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Dear Sir

I venture to trouble you once
more. Will you kindly examine the
piece of stone which accompanies this
and kindly inform me what it is.
My own impression is that it is a
Magnesian mineral allied to Mersin
and appears to contain a fossil zoophyte
- an apparent crack on one side looks
like the cast of a stem. - I cannot yet
say how it occurs, but it is said
to come from a locality in which the
Lower Silurian rocks are very prevalent
I have sent to try and get some pieces
in the natural state & meantime will
be glad to hear your opinion on it. -
Will you kindly say again referring
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what I still think is a "fossil anemone"
as I have a specimen much better than
what I sent you, which I will send
just if opportunity, and which I think
may induce you to consider it more
than a concretum. I will add at
risk of wearying you the following note
made while the snow was off, after
a careful examination of the mass of
rock when they occur - "In an outlying
patch of Potsdam on No 3 in 8th Range
They must be fossils, as they occur in
precisely same way as Anemones in the
present day. - No pebbles on the rock
it being very uniform in texture for
a depth of about 12 feet when a band
of conglomerate occurs. - On the top
of the mass is a great "pot hole" about
4 feet in dia + as many deep, worn
perfectly smooth, and about half
way down it, at least one of these
fossils? appears in its cavity. How

had this been a *Circutaria*, would not
it have been worn by the boulder that
indented the sides of the cavity, and
how did it surround itself with a
circular cavity $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch in depth?

I have also in view a visit in the
early spring to what is described as
a very important locality for fossil
fish, in Trenton limestone, between here
& Kingston. - Should I be successful
in getting them I should like to send
some to your museum. - Could write
harder any lengthier letter, but
I am much interested in this subject

Yours truly
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