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Dear Dr. Thomson:

In your paper on the Australian oysters (1954, P. 146-149) you have a highly important discussion of Ostrea cristagalli, O. folium, and O. bresia. You come to the conclusion that these three names refer to one and the same polymorphous species which you called O. folium. It so happens that these three are the type-species of three different genera: Lopha, Dendostrea, and Pretostrea, respectively. Accordingly these three generic names become objective synonyms and O. folium is the type-species of all three.

Do you have any additional information on this subject?  
Have you, by any chance, changed your opinion?

I am just about to close out on my oyster manuscript, and this inquiry's purpose is to make sure that I have the very latest information.

Dr. Harold W. Harry is now working with me and doing the anatomy of several poorly known oyster species. I now believe the oysters are really two separate families.

With many thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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