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Dear Henryk:

Gremlins dog our path. In reply to your letter of Jan. 4, 1963, I am embarrassed to say that since I wrote to you on Dec. 31, we have mislaid the vial containing the fossil fragment labelled "Ostrea patercula, holotype, No. 1989". After examining it under the microscope, I returned it to Professor Ehlers who put it away in the range. He has looked in all of the logical places and some illogical, but has not succeeded in turning it up again. However we are sure it is here in the Museum and will at some time come to light again.

Of the specimen I can say that it was about the size of Winchell's figured type, that the diagnostic hinge area was missing, and that the shell material did not look like oyster shell.

If and when we find the specimen, I will write you further and, if you wish, would send it to you for examination.

Sincerely yours,

*Lew.*

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