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Note: By separate mail I am sending you 5 specimens of Exogyra arctica Ferdinand von Roemer, 1852 (Die Kreidebildungen von Texas und ihre Einschüsse; Bonn, p. 68, pl. 8, fig. 10). This is the only oyster I know that grew without fixation to a substratum. None of the left valves has an attachment imprint, and the interior filling of the prodissoconch (filled with calcite) is always visible. The ligamental area is rather characteristic for Exogyra, showing only two of the three subdivisions.

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