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Dear Mr. Stenzel,

Thank you for your note
and enclosure of Sep. 28.

Your notes are welcome for I should
have overlooked one or two things you have
noted: e.g. the references to oppenheim

Spirulacea Brown is preoccupied & also
has the same type as the earlier Rotularia
DeFrance. Unhappily there is a doubt about
the latter name from an alleged prior use
by Lamaroux, but no one now can trace it.
I have corresponded with Prof. Howell
about this. My object, however is
morphological, not systematic & I hope
to say something new about the mode
of life of these extinct species. Our English
Eocene Serpula bozonienensis (Muntz) gives
copious material & I shall be able to

explain exactly why 5% of 1000 specimens are sinistral. As usual, the attentive study of fossils leads me to conclusions (or rather observations of visible facts) which are strangely overlooked by Students of living organisms. Would you credit that there is something new to say about the shell of the familiar, living, Spirobrachia borealis. I have some specimens ~~xx~~ sent to me as Spirogyphus tejonensis Arnold from Grapevine Canyon, which I have already recognised to be "Tubulostium". The specimens you so kindly sent ~~was~~ of your two species are going to be very useful to me.

Yours truly

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