BLACKER

BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.

23 September 1882

My dear Jones,

I am very much obliged for the very interesting specimens of Fungi you have been so good as to send me.

Your care of your eyes in the city must be of service when it enables you to pick up such specimens in the country.

I wish I could keep the Jew's Ear (Hirneola Auricula-Judæ Berk.) so as to exhibit the singularly fine specimens you

I will try it in spirit
and in a glycerine film.
When dried it shrinks up into
a shapeless colourless leathery
film.

The two Stylarias are
also fine — the large dark
one (St. polymorpha, Lev.) will
make good specimens, and
I will try to dry the white
tipped one (St. hyalopoda,
Lev.) so as to keep its
colour

The Polyporus squamosus, Fries,
is a stalked and resupinate
form of a well known
species —

I am very much
obliged for the specimens.

I hope you & Mrs Jones
are well Yours

Ever faithfully yours,
Wm Saunders

Saunders

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21 Sept 1875

My dear Jones,

I have been so occupied with a thousand and one things in connection to moving from the north to the south of London, that I have neglected your & long letter of and have to apologise -

As soon as I can lay my hands on Hueffer I'll look to his "Provencal"

which I have not read — I only looked at the plates and the descriptions of the Prototypteris, and I regret that I did not notice the correction —

I meant to have written about it — but deferred.

Is it impossible to get a copy of your hand book? Can I apply to my friends quarter?

Sincerely July yours

Wm Carruthers

Prof. R. Owen

— R.S.

Do you still stick to Lossoon?

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9 April 1874

My dear Jones,

I duly received your interesting pathological series. I have had this piece of oak somewhat reduced in shape, and so faced as to show the healing of the wood. The piece of root is very curious, and instructive. I shall keep my eye

spun for such appearances again.

The "black algæ" is a curious form of the spurious genus of Fungi called Rhizomorpha. These structures are known to be only root-like growths of species of Polyporus &c, and the locality of yours is suited to the nature of the beast! Your barrel must be in a bad way for I suppose the mycelium of the Fungus has taken possession of the staves.

With many thanks
Yours faithfully yours

Wm Carruthers

Prof. T. Rupert Jones &c &c

Carruthers

F.R.S.