May 7/77

Mr Ernest Ingersoll

Dear Sir

I have no doubt you are right about the Limax being castaneus. The Succineæ I cannot venture to name, having long, long ago ceased to study them.

In looking over your Report the other day it occurred to me to call your attention to what seems to me an exaggeration of the importance of elevation in the Central Region snails. All those little Pupæ, Zonites &c. are as much at home on the top of a mountain at the snow line as at the level of the sea — and seem distributed independent of climate. Indeed, I am very much inclined to believe most of them will prove cosmopolitan and geologically very ancient.

I have been devouring Wallace's Geogr. Distr. of late — It is a wonderful work.

I have recently received Solitaria within twelve miles of the Pacific – it is making "going west" rapidly –

Yrs. very truly
W. G. Binney

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Mr Ernest Ingersoll

I kept for forty years all my father's conchological correspondence without ever receiving a request such as you make. I made up for M.C.Z. a series of letters of American conchologists - very perfect. I gave a number of letters of Hyde, Griffith, Adams &c. to Mr A. E. Gray a few years ago. I have most of my own correspondence since 1857 and will with great pleasure cull from it anything you want. Of course, there are lots of letters of Lea, Anthony, Binney, Stimpson, Gould, Carpenter, Newcomb,

Swift, Anthony &c. If you will let me know what you have in the conchological line, I will see what I can do. I have Elliott, Haldeman, Holmes, Showalter, Reisler, Ingalls and heaps of the rest. You mention Gould among these. I enclose one. To Gray also I gave a lot of Say's mss.

If you were only here you could rummage yourself and find lots of Reeve, Pfeiffer, Gray, Shuttleworth, Petit, Sallé &c. It would be a tiresome job for me in my feeble state of health.

The drawing I send you was given me by Mrs Say, who wrote on it the words "Bulimus undatus". Her husband wrote "E. Florida. Dr Ravenel".

Naturally I have no letters from my father. I have some of his mss. if that would suit.

The two proofs of engravings are named by my father. I add a beautiful drawing by Leidy.

Yrs. very truly W. G. Binney