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My dear Dr. Dawson.

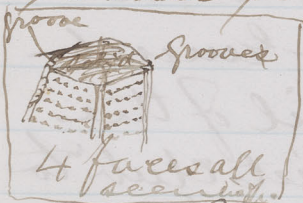
When in Montreal last Christmas Holidays, you spoke to me about going to "Paquette's Rapids" up the Ottawa River, where I might obtain specimens of sili-cifications. After making inquiries after the locality in question I happily spoke to Mr. W. R. Billings about this place, and he told me that he had been there last fall, and further intended to go there again this summer, or perhaps in the fall, in company with Mr. Herbert of Utica (whose collection of Trenton fossils is said to be the best & most complete). Mr. Billings ~~also~~ told me

that I would be welcome  
to go with them if I  
wished. There are also other  
gentlemen who will go  
up there. The place is un-  
doubtedly a rich field for  
investigation. I think it  
will amply repay for ever  
so of search. So then, D.V. I  
hope that I'll be able to  
go there, during the summer  
holidays.

Another item of interest has  
occurred. Prof. Macoun F.L.S.  
(Botanist) told me that the  
herbarium collected by himself  
and at present in the ~~in the~~  
College, & marked "Deposited  
by the Geological Survey" etc. will  
be presented to the College.  
He (Prof.) says he has a duplicate  
collection for the Geol. Survey Museum.

I was anxious that "that  
collection" should remain  
there. The Musci & Hepaticae  
have to be re-named & labelled.  
The Prof. expects to do so next fall.  
His lecture on the North coast  
taken from the botanical stand-  
point has been commended  
highly - so much so, that His  
Excellency the Governor General -  
requested the Council of the  
"Ottawa Field Naturalists Club" to  
re-engage Mr. Macoun to deliver  
it again under his auspices &  
in his presence. As a Councillor  
of the O.F.N. Club, I might state  
that we are anxious to have, <sup>as</sup>  
previously, a joint Excursion  
about the beginning of June  
otherwise with Montreal Nat. Hist. Socy.  
I have found another  
Comularia (surely not Fertonia)

rather closely resembles *C. Hud-*  
*-sonia* of *Rumours*. It is a  
solid one - with the septa  
all around, with the striae very  
distinct and <sup>rather</sup> resemble round  
dots more than lines. The edges  
on opposite sides diverge one  
way at large angles and  
other way at small angles.



It is not so large  
as *Rumours*' *C. Hud-*  
The apex is perfect.

The shell of apex can be seen and  
examined. I am at present  
devoting part of my time in  
teaching. One of my pupils will  
matriculate in Medicine for McGill  
next month. I'm tutoring a son of St.  
Col. de Winton for English Naval College  
Examination next fall. My health is much  
improved. I write chiefly to let you know  
about "silicification" of Paguet's Nautilus.  
Yours faithfully  
Henry M. Sturtevant.