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Dear Dr. Olsson:

Thank you very much for the specimens of Florida oysters. They will come in handy for the Treatise.

With all your knowledge of the geology of Peru you may be able to shed some light on one question. E. Jaworski (Beiträge zur Stammesgeschichte der Austern: Zeitschr. für induktive Abstammungs- und Vererbungslehre, vol. 9 (1913), pp. 193-215, pls. 6 + 7, 1913. Berlin) described an oyster from the Middle Dogger (Sauzei-Schichten) of Chumumayo, Dep. Huancavelica, Province Angaraes, northern Peru. This oyster, Crassostrea (Heterostrea) Steinmanni Jaworski, he made the type species of the newly proposed subgenus Heterostrea. Judging from the figures and description, it is an unusual Exogyra. Has anybody published on that area or on that oyster since Jaworski's paper of 1913? What I would like to know is whether someone has reinvestigated this form or whether anyone made even a passing remark about it. Jaworski's paper is full of misconceptions, it seems. You have not worked thereby any chance? Could one obtain specimens from someone? I hope I am not bothering you too much.

The manuscript is at page 50 by now and going as well as can be expected with so fractious a group.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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