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Dear Smitty:

I am finally getting around to answering your letter of June 14, 1939. I am afraid there is no one in book form who could tell you the differences between microfossil species. However, for the beginning I would suggest that you obtain Cushman, Joseph A., Foraminifera, Their Classification and Economic Use, Cushman Laboratory for Foraminiferal Research, Special Publication No. 2, published at Sharon, Massachusetts, April, 1926. This will give you a general introduction to the foraminifera. In addition to that you will have to get some special literature. There are, of course, many books published on this subject and you will have to use your judgement in obtaining them. I suggest that you obtain the publications of the Louisiana Geological Survey, some of which treat microfossils.

Would you want to join the S.E.P.M. as an associate member and obtain the Journal of Paleontology free? I believe if you have enough enterprise and doggedness you will be able to learn sufficient micropaleontology to get into that line of work. Being a member of the S.E.P.M. might help you when you make an application.

I was very glad to get the letter as a sign of life from you. I have had quite a lot of contacts with the former boys of A. & M.

Cordially yours,

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