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My dear Sir

Having lately written an Article upon the Toad in which I stated that the Tadpole was different from that of the Frog, two contributors to the Gardeners' Chronicle have questioned the correctness of my statement & express their doubts whether the Toad ever exists in a Tadpole state. It strikes me that I have found both sorts of Tadpoles many years back & Professor Bell seems

to entertain no doubt upon the subject.

My object in writing is to ask you if there be specimens of the Tadpoles of the Toad & Frog in your Museum & if not be so good as to give me your opinion, for I am not in the habit of discussing subjects in a careless way & I must therefore notice these Tadpoles as soon as possible.

I think also that you promised me sheets of the Catalogue relating to the subjects I investigated for you & contained in your Museum, as they published, if not pray do not forget me as they will be useful & instructive additions to my memoranda

yours faithfully

J. Curtis

Could you oblige me with an early answer as we have only a Daily Post here & I wish to send my observations to Lindley this week