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Dear Sir,

Since I last wrote to you I have become convinced that the Campbellton gastropod belongs to Hall's genus Cyclora.

In the first Vol. of the Pal. of Ohio, Cyclora minuta, Hall, is thus described.

"Shell very small, subglobose, wider than high; spire much depressed; volutions three, rounded, increasing rather rapidly in size, so that the last one forms the larger bulk of the shell; suture deep, or almost channeled; surface smooth; umbilicus small; aperture circular; lip thin.

Height of largest specimen seen, 0.05 inch; breadth, 0.07 inch."

Although C. minuta is from the "Cincinnati Group" of Ohio, it appears to me that the

Campbellton species is congeneric with it, though of course the latter must receive some new specific name, say Cyclora valvatiformis.

The name Cyclora is evidently meant as an abbreviation for Cyclogypsa, one of the names I suggested for our shell, & the former seems to me ~~not~~ somewhat objectionable as masking too much the true etymology of the word.

Faithfully yours,

J. F. Whiteaves.