

863 Watertown St.
West Newton, Mass.
July 6, 1962

Dear Mr. Stenzel,

There are not many
Ostrea, Crassostrea, or Lopha in my stock
except several I do not have identified
and part of an old collection I bought which
I have not had time to examine carefully.

I do have Ostrea crista galli Linne 2.50

Okinawa (not common)

2 3/4" at widest part - a fine specimen

This is listed as Lopha in Kiro's book

also our own Ostrea. no

Crassostrea virginica Gmelin

Cape Cod, Mass

I have these growing on Mytilus edulis

about 1 1/2" @ .25 and in small clumps for .35 3 or 4"
these last measurements from giving by memory
as I am just installing steel shelves in my
stock room and I cannot reach the shells
to measure today.

If you send me a list of
what you have or what you want whether
ever it is shorter I could keep it in mind
when ordering stock from distant ports
or near by as the case might be.

Cordially,

Lorna S. Melvin

Enclosing current list

SPECIMEN SHELLS

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MR. A. GORDON MELVIN, 863 WABERTOWN ST. WEST NEWTON, MASS.

All sizes approximate. POSTAGE EXTRA, surplus postage always returned. Minimum order \$1.50. Lists of marine items, shell books, beginners' shells, rare shells, free, stamped addressed envelope is appreciated. Many species not listed are in stock, send special requests and price inquiries. Visitors are welcome, but please phone first to see if we are in. Phone Area Code 617-Bigelow 4-0800. It often expedites orders if substitutes are suggested in case an item is sold out. (B) after a shell means bivalve.

<i>Anomia simplex</i> , Mass. (B). Natural pair, orange or yellow.	3 1/4"	.25
<i>Anellia valesiana</i> , Aust.	2 1/2" 1.50, 3 1/2"	2.75
<i>Apertus pes-pellicani</i> , Italy, Pelican's Foot. Fair	1 3/8"	.30
<i>Arca multicostata</i> , West Mexico (B)	3 3/4"	1.25
<i>Arca pexata</i> , Mass. (B) Known as "Blood Arc."	1 1/4"	.40
<i>Architectonica maxima</i> , J. "Sundial"	Large 2 9/16"	2.75
" <i>trochlearis</i> , J. Other species "Sundial"	1 7/8"	1.25
<i>Argonauta argo</i> , "Paper Nautilus" 4 3/4"	\$10.50. Inquire for what other sizes and prices in stock. Price about \$2.25 an inch.	
<i>Astraea americana</i> , Fla. With operculum, 1"	.25 extra fine 1"	.40
<i>calceus</i> , P. I. Yellow aperture	Fair 1 1/4"	.35
<i>modesta</i> , Japan. Pale lavender, orange spot. Operc.	1 1/8"	.40
<i>undosa</i> , California. Polished to pearl.	2 1/4"	1.00
<i>Babingtonia japonica</i> (<i>Eburnea japonica</i>) Japan	2 3/4"	.60
<i>Calliostoma ligata</i> , Washington State.	1 1/16"	.25
<i>Callista chinensis</i> , J. (B) Brown rays, lavender tints	2 3/8"	.50
<i>Cancellaria foveolata</i> , South Africa	7/8"	.50
<i>Cerium</i> (<i>Cardium</i>) <i>cardissa</i> , P. I. "Broken Heart Shell"	1 7/8"	.75
<i>Cardium consors</i> , W. Mex. (B) Interesting, scaled ribs.	2 1/8"	1.00
<i>Cardium lyratum</i> (B), P. I. Bright red and Cream.	2"	1.50
<i>Cassia aehostina</i> , South Africa	2 3/8"	1.25
<i>Cassia</i> (<i>Phalium</i>) <i>arsolata</i> , Tasmania	2 1/4"	1.00
<i>bandatum</i> , Tasmania	2 3/4"	1.50
<i>bicarinata</i> , S. Aust. Not Common. Only 2,	2 1/2" 1.75, 3 1/2"	3.00
(<i>Semicassia</i>) <i>pila</i> Attractive spots.	2 1/8"	.75
<i>pyrum</i> , New Zealand	2 1/4"	.85
(<i>Caemaria</i>) <i>vibex</i> , P. I.	2"	.50
<i>Capitulum floridanum</i> , St. Petersburg, Fla.	1 1/2"	.25
<i>Chione latilirata</i> , Tampa Bay, Fla. Rare. Dredged.	1"	2.00
<i>Columbaria pagoda</i> , J. Pagoda Shell"	2 1/2"	.50
<i>Conus amadis</i> , Ceylon	2 3/8" 2.50, 2 3/4"	3.25
<i>augur</i> , East Africa. Augury Cone	2 3/4"	3.00
<i>cancellatus</i> , Japan	1 5/8"	1.00
<i>capitaneus</i> , P. I. & E. Af.	2"	1.00
<i>geographus</i> , P. I.	Large 3 7/8"	2.75
<i>gubernator</i> , E. Af. Large, beautiful marking.	2 3/4"	1.50
<i>quereinus</i> , P. I. Oak Cone.	2" .75, 2 1/2"	1.00
<i>vexillum</i> , P. I. Attractive.	2 3/4"	1.50
<i>Ceralliochila inflata</i> , J.	7/8" .90, 1 1/8"	1.50
<i>Ceralliochila lamellata</i> , J.	3/4"	.90

