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Dear Dr. Lemche:

Your detailed publication on "The Anatomy and Histology of Cylichna" has just recently come to my attention, and lately I have had the good fortune to borrow a copy and read it.

The same difficulties of identifying the various species of Cylichna and related genera, which you mentioned in your book, exist here too in the fossil material from the Tertiary strata of the region surrounding the Gulf of Mexico. Of course in the fossil material we can not resort to studies of the fleshy parts of the animal, but the shells apparently are sufficiently characteristic, if studied in conjunction with modern forms. Specimens that were sent to me from England identified as Cylichna cylindracea Pennant are before me, but these are evidently different than your material, because they do not have a callus covering the spire. On the contrary, their spire is sunk to form a spiral pit at the posterior end of the shell.

In short, you could help me greatly, if you were so kind as to send me shells of Cylichna cylindracea Pennant identified by you. These I could use for comparison. If I can be of any help to you in return please let me know, I may be able to obtain preserved material for you.

Thanking you in advance

I am

Very truly yours,

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