

August 23, 1962

Mr. C. D. Heman  
P. O. Box 57  
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Dear Mr. Heman:

Dr. H. B. Stenzel has passed on to me the rod-shaped fossil fragment which you sent to him for identification.

The fragment is an internal mold of the body cavity of the lower valve of a caprinid rudist. On one side there are a few thin rods which are fillings of the porous shell wall. Cutting across the mold are some curving suture-like depressions which show the location of platforms subdividing the body cavity.

From the size of the fragment I estimate that the shell which the fragment came from was at least 18 inches long and about four to five inches in diameter.

The enclosed sketch shows how your specimen fits into a whole caprinid shell.

Very truly yours,

Bob F. Perkins

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. H. B. Stenzel

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