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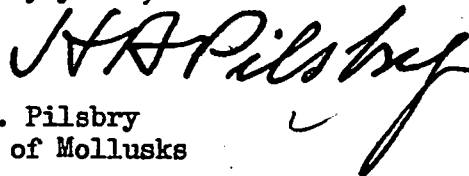
Dear Dr. Stenzel:

About Ostreola: it was properly proposed, with a brief definition, and for a single species, O. stentina Payr., as you will see by the photostat sent herewith. These two pages contain all that Monterosato said about it. He gave no figures.

A photostat of Payraudeau's plate is sent also. It is plate 3 of his "Catalogue descriptif et methodique des Annelides et des Mollusques de l'ile de Corse". Paris, 1826, O. stentina being fig. 3 only. As this reproduction is a negative it does not give quite the right impression; but I think you can make a positive by a long exposure in sunlight with quite sensitive paper.

The lower valve is radially ribbed. The inner margin near hinge is crenulate for a short space. It seems close to O. edulis, but is considered distinct by modern European authors.

Very truly yours,



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Curator of Mollusks

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