

Lydell
Haygo



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My dear Sir,

I am sorry to find
that our opinions to her
quits agree as to the
serial position of Hylano-
mus. I agree, however, with
you that they differ very widely
from ordinary Sabayrin tho-
dents; and it is highly

probably that it is really
on the border-line between
Amphibians & Reptiles. If,
however, we are to make
a new ordinal group for
every transitional type, we
shall soon have our hands
full. - I do not think
Cuvier intends to remove
the genus from the Labyrinthi-
thodonta.

I should be glad to have
the matter of scutes or scales
cleared up. Fritsch talks of

the whole body being invested
with ^{sculptured} scales (schuppen), but does
say whether they are bone or
horny. Cressner talks of sculp-
tured bone overlapping scales
(knockene schuppen) on the
belly, but says nothing of
them on the back. You talk
of horny scales (sculptured)
on the back. Surely the
armor on the back is the
same as that on the belly?

I should be glad if you
would kindly clear up these
points for me. If you are

disposed to send any specimens I should be glad to have the opportunity of making a careful examination of them, and would then hand them over to the Museum.

I shall be pleased to receive copies of any books & papers you may be good enough to send me.

I remain,

your very truly,

B. Silliman.

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