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Dear Sir:

A friend of yours Mr F. A Babcock whom you met at Eastport Me some years since has prompted this letter. He speaks of you as almost final authority on coal.

Kindly advise what fee you will charge for replying to questions below.

Some gentlemen have concluded they have found coal in N.Y. state. The evidence brought forward is all from legends. It consists of traditions of borings for oil or some twenty years ago. In one case however I have good evidence of a small vein or pocket outcropping from which coal has been taken and I am told the opening still exists and will supply samples of good coal.

From the geological sections it would seem that the whole surface is Devonian. The region I ought to say is Ulster & Dutchess Co. Ulster lies south of the Catskills west of the Hudson Riv. Dutchess is on the ~~West~~ East shore of the Hudson. You doubtless have the sections.

Questions:

From the structure of the Country is it possible that coal underlies this section at depths of 100 to 300 ft?

Where can I read up and inform myself as to presence of coal under unusual geological conditions?

Yours truly

Jos F. Reynolds





