

On Spores and Spore cases in
the Erian Rocks,

Parker

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Difficult
to see
of many
shells

Some years ago my attention was
directed (I believe by A. P. Logan) to a
shale from the Erian formation at Pettit
Point Lake Huron, filled with minute
discs scarcely more than an hundredth
of an inch in diameter, and which
resembled in part spore cases of some
Sporophorous plant. They were described in
some detail in a paper ^{by me} on Spore cases &
Cysts, published in the American Journal of
Science in April 1849 and reprinted in the
Canadian Naturalist New Series Vol V.

They were ~~then~~ described as - "flattened
disc-like bodies scarcely more than an hundred
thousandth of an inch in diameter, slightly papillate

externally and with a small part of its
treatment on one side and in some
a slit near a left gaping on the other?
Viewed under the microscope as transparent
objects they appear yellow like amber and
show little structure except that the walls
can in some cases be distinguished from
the internal cavity and the latter ~~is~~
may be seen to enclose patches of flocculent
or granular matter."

They occur in a brown-lituminous
shale about 6000 feet with much flint.,
This bed is stated in the Report of the
Geological Survey to be 12 to 14 feet in
thickness; but whether the sponges
is equally abundant throughout its thickness
is not stated. The shale also contains
vast numbers of rounded bivalve fragments

with under the microscope and what I have
succeeded in describing species, or of the sub-species
which is necessary ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~plants~~ ^{plants}
among the fossil plants found
in the bed at Kettle Point, New
York, of species of Calymene, Cameraria
and of a Leptodendron almost identical
with the fossil Leptodendron of Russia. My in-
formation in regard to these forms was that
they are fine cases and that they might
have belonged to some ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~species~~ ^{species} of
Leptodendron.

In July 1882 my attention was first
called to the subject by a letter from Prof
Ottor of Columbus Ohio in which he
mentioned the occurrence of similar beds
in ~~the~~ ^{some} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~western~~ ^{western} ~~part~~ ^{part} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Ohio~~ ^{Ohio} and
Cincinnati Ohio shale of Ohio in the

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Hamm, Cleveland and ~~Berea~~ Shales of
the Ohio Geological Report, Prof. Mearns
regarded them as Macrozooids, and
from their vast abundance and columnar
character was disposed to regard them
as the ~~Stromatolites~~ chief source of the
bituminous matter found in these formations
in Ohio. Prof. Mearns subsequently described
his specimens at the meeting of the
American Association in Cincinnati and
referred to certain thread like branching forms
found with the spores and to which it
seemed probable they had been attributed.
I could not believe fully myself that
this connection was certain - If carefully
drawn together the idea of a
Lycopodium, again and would seem.

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I suspect that these remarkable species
or fine cases had belonged to some
aquatic plant.

At the meeting of the American
Association in the summer of Prof. Wm
J. Fisher, Prof. Williams of Cornell University
mentioned that he had seen similar
bodies in the ~~same~~ *Amnion* group
of New York and that they were
associated with the *Cecropia* primarily leaf
plant *Phyllophora* *varicosa*,⁺ Prof. Williams
was subsequently kind enough to send me
specimens in which were the round green
bodies, then used here otherwise than
the Ohio and Lake Erie species. It
also appeared that I could take into
account to those occurred in *Amnion*.

+ an observation
to which I have
referred in
a Report on
Ocean plants
of Canada
and some of
Canada,
1882.

above
referred to

with ~~Allophyta~~ an ~~Arceuthobium~~ which
I had previously recorded in my Report
on this plant (Reports Canadian Survey 1882)
In the ~~same~~ Report, I have taken
the name of ~~Arceuthobium~~ ~~Spizella~~ like
others to connect with the genus
of ~~Arceuthobium~~ of ~~Scirpus~~ for
the same ~~Arceuthobium~~ which I
regard as ~~Arceuthobium~~ with ~~Allophyta~~,
~~as stated in the Report referred to~~
regard these plants as a new
with hollow leaves for ~~Arceuthobium~~ and
~~Arceuthobium~~ ~~Arceuthobium~~ ~~Arceuthobium~~
Algae.

