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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Your letter of December 19 received and glad to hear that you find the paper on brachiopods useful.

The card catalogue of Atlantic and Gulf coast brachiopods arrived here after our paper was submitted for publication which accounts for the fact that we have no reference to it in our paper. It is a nice catalogue and a useful one. It would be a great help if similar card catalogues of the species in other regions were available.

Glad to hear that you have the information on Gryphaea accumulated. However it is not quite clear to me what evidence exists indicating that plate 189 of the Encyclopédie Méthodique was published in 1827. It is true that Deshayes published the explanation to that plate in 1827 but according to Sherborn (Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist., Ser. 7, Vol. 17, 1906, p. 581) plate 189 was issued in 1792 and he cited evidence regarding the date of issue based on the original wrappers. This seemed to be positive evidence regarding the date of issue but if incorrect I want to make a note of it in my card catalogue for future reference. In regard to the date of Bosc's Hist. Nat. des Coquilles I have not noticed any statement that it is a reprint and the date is A N X which is 1802 according to the librarians of the British Museum. There was a second edition of Bosc's Histoire Naturelle des Vers in 1830.

I will be interested to hear your opinion regarding the dates of these publications and of course I await with interest your paper on the oyster group of that region.

Very truly,

*J. G. Hertlein.*