Ridgway Collection

WALTER C. GOFORTH

La Jolla Calf.
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Mr Robert Ridgway
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Dear Robert: I enclose you under seperate cover a box containing specimens, which I desire to have classified, as I am not able to do so, from any of the shell books to which I have you under seperate cover, some very fine views of the Torrey pines, about which I spoke to you at Olney. We will drive to the trees in a few days, I will get samples of the spines and if possible a cone and send you. I will have a permanent address here at La Jolla, so any books or pamphlets you may have sent me will not go astray. Very Respectfully Yours
Walter C. Goforth

access. These specimens were taken from the rocks (the shells by piece of Kelp from the beach) here at La Jolla.

We came to California last month and of course to picturesque La Jolla, I spend most of my time on the beaches, making a second collection of shells, my former one, I presented to my old college Mc Kendree at Lebanon Ill's.

I wish you would, have The Smithsonian Institute send me such books and pamphlets on sea life; fossils and land shells of California, which are free distribution, If there is a charge for it, so that I can order direct, Many which are not free, If you would like me to send you duplicate shells of Mexico I gather here, I will gladly do so. I also endeavor