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Dear Sir:

Your recent article in the Proc. Malac. Soc. London has been read with great interest. The reference to Glycymeris sabinensis Harris, 1919, was checked right away, because it concerns material I have worked on recently. Please consult University of Texas Publication 5704, pl. 5, figs. 17-18, by Stenzel, Krause, and Twining (1957) for photographs of two mature valves of this species. They were collected by me at the type locality and conform very well to the original description of the species as concerns the outside ornamentation. No other species of Glycymeris is present there that can be confused with it. On what Harris based his description of the hinge I do not presume to know, but I suspect the wording only accidentally appears awkward and hence misleading if one does not have specimens available. However, after all Harris placed the species in Glycymeris without a question. Therefore, he probably did see chevron ligament grooves in the larger specimens. Even in mature individuals of G. sabinensis the ligament occupies only a small part of the dorsal margin, but has well-developed chevrons; in young individuals the ligament triangle is so small as to appear as if it were merely a median pit. Figure 9 of pl. 21 of Harris shows a ligament triangle that is wide enough to have chevrons; unfortunately the figure is indistinct, and I have not had an opportunity to see the specimen, which is at Ithaca in New York State.

I wonder whether you have a copy of the University of Texas Publication 5704 in your own library? By the way, R. Wright Barker sends you his best regards. He works in the building across the street from my office.

Very truly yours,

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