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J W Dawson Esq

Syracuse Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 81

Dear Sir

Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst  
at hand & contents noted also  
recd the box of Specimens which  
will be quite an addition to my  
Cabinet I had become so inter-  
ested in your book on Esogon  
that I had hoped for a Specimen  
but it is of no particular consequence

The last pamphlets  
were duly received Two parts  
of the volume on the Mesozoic fossils  
& the first part of the second  
volume of paleozoic fossils by  
Billings

I sent your box  
before I had completed the  
revision of my collection &

8 I think in making up the  
Specimen *Ambocoelia Ambonata*  
(Hamilton group) I put in from  
a box that I had not examined  
what I thought at the moment  
was some bulbous forms of that  
Species but you will observe that  
the dorsal valve is quite convex  
while in *Ambocoelia* it is flat.  
I think you will be able readily  
to separate the species the gibbous  
forms are *Spirifera Dubumbana*  
Dec 4 Vol Pal & G. page 234 plate 33  
fig 22-30 the specimens from the  
Marcellus slate Delphi way

Your letter was delayed  
some by being sent to New York  
city by some careless P.M. you  
having written New York in full  
instead of using simply the initials

W. J.  
Yours truly D. S. Whetfield