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Dear Dr. Stasek:

As soon as the separates of the article arrive, you will have a copy sent to you. I am glad someone noticed the article. An earlier article (Stenzel, H. B., 1949, Successional speciation in paleontology: The case of the oysters of the sellaeformis stock: Evolution, v. 3, no. 1, p. 34-50, 8 figs.) is unfortunately no longer available to me as a separate.

It is very good that you are working on evolution in the bivalves. If I can help you, I shall be glad to do so.

At present, my task is to write a complete review of the Ostreidae, fossil and living, chiefly from the point of view of the paleontologist. There are several good books on oysters written by biologists, but a paleontologist's viewpoint has not been presented in book form. There are very many good data available on this subject.

Right now, I am trying to assemble data on Ostrea (or Pycnodonte) cochlear Poli, 1795, and such related species as O. hiranoi Baker and Spicer, O. laysana Dall, Bartsch and Rehder, O. thaenumi Dall, Bartsch and Rehder, and O. musashiana Yokoyama. Do you, by any chance, have specimens of these and good locality data with them? The good locality data are needed for the construction of a distribution map of this group of species.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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