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Dear Sir:

We have your name from Maxwell Smith's 1943 edition of his directory of malacologists. We (Mrs. D. S. & Mr. E. W. Gifford) are interested in the family Olividae and exchange other shells for species of the family (genera Oliva, Olivella, Olivancillaria, Agaronia, Ancilla). As we are particularly interested in the study of local variation we desire only live shells with exact provenience. We take the liberty of enclosing our exchange list and hope that we may have the pleasure of entering into exchange relations with you.

We'd be particularly interested in getting specimens of any Texas species of olives. Just now we have just one specimen, an ^{Dr.} Oliva sayana collected many years ago by Edgar Mearns, U. S. A.

Also we'd like to know if there are any good collecting places for olives on the Gulf Coast of Texas. We've studied the tide tables, but there seems to be very little ebb of tide. If there is a place to be recommended, we'd like to try it ourselves some time in the future.

Hoping we hear from you in due time, we remain

Sincerely yours,

D. S. & E. W. Gifford

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