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Dear Adams,

Your letter is very interesting to me. I wish I were with you in Austin for a month or so. The excursions with Harris must be very fine, since he knows probably quite a lot of these shells by sight. I only wish that he finds time to come down with you to our Cook Mt. and I have written to him that I would be glad to be included in this excursion. Besides I would like to meet him. My Cook Mt. material has increased tremendously. We brought last Sunday a few hundreds of specimen home from Stone City. Two of my students accompanied me and did really their best to collect material. This I may say is my greatest success at AMM that I have been able to interest students in real fieldwork.

As to Harris visiting our places I have nothing to say. I never consider anything as a personal reservation and don't mind anybody working there. By the way this is safe now because my collection is probably the best by now or by the end of this spring.

Which book or publication do you use to identify the shells? Please send me the full title I may be able to get it through our library. I have been somewhat busy.

with this material, but can't go far with it. *Belosepia* is represented in quite a number of species and comes in a sure complex. Many forms can not be placed at all, I don't even know the genus. So your material of identified specimens will be very welcome. I hope you send it soon.

The unexpected happened, I turned palaeontologist over night. This has its background full of reasons. As you know I am sort of a bellhop in this department. I have to do the dirty work as correcting labpapers and teaching lab while the rest do the talking. To get into some teaching I have proposed to teach Palaeontology next year. Nobody else could do it anyway. Besides this semester I have to teach the fossils in historical geology. So all the fossils available in our department are assembled in my room and get names attached to them (in most cases I guess the right ones). Mr. Adkins will be kindly requested to send me some too. Anything will be accepted with thanks. However I intend to make this a private not a departmental collection as you did upstairs (same reasons).

Conditions in this department have become worse. Hence was exactly one week here between Thanksgivings and Xmas. We had to take his classes. He goes again this weekend for perhaps 2 weeks. Nobody has this semester a class to himself. All classes are taught by at least two men simultaneously even the theory, a damned mixup. The reasons are only too obvious and ill concealed.

How is your graduation? I dont understand that mess and hope you wont have to leave Aystin.

Will you be in Austin during the holidays? I would like to drive over and stay there for some weeks to make excursions with you. Later I will have to go to Llano to finish my work there.

Doremus and Sturgis have married with the end of 26. Dr. Ball's daughter studies geology at Austin, did you know that?

Yours
continuously and ever