

Jackson, Michigan.

June 8th 1879.

Prof. J. W. Dawson.

Dear Sir:

I found a specimen in Toledo, O. - picked up in the gravel on the bank of the little "Ten Mile Creek". I find no plates in the Geologies, neither can I find a written description of such a fossil. I wrote a Lansing Geologist but he cannot recognize it. I send you two imperfect drawings which I have made. The specimen is more plainly ringed than any I ever saw. It has also a "pith" which is

the size of a pipe-stem and which is also ringed. The circular scars I attempted to represent show where "branches" have dropped off each scar having the mark of a pith. I see no evidence of a radiate structure, and it does not resemble any corals I ever saw. I have several species of petrified corals in my cabinet, also *Calamites* *Orthoceras*, and a few imperfect *Cinoidal* stems. I know of none that branch or that have a ringed pith. I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you, but the mere name of the fossil and a reference to some author for descriptions would render me very grateful. I daily regret the lack of all authority on scientific subjects. It is embarrassing to appeal to a stranger's get no other resort is left.

Thanking you for past -
kindness

I am Yours Respectfully
Mrs E. N. Gilbert

Care of
James S. Whitney.

P. S.

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