

both parties, if those who desire an exchange would remember that the smaller and smallest species possess the greatest interest for me, and if they would at the same time point out to me such families as they are chiefly desirous of knowing. Moreover, it will be necessary to agree about the way in which the equivalents might be forwarded. In case I receive no such direction, I shall suppose I am at liberty to send them by the kind intervention of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, through which I beg all consignments intended for me may be forwarded.

I have no doubt as to a successful issue to my labors, if I continue to receive the same liberal and generous assistance from the Smithsonian Institution and from Baron Osten-Sacken which I have enjoyed from the beginning, especially if this commencement contributes to increase the number of those interested in the study, and ready to promote it by the communication of species taken by them, in the same way in which Messrs. Rob. Kennicott, S. H. Scudder, A. S. Packard, Edw. Norton, and others, have furnished materials for the excellent paper of Baron Osten-Sacken on the *Limnobiidæ* of North America.

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