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Dear Dr. Thomson:

The report of your article "The genera of oysters and the Australian species" arrived here yesterday, and I hasten to thank you for it. In the meantime, specimens of Crassostrea commercialis (Iredale and Roughley) have been sent to me. So there is now ample literature and material available to me to become acquainted with "Saxostrea".

The group of species represented in Australia by Ostrea folium Linne appears to me to be consistently different than true Ostrea. In other words, Lopha seems to be a valid genus, and perhaps a thorough investigation of the anatomy of Lopha folium and Lopha cristagalli would show significant differences from Ostrea s.s. There is a good problem for someone.

With thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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