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Dear Sir.

Reminding ~~the~~
your interest in my Centipedal
Studies, and the aid afforded
by you, I have been emboldened
further to trouble you. I am at
present studying the Phalangidae
or Harvest men, the daddy-long
legs of the School-boys. Can you
obtain me collections from your
neighborhood. At present is the
best season for collecting them,
they are now fully adult and
more numerous than later.

Wood and Out-house species are
alike valuable. They should be
preserved in spirits. As many as
possible of each species, so as to
enable me, if it may be, to
find out what are really the
generic specific characters -

The American Species have never
been studied at all, at least
not more than four of them, Say's
Species. I am inclined also to
think that the European Species
are pretty well muddled, certainly
as regards the Genera and families
if this be any of the latter -

One recent writer indicates three
Genera. Of one of which - Her & Koch
makes some 6 families and 32
Genera! Her & Koch, however
is an affliction to Science -

It seems to me to make a
Species of every individual, of any of
the Apteris, that may, unfortunately,
fall into his hand - and 2 or 3 species
necessitate a new genus -

Can you aid me in obtaining
specimens and oblige yrs. truly.

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