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Dear Sir,

I have no doubt you have

put together some fossils which I  
showed to you in the form of a  
specimen, and which you subsequently

saw at the Geol. Society's meeting  
which I regard as unimpeachable

plants, from the Lower Silurian  
rocks of Roxburghshire. You left

me with an advice to "go on col-  
lecting", which I have followed ever

since that time, tho' only for  
amusement and recreation. I

I hope this will reach you, for I am not  
sure if you have received it  
I am  
Yours  
Elcott

James Elcott  
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have in consequence added ex-  
tensively to my collection both in  
number and in variety. I take  
the liberty to send you a photo-  
graph of <sup>one of</sup> the last found, which  
I think can hardly be regarded  
with any doubt. It was not  
found by myself, but by a  
young lady when making her  
first attempt at searching for  
Silurian fossils in my company.  
We afterwards searched the same  
quarry very carefully for ad-  
ditional fragments, but in vain,  
till another young friend of mine  
found it in situ, and has brought

away a very fine slab of it, con-  
taining leaves in greater variety  
and more perfect. I purpose  
having a photograph taken of  
it also, and will send it to  
you if you care <sup>for</sup> about them,  
but I should be glad, in the first  
place, to hear your opinion of  
this one. If it is admitted to be  
a plant, and new to geologists,  
I have proposed to name it,  
from the lady who found it,  
"Jessica Siluriana". The photo-  
graph is of the same size as the  
original and is as good as the  
original itself. The stone is from

The very lowest Stratum in the  
South of Scotland, as far as we  
can make out.

At first no geologist would  
admit my view regarding the  
vegetable origin of these impres-  
sions but yourself, but I felt  
myself very much fortified  
by your opinion, and now  
others are beginning to give way.

I may probably have some  
of the others photographed; but  
the most remarkable of all was  
demolished by the rain and the  
frost, and I could never persuade  
any geologist to come and see either  
it or the others in situ.