Julius Thore
stated that

Still have receipt on ~~Arceuthobium~~
My friend Prof. M. C. Clark of Northampton,
Massachusetts has kind enough to send

x These bones
are crushed
in a manner
to show that
the cells could
not be moving

The two fragments of spurs only seen
Spurs are from the Senesche shale of
Cyanodolomite New York and another
from the Limestone Limestone. In the
latter these bones retain their globular
form and the shales prepared for the
show the ^{thin} wall of columns, matter with
indication of a dense cellular structure. The cells
is filled with clear caliche or in some cases
with granular calcareous matter and some
of the spurs show an apical or basal
attachment at one side giving them a shape
which resembles a pear-shaped form. The size of all
these spurs varies a spur from New York is
nearly the same with that of the others as
Lithium specimens

Had proceeded this far with the
kind of them about when a Mail came
I received a letter from Mr. Orville C. Dudley
of the Geological Survey of Maine stating his
desire to examine beds there ^{with, especially the} of
~~the~~ you can take care of what he wishes
no specimens. The Dudley specimens really
resemble some specimens sent to me
you found many years ago of the late
Prof. Wood and as about there was a
familiar acquaintance of Sprigg with
these cases.

On these I had at that time
reported as follows,

(See Paper on same Plants)

It will be shown that the birds which
I have no doubt of similar age with
those which Mr. Dault's specimens
were then regarded as Cuckoos
to that it had not occurred to me
to compare the specimens with that
of the same. It will now have been
proved that they are really Cuckoos, which
in any case was intended for the
first or last time to Prof. Hartt by the
association with *Speotyto*.

Mr. Dault's collection from the
I have entered new light on the nature
of these Cuckoos. Specimens of both
of the same from the New Territories and
the Cuckoo are associated with them.

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Crests which are sometimes detached
but more usually curling in under
and a remnant ~~is~~ flattened due
to the pressure of the mud under
which they are found. These
which should be named *Microspira*
As there is an indefinite gradation in size
and number of secondary spines all the
forms may be put under *Microspira*
and it would be useless with present
information to attempt to separate them.

Erection
from which
a number of
secondary spines
arise at
the ends
of *Microspira*
in *Delphin*

As usually preserved, the common
form or even type is black and carbonaceous
and the secondary spines copper or light
coloured deposits, but sometimes they are
as lateral on the surface as are deposits
on the shell to the edge of the cavity
along the wall to be pressed down. The
Wall of the sea under the *Microspira*

Chromis
in the
of the
to the
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ments a dense ^{organic} hercynite
cells whose walls are mixed with
with suberous matter.

We may now suppose as to
the probable affinities of these
Cymos. organs. As to the Dactyl
Proselian specimens they resemble
mentally the species of *Trachema*,
a group of *Chalcidaceae* com-
monly associated with *Diplomata*
and of plants of this order were
abundant in the same period
Why can be true why that
the dispersal of their fruit in
the bottom of shallow waters,
while their laminated clay
were being deposited.

Again there is sufficient resemblance
between the ones *Philippon* and
but plants as *Asolla* & remove
the possibility that they may have
belonged to this family and if
the glabrous looks associated
with them may also be their
spores.

With respect to the genus
of humus and the whole one
simple minute glabrous looks there
can be no question that they might
be ones or numerous of species
but when we take into account
with them the new light applied
to the Brazilian specimens and
the filamentous stems found with
them in Ohio by Prof. Allen it

Seems not improbable that
they always be of the same
nature.

In this case we shall
have to suppose not so much
dense forest of Lepidodendron
trees, the only tree species as
a very luxuriant growth of
shallow water plants of the
called to Manihara type the
Mallus of Devon showing any
very fresh and green of the
case into the sea. The
luxuriant growth in the same
plants of Rhipidoptera which is
of much higher grade but still
has affinities with the Pollards

may be taken in connection
with this, ^{It is not responsible also that and -}
^{plants as botanical value & should be v}

Inner
near
sheets

Further Prof Otter ^{is in the sheets}
Oakes show that we have
here ~~another~~ ^{an important} group for the

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rich stores of literature matters
concerned in some palaeozoic
works, which may have equally
well in lower vegetable in plants
algae but in the fruit of
immense quantities of plants
collected to the higher Cypripedium
on both shallow water plants

from the shores, Prof Man Smith states that
the first couple are perfect botanical key capable of solution
alcohol and other

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This little manuscript is
also an illustration of the importance
of collecting and we need the Bulletin

Facts relate to vegetation which
can be obtained in my district
localities.

1. as to Parks

The facts above referred to reveal the
single flutted bar or border very distinctly in
the water ~~refers~~ described of Fleming as Parker
Surveys. Then an ~~map~~ in the ~~Dominion~~
lot of Scotland and of paper and leather
supposed to be one of Cuntans. It seems however
less not impossible in the light of the other
investigation that some at least of them may just
be some cases of Alnus.

Should these deductions be comparing we
shall have evidence that a group of plants
not previously known to have existed in
the Palaeocene period really attained to
a great development there.

Spine Care
Hope

Note about Fraktur
Sawpuck is
family plural

clerk to be published
for Department

Missor