Cuspidaria hirasei Jap. (B) Odd shape 1 3/8" 1.00
 " *suganumai* L. (B) Odd shape 1 1/4" .75

Cypraea aperta aperta (once *oniscus*) S. Afr. 7/8" 1.00
 " ~~*arenosa* Cook Island~~ 1 1/4" 1.25
 " *asellus* P.I. Once used as eyes for idols. 5/8" .45
 " *boivini* Cebu, P.I. 7/8" 1.00, 1 1/16" 1.25
 " *caput-serpentis mikado* Japan 1 1/4" .20
 " *chinensis violacea* Rous E. Afr. 1 1/2" .90
 " *elandestina passerina* Melvill E. Afr. 3/4" .50
 " *cokeni* Cox, Tasmania, Rare, fine. 7/8" 6.50, 1" 7.00
 " *cylindrica* P.I. 15/16" 1.00
 " *diluculum*, E. Af. (undata in Webb) Daybreak Cowry 1" .65
 " *edentula* S. Af. Toothless Cowry 7/8" fair .50, good .75
 " *erosa* East Af. Fine, extra large 1 3/4" .45
 " *fimbriata marmorata* P.I. 5/8" 1.50
 " *friendii*, Aust. Fine, only two, 2 7/8" \$13.50, 3" 15.00
 " *fuscudentata* S. Afr. 1 1/8" 1.00
 " *helvola argella* E. Afr. 7/8" .45
 " *irrorata* Cook Islands 1/2" .50
 " *kienari* (same as *hirundo*) Swallow Cowry 13/16" 1.00
 " *labrolineata* P.I. 11/16" 2.25
 " *lutea* P.I. 5/8" 2.50
 " (*Monetaria*) *moneta icterina*, Yellowish. E. Af. 1" .25
 " (*Monetaria*) *moneta monetoides*, nodules, Ind. Oc. 5/8" 2 for .25
 " *ocellata* Ceylon. Many small eyes 7/8" 1.50
 " *Ovula ovum* P.I. Shiny "Egg Shell" 2 1/4" .50, 3" 2.00
 " (*Trivia*) *ovulata*, Africa, Pink. 3/4" Fair .25
 " (*Trivia*) *solandri* Lower California 5/8" .25
 " *spadicea* Cal. "Chestnut Cowry" 1 3/4" .75, 2" 1.00
 " ~~*stelida dianges* Melvill, Aust.~~ 1" 2.00
 " *staphylaea descripta*, N. Queensland, Aust 1" 1.00
 " ~~*subviridis* Aust.~~ 1 1/16" 1.00
 " *talpa* P.I. Mole Cowry. Fine. 2 1/2" 1.00, 2 7/8" 1.75
 " *teres* Mozambique 1 1/4" .90
 " *testudinaria ingens* E. Afr. Extra fine 4" 3.50
 " ~~*ventriculus* Cook Is. Very dark specimens~~ 2 1/8" 1.75
 " *vitellus dama* E. Afr. 1 3/4" .45, 2 1/4" .65

Distorsio anus P.I. "Old Woman" shell 2 3/8" 1.00
Dolium pomum P.I. & Fiji "Apple Tun" Attractive color 2" .50
Donax serra S. Afr. Odd serrations at edge 2 1/2" .65
Ensis directus Mass. "Razor Clam" 3 1/2" .30

Epitonium (*Teremachiacirsa*) *annulata*, Japan. 1 1/4" 1.50
 " *championi*, Mass. Fair 5/16" .50
 " *magnifica*, J. Rare, largest of *Epitoniums* with 2 3/4" 6.50
 " *operculum* 4 1/8" 10.50, 4 5/16" 12.00
 " *pallasi* J. & Aust. Dark, pale rings, operc. 13/16" 2.25
 " *pretiosa* Aust. "Precious Wentletrap", operc. 1 5/8" 4.25
 " *zelebori*, N. Z. 5/8" .25, 7/8" .40
Eucrassatella gibbesi Fla. (B) Gibb's Clam, 1 1/2" 1.50, 1 3/4" 2.00
Fassiolaria hunteri Fla. "Banded Tulip" 2 3/4" .40

