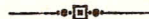


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SOUTHERN RHODESIA

24th Nov. 1945

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Dear Miss Fletcher,

The tick belongs to the genus Amblyomma, and is probably the species marmoreum. It would not do any harm to your tortoise. I think your Daddy is trying to pull your leg in saying that it is a baby tortoise. But of course he may not be, as miners do not know much except about mining, and sometimes not very much about that.

A tortoise has four legs, a backbone and a head, whereas a tick has eight legs, no head and no backbone. Perhaps one of these days when you have saved enough money you will be able to buy a very simple book on Natural History to give to your Daddy, so that he may learn to know the differences between ticks and tortoises, and between prospectors, small workers, miners and Mining companies.

Yours sincerely,

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SOUTHERN RHODESIA

30.4.46

My dear Elsa,

If you put the eggs in a wooden box, with about 5 inches of sand over them, and an inch of sand under them, they ought to hatch in time. Once a week of so damp the sand from the bottom, by dipping the box in water. I do not know how long it will take for them to hatch.

If you must educate your daddy, you might tell him that there is no more chance of chickens coming out of tortoise' eggs than Christmas puddings out of banded ironstone.

Yours sincerely,