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Dear Prof. Stenzel:

I have just seen your admirable article on the nomenclature of the Ostreidae. May I have an author's separate when they are ready? You must have spent a great deal of time in excavating some of the really obscure references.

You list Virgula Arkell as an invalid name. It is also invalid as a homonym. Girty described a sponge as Virgula in 1909 (U.S. Geol. Survey, Prof. Pap. 58, p. 73) and his name was preoccupied by Virgula Simpson 1900 (U.S. National Museum, Proc., vol. 22, p. 931), a molluscan.

Congratulations on a fine piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

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