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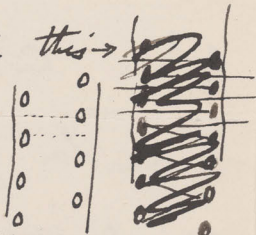
My Dear Sir,

I thank you exceedingly
for yr. kind letter, wh. was forwarded
to me here from Paris a Day or two ago;-
and for the present of yr. valuable & beautiful
book.

I am very sorry that I fell into the error
of ascribing the name Lepidophis to you:
it was a piece of stupid carelessness
on my part.

I fear that I hardly follow yr. remarks
on the question of the alternation of
the scars: and probably some inaccurate
sentence of mine has led you astray.

I did not speak of any alternating arrangement
of the scars in each separate line, but

simply of an alternation like this → 

in the two *Spizik* series.

It is visible in every good specimen,
or may be seen for instance, in the large plate
accompanying my paper.

A more serious matter than the above-mentioned
generic name, is my having failed to
obscure & acknowledge yr. discovery of cones

attached to a specimen of *Albidinon*.

It wd. have interested me very greatly

had I heard of it while I was working at

the thing. When I read yr. book, I thought

I did so pretty carefully, - & at least it was

with much enjoyment: but it is a good

long while ago, & I had not a copy by

me last summer while preparing my paper for

the press.

I know that the errors wh. you have called my

attention to, are far from being the only

important ones wh. wd. strike you if

you glanced through my paper again:

but I hope you will excuse them as

much as possible, as the work of a
very young writer, done in the midst
of many heavy occupations -

Believe me,

Mrs. very faithfully -

D. A. W. Thompson

Prof. Dawson -
Montreal -

