

New Haven, Feb. 20, 1849

Dear Sir —

The shells arrived safely. I suppose these are specimens which you wish me to return.

I am much obliged to you for the favor. I think there can be no doubt but my living shells are congeneric with boristes, and very likely they are only the young of the same species. But mine are none of them more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter. I have examined the denticulation & find it very peculiar. The genus has nothing to do with Dorellia, nor is it Natica-like.

When I have completed my
study of this shell will
give you the results more
fully.

Very respectfully yours
A. E. Verrill

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