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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your informative letter of December 14, 1965. I have turned the information about Ostracita over to Bob Perkins, who is doing the Rudists.

We checked its ramifications. Ostracita in Griffith and Pidgeon clearly referred to Lapeirouse, 1781, p. 40-41 and explanations to pls. 12-13. Lapeirouse, however, used Ostracites consistently and never used Ostracita. It seems Ostracita La Peyr. in Griffith and Pidgeon was a lapsus calami for Ostracites Lapeirouse, 1781.

Lapeirouse, 1781, was without doubt nonbinominal as can be seen from his use of Orthoceratites collicia cava on p. 18. Ostracita La Peyr. in Griffith and Pidgeon was merely a citation of an older work and in no way indicated that Griffith and Pidgeon had accepted it as a generic name of good nomenclatural standing. Their account on p. 91-92 was strictly a review of previous literature without any approval or disapproval implied or expressed.

I am glad to have that name out of the way and thank you for the references and help.

Best wishes for a healthy New Year.

Yours,

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