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Dear Henryk:-

I greatly enjoyed your letter describing your shopping adventures and am very pleased to learn you and the girls have adapted yourselves so well. And that the oldest daughter's husband pleases you is grand.

I am just getting my breath back after visiting the museums at U.C., the Calif. Academy of Sciences and Stanford. Kleinpell is in poor health and will probably never turn anything out himself, but he has things well organized and some good Eocene (sensu lato) should appear. Durham is doing some interesting work on the genera of the Scutellids. He's really getting down to brass tacks or perhaps better, ambulacral plates.

J. D. Hanna "says" he is fed up with the Planetarium and plans a month in the Gulf of ~~Mexico~~ California. Hertlein has an interesting fauna from some Pac. Id. which has a mixture of Panamic and Indo-Pacific molluscs.

At Stanford I had but a glimpse of Si Miller. Had a good session with Thalmann. I like the guy greatly. Strangely enough Graham is a good teacher.

Charles Merriam is also at Palodillo for the U.S.P.S. He seemed quite happy.

The oldest boy, Jerry, plans to lay off of school until Fall. Think I detect wanderlust building up again so would not be surprised if he took off again. If Gordon can get in T.V. - Radio Technical school in L.A. he'll have one more semester. He's no student, but good with hands.

Expect to fly to Washington the 8th to check my specimens against those in the Nat. Museum. Look forward to seeing Cloud, Woodring and Gardner. Pres is cute. But I'd rather stay home. Can it be I'm getting old. I have to admit the trip is proper procedure but tried to duck it.

Will have 8 plates in pt. 2, but more text and "separations." I am no doubt splitting but I think that's the way to start. I don't guess there's any happy medium.

I find all the look Mt. slides from the trip you, Buddy and I made are missing. If you happen that way again would appreciate samples. The one from your Mt. Tabor "silt" near Bryan which washed down to nothing but arenaceous forams was especially interesting. I hope the thief is airing the slides.

Still hope to get to the A.A.P.U. in Houston. Tried Thelma out on the idea of staying there while I went on to Washington, but it didn't work out.

Expected Mark and Moody here during Jan. but have heard from neither. Had a rumor Log might be out but that didn't materialize either.

Stirton off to Australia on a Fulbright scholarship. Maybe you can get onto the Danian-Montien cross yet.

I gather an Asst. Prof. of Paleontology will be added here. Lowenstem doesn't like to teach. Gives his few lectures and runs for home. I call him the "Occasionally Visiting Prof."

This desert air is good after S. H.

All good wishes,
Merle