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Mr. W. H. Matthews
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Dear Matthews:

x separate cover.
In accordance with our yesterday's conversation I am sending you herewith two collections of silicified rock from the Edwards limestone containing gastropods. These two collections were submitted to me some years ago by Dr. Fred Plummer as having been collected from the Pennsylvanian Marble Falls limestone. Obviously the blocks were float that had washed down upon the Marble Falls where coincidentally the rocks were also full of gastropods. The fact that they are Edwards limestone was confirmed by the late Mrs. Plummer from forams obtained from one of the blocks.

As you will note from the labels, both of these collections are from the "Plummer Collection", One is numbered Pl3271 and the other 8717. Of course Dr. Plummer is dead but presumably his collections will go back to the Bureau of Economic Geology when you have finished with them.

I also remind you that I have a large collection of "Bend" gastropods, belonging in part to the B. E. G., in part to Fred Plummer, and in part collected by myself and belonging to Princeton University. This collection is probably the finest collection of Bend gastropods yet assembled. I am telling you this in the hopes that you will run into a student who might care to work it up for a thesis. I intended to work it up myself and indeed have much of the preliminary work done but circumstances will prevent my completing the job.

It was a pleasure to see you yesterday. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of any service to you.

Very sincerely yours,


J. Brookes Knight
Research Associate in Paleontology

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cc to Dr. Henryk Stenzil

P. S. In case you have forgotten the name of that medicine is Banthine.