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Prof' Dawson

Dear Sir

I have

been making a collection of insects this long time, I have about 500 different species, all collected in the County of Pontiac. Que. and I was thinking of disposing of them, so I thought that perhaps you might take them, or you might know of some Entomological society that would.

My reasons for parting

with them is to enlarge my  
means so that I may be the  
better able to satisfy my thirst  
for the study of nature.

My trade is farming  
and my means are limited,  
so that I cannot get books  
on natural history, and there  
is not a great <sup>deal</sup> of satisfaction  
without them.

Hoping that you will  
consider my request. I remain  
your humble servant

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