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Dear Mr. Stenzel

Some time ago, in an exchange of Eocene fossils, you kindly sent to me some specimens of Tubulostium leptostoma (Fabb) from the Lt. Claiborne of Brazos R., Texas. Since then I have seen the paper of 1939 which my old friend Lucia Gardner devoted to this & allied species.

I am now studying these things in relation to our common London Clay species — 'Serpula' boznoriensis (Mantell). A very cardinal point is the apical growth and the mode of its attachment. If you can spare them, it would greatly help me to receive some of the smallest possible specimens of leptostoma — (a) showing the apical tube and (b) showing adherence to a bit of shell &c. Also any distorted adults, if such occur.

I am bold enough to make this request because I believe it is a fairly common species, but if what I ask for is not common enough to allow it to be kept I will certainly return it.

Kindly indicate the collection ~~in which~~ to which any returnable material belongs, so that I may quote it if I figure anything you send.

I hope to add a little to our knowledge of these interesting organisms, apart from specific descriptions.

Yours truly

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