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St Andrews L.  
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Dear Sir

I trust you will pardon the liberty of enclosing you a specimen of some kind of metal, found on one of my locations at Echo Lake - the specimens were got when the snow was on the ground last autumn, and only reached me a day or two since, from what little examination I could give them, they appear to contain what I take for Bismuth, I may however be mistaken as I have not tried any test; but hearing that B. had been found in the vicinity concluded that the metal was either Silver or Bismuth - I beg further to state that I feel satisfied that I found two pieces of gold in the said rock - The rock seems to be a reddish quartzite mixed with fine chloritic slate.

Hoping you will favour me with

with a reply enlightening me on this subject.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully  
George F. Austin

P.S. The specimens were taken from a vein about two feet in width, knocked off the surface, as the pieces will indicate.