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my Dear Sir,

I have, by numerous little hindrances been prevented writing you till this time. I waited sending the box in order to include some specimens from Ohio which had been sent on by my assistant in the field, and therefore you did not get it as I had promised - after packing it I found I had left out some specimens which I forwarded through the kindness of Prof. Hunt on Monday -

In regard to the specimen marked 18 m. - It is not the one I thought of when I wrote you 18 m means 18 mile creek on Lake Erie, and I have

never doubted its genuineness -
I collected many years since
several fragments of similar
character from a limestone
at the top of the Hamilton
group at Smite creek on
Lake Erie - This one is the
only one that I can now
put my hand upon, and
the only chance is that
something ^{else} may have been
mingled with them long
since and this is the accidental
specimen - Still I cannot
believe there is any fallacy.
- No doubt has ever crossed
my mind before, ~~and~~ but
for the remarkable character
of the specimen I should
not think of suggesting a
possibility of some accident.
I have looked for more, but
the only similar thing

that I have - that is in
general similarity to the one
from 18m - as I recollect it
originally + are the true parts
of one plant from near
Seneca Lake as labelled on
the specimens - of these there
is no question -

I have a few fragments of Ma-
tignon and a larger species
of the same. Similar to the
Zilicites of our Reports, and
if you think it worth while
I will make up a small
parcel soon - These are in
some boxes now being opened.

Enclosed in the box
some specimens of Hydrocoea
and Uspantania for your
examination and opinion
as to their nature, and if
not very desirable if you
had intended to notice

them myself, since I have
been for many years getting
everything of the kind, - they
have a peculiar geological
or stratigraphical interests
for me and I have been for
along time tracing their geographical
distribution - I shall be very glad
for any hint regarding their nature.
- Please see also *Uphantecia*
in Vancouver's Report -

of the specimens marked
with a round orange colored
ticket the list appended will
give information - Those
marked with a square oblong
label are authentic, those
from most of us are doubtless
of the *Catskill* group while
those without labels may
be taken as somewhat doubtful.

It may be that the indications
of position given are all
correct -

- Nos 1 - 4 Marcellus shale*
 6. Ham. Gr. Cayuga
 7, 8, 9, & 10 Hamilton group
 11 - 17 Genesee slate shore
 of Cayuga Lake -
 18 & 19. Ham. group
 20, 21, 22, 23, Catskill or above.
 24 - 36 Catskill group
 37, 38 & 39 Chemung group from
 Cascade falls, near Owego
 and near Elmira respectively

Other specimens labelled with
 localities - mostly from Chemung
 group N York or Ohio

Richfield Ohio nearly same horizon
 as above. Cortland N.Y. is
 in middle of Chemung group -

I may have omitted to notice some
 other specimens but I think you
 have information of the whole.

* two of these similar specimens sent not sent.

Thank myself at your service
for anything of this kind you
may want from my col-
league begging you to excuse
my slowness - which is in
part caused by very poor health
(tell within a week), and
also numerous pressing
engagements

I did not return the
payment of 18m but will
do so if you need it.

I am very truly

Yours

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