<i>Patella granatina</i> South Africa	2 3/4"	1.25
<i>granularis</i> "	1 7/8"	.75
<i>longicosta</i> "	2 1/2"	1.25
<i>mexicana</i> , W. Mex. Large. Rough backs.	5 1/8" 1.25, 7 1/2"	3.00
<i>minutata</i> , S. Afr. White tracks on inside	2 3/4"	1.00
<i>tabularis</i> , S. Africa. Ridged back.	3 3/4"	3.00
<i>Pecten benedicti</i> , Fla. Deep water, Bright colors, about 1/2"	1.00	
<i>irradians</i> , Mass. Set of 6, white, black with white rays, patterned, brown, yellow, orange. (N)	1 1/2" All six for	1.00
<i>jacobaeus</i> , Italy (B) Crusader's, 1 3/4"	1.50, 3 1/2"	2.25
<i>squamatus</i> J. (B) Very dainty colors & scales 3/4"		.50
<i>striatus</i> , J. (B) Lovely oranges or reds.	1 1/4"	.50
<i>subnodosus</i> , West Mexico (B)	3" 2.00, 5"	5.00
<i>swifti</i> , J. Rosy lavender	3 3/4"	1.75
<i>tranquibarica</i> (lenticinosus) P. I. (B)	1 3/8"	.50
<i>vesiculosa</i> J. (B) Beautiful patterns 3/4"	.35, 3 for	1.00
<i>Pitar lupinaria</i> , W. Mex (B) Fine spines .1 3/4"	3.25, 2 3/8"	3.75
<i>Polinices lewisii</i> , Wash. Rough backs, with operc.	2 1/2"	.50
<i>Purpura bretoni</i> , J. Knobby, peach aperture. Large	2 1/8"	.50
<i>clavigera</i> , J. Pretty, top of spire usually eroded	1 3/8"	.35
<i>lamellosa</i> , Puget Sound. Extra fine, white .40, brown .60		
orange 1.00, banded 1.00, all about size 1 3/4"		
<i>patula pansa</i> , West Mexico, with operculum 1 1/4"		.40
<i>Pyramidella</i> (Leucotina) <i>gigantea</i> J. Large	1 1/4"	.50
<i>Rangia cuneata</i> , E. Mex (B) Curious, heart shaped, white	1 1/4"	.35
<i>Scutus sinensis</i> J. Shield Shell, Resembles a <i>Patella</i> 3/4"		.25
<i>Spondylus princeps</i> , W. Mex. White, orange umbo, white spines in size 3 3/4"	5.00, white, orange umbo & orange spines 4 1/2"	8.00
<i>Spondylus squamatus</i> , P. I. From ship sunk at Bataan, White	3"	3.00
<i>Stomatella papyracea</i> P. I. Iridescent interior	1 1/8"	.50
<i>Tegula regina</i> , Cal. Dark blue, orange-yellow base. Near 2x2"		2.75
<i>Tellina perieri</i> J. (B) Shiny rose color all over	2"	.60
<i>virgatus</i> , P. I. (B) Pink "plaid" design on white	2"	.75
<i>Terebra lischkeana</i> J. Dainty	3/4"	.30
<i>strigata</i> W. Mex. Good pattern 3 3/4"	1.25, 4 1/8"	1.50
<i>Thais emarginata</i> Oregon, with operc.	5/8"	.30
<i>Tibia curta</i> , India. Rare Fine, light color.	6"	16.00
<i>Tonna pomum</i> P. I. Apple Tun 1 7/8"	.50, 2 1/4"	.75
<i>(Eudolium) pyriformis</i> , J.	2 1/4"	.75
<i>sulcosa</i> , Hong Kong. Dark bands on white.	4 1/2"	2.00
<i>ringens</i> , W. Mexico. Grinning Tun. Very large	6"	3.50
<i>Trophon ambiguus</i> , New Zealand	1 1/2"	.65
<i>Turbo coronatus</i> , Japan. Fair specimens	5/8"	.25
<i>Venus verrucosa</i> , S. Afr. (B) Unusual beaded ridges 1 1/2"		.75
<i>Voluta sulca</i> P. I. Few small, dents on all red, close to perfect 4 3/4"	\$30. Inquire size & price of new stock arriving.	
<i>Voluta</i> (<i>Neptunopsis</i>) <i>gilchristi</i> , S. Afr. Unusual nucleus, fine condition for this rough type shell, with operc.	6 3/4"	\$17.00
<i>Voluta imperialis robinsona</i> , P. I. Marking evenly spaced 7"		9.00
<i>Voluta</i> (Helo) <i>indica</i> , Ceylon. Peach color.	5 1/2" \$3., 6 1/2"	4.50
<i>tibiaformis</i> , J. Very Rare. With operculum, Fine	2 1/2"	13.50
<i>Xenophora solaris</i> , P. I. Rare, almost perfect 1 5/8"	\$3.50, 2 1/4"	8.50