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Dr. H. B. Stenzel
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Dear Doctor Stenzel:

I am reading C. M. Yonge's book, Oysters, for review and I notice that he uses Pycnodonta, although I always followed you in calling it Pycnodonte. Could you let me know the authority for this briefly.

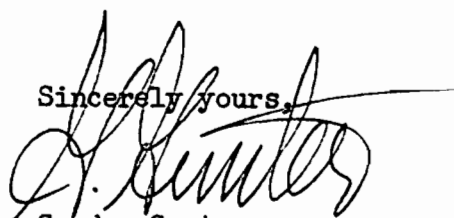
We arrived home on January 9. I have not yet got my stuff packed away. I shall get to sending you some of the Pycnodontes I promised in the near future.

With regard to the variable shape of the oyster, I commented upon this with regard to the Virginia oyster in the following reference, of which I have no more reprints.

Comments on the shape, growth and quality of the American oyster. Science, Vol. 88, pp. 546-547. 1938.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Gordon Gunter
Director