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Dear Dr. Ranson:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your paper on "Gryphaea margavitacea", which will be very useful to me.

I have spent two weeks in Philadelphia studying the oysters in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences. It was a time well spent.

I have been trying to form an opinion on Ostrea stentina Payraudeau, 1826, from Corsica and on Ostrea plicatula Gmelin, 1791. However, the material at Philadelphia and the published illustrations were not good enough to permit me to come to firm conclusions. Would it be possible for you to send me specimens of these two species? Several specimens might enable me to find out what these species really look like.

This work is in connection with the chapter on the Ostreidae, which I am writing for the forthcoming Pelecypod volume of the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology. You will remember that these two species are the type species of the supposed genera Ostreola Monterosato, 1884, and Alectryonella Sacco, 1897.

With many thanks for your help and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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