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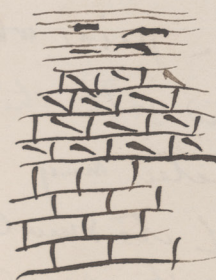
Dear Sir,

Returning from my winter vacation I find your note awaiting me.

While at Moreland Ky. in 1889, collecting invertebrate fossils, I noticed a number of large fragments of wood (some probably a foot in diameter) occurring in the Seneca or Black Slate of that region. These I took to be the ordinary *Dadoxylon*. They were preserved much the same as similar specimens from Central N. Y. The piece which I sent you was associated with these large masses and attracted my attention on account of its small size, its perfection, and the peculiar

Condition of preservation. I had never found any Devonian wood before showing structure so well without the necessity of translucent sections.

All the specimens of wood were lying scattered over the surface of the decomposed shales and I supposed, at the time, that the present condition of this particular specimen was due to the process of weathering, although it was the only one I noticed showing the cellular structure so distinctly. These are the only facts I can give regarding its occurrence except the geological section at this locality which is as follows:—

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- Black Slate with *Dadoxylon*
- Carboniferous limestone with abundant silicified corals.
- Hudson (Upper) limestone with silicified fossils, mostly gastropods brachiopods and pelecypods.



The section is interesting on  
account of the absence of the  
Niagara, Lower Helderberg and  
Hamilton groups.

Very truly yours

Chas. E. Beecher.

In wood  
Becker  
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