumulations
of fifty years collecting.

The olla was from the Gen. Mills collection
from Ft. Leavenworth Kansas, he captured Germans.

The beautiful basket without the neck Miss
Taylor private secretary to Fred Harvey sold it to me
she left for Cleveland Ohio.

The Thompson river basket I bought from Mr.
Edward Brattle Curator of the Peys Museum of K.C. Mo
also the hat was from his collection.

at one time I had several hundred baskets.

I let Mr. Robert Hayden have quite a few for the
Tioga Museum, Athens Pennsylvania. I sent him 3
Tulsa. Gabletling plaque unusually large ones on account
of their presents and selling some for a song I was made
Honorary Life Doctor member.

one large plaque was from Grace Nicholson of
Pasadena California who sold it to B.T. Whipple a wealthy
Realtor of this city for \$100⁰⁰ I bought it for \$25⁰⁰

I have a few more baskets in the attic of
our Museum. when I have time I will get them
and send to you. anything OK.

Sincerely
J. G. Braecklein

Wing Gabletling was
49 in

O.S.
After the Women's Union
at the Shrine Club.
The Trails Association
meets at my home
in the evening 8 o'clock
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Dear friend Relander:

You sent a lot of pebbles and broken arrows etc. for the Boy Scouts. I want to tell you that the Boy Scouts thank you for your good intentions, however they don't care for what they call junk.

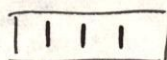
I have 1000 broken arrows laying in the yard and if you want them I will give them to you and even pay the carrier charge, I cannot do a thing with them, I can also send you broken axes if you pay the charge on them.

Some arrows you sent have been re-shipped by modern men & women. The scouts especially the Eagle scouts deserve the best relics.

Really the pipe is modern made it is not Prehistoric. It was probably lost by an Indian or Scotchman in the gold rush days and is somewhat weathered. Atmospheric conditions have disintegrated the pipe and is a somewhat better than chalk. I wouldn't get a dime for it. No Archaeologist would put it in his collection of Prehistoric Implements.

Please understand that I am writing as a friend. I have been collecting for 65 years and have been a fraud detector for 25 years. Understand I am not saying this is a fraud pipe it was before it was broken and mended a good smoking pipe. There is a good collector in Oakland California by the name of Bernard (also a fraud detector) and a man who knows values will tell you frankly & candidly that he would not give you \$10.00 for the whole collection. even Mr. Hodge will tell you that. Some people buy modern pottery as a Curio it cannot be classed as a Relic. Tourists buy from Fred Harvey thousands of pieces of pottery Modern made. On our Boy Scout Camp of 640 acres we find in the creeks thousands of pebbles all size & colors. They are nice for Rock gardens. Over

The arrow shaft is interesting
its value shy broken at both ends



The flint last
that would have
been a nice relic.

A strange coincidence, all the beads you sent seem to be
Spanish (glass beads) are just the same kind of beads in
Arkansas & Oklahoma & S.W. Missouri. Mesato and his
followers traded beads for furs etc. I have all of the beads
like you sent, found in graves.

I also bought a lot of blue black
and white of ancient beads from P. Smith Archaeologist Sacramento
California for little or nothing. strings of Wampum sell here for
a dollar a string, (shell lower or stone, turquoise necklace sells for 5 & up to 20⁰⁰

Being an advance collector I am only interested in
statue bowls pipes & long spears and I pay good prices
for the same.

I gave Mr Hodge some 1500⁰⁰ worth of Real
Relics and he gave me a thousand dollar life certificate
in his Museum.

In conclusion I want to state that I have no ill
feelings against you, I know you are a square shooter
absolutely. Only you do not know Indian Relics like I do.
I have given my whole life to Archaeology, worked with the
U.S. National Museum since 1911.

I sincerely hope that you will forgive me if you
think that I am finding faults with what you sent.

I will return most of it and send you books that cost
me at least \$15.00 for your trouble (you sure did a fine
job of packing). If this is not absolutely satisfactory let me
know. I always gave you the lowest prices I could afford
and did not make a dime. I love my fellow man and
I like you very much.

Because of gem fossils of the N.W. they make them by the
thousand.

Sincerely

J. W. Waples.