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My dear Professor Stenzel:

Your letter of November 15 asking about when your paper on Tertiary crabs may be published has just reached me. Your manuscript has been in my hands an unduly long time, and since publication has not been declined you certainly have the right to ask why it has not yet been published or when it will be published. In explaining the lack of earlier publication, I will have to say that the reason for delay is the very specialized nature of the subject. I think that there are very few members of the Society who are interested in Tertiary crabs. It will cost the Society \$100 more or less to publish your contribution, and it has been the judgment of the Editorial Board that when papers on ostracodes, foraminifera, and so on, in which a majority of the Society is interested, were available that these should not be displaced by papers of secondary interest in so far as the membership at large is concerned.

During the past couple of years a few papers that can be classed as not strictly economic have appeared, but in each of these cases a larger or smaller amount has been contributed from some source toward the expense of the publication. For instance, in the Miller paper on Tertiary nautiloids all of the cost of the plates was defrayed from the University of Iowa. Doctor Scott and I have been watching expenditures very carefully, especially during the present period of depression. I wonder whether there is a possible source at Texas A. and M. in aid of publications of research from which you might be able to draw to assist in getting out your paper on crabs. Even now I cannot promise that your paper will appear in the next number of the Journal.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely,

