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DEAR SIR,—

As I am desirous of studying the variations in the following species of Shells, viz:— *Purpura lapillus*, *Littorina litorea*, *L. tenebrosa*, *L. rudis*, *L. palliata*, *Tritia trivittata*, *Ilyanassa obsoleta* and *Buccinum undatum*.—I would respectfully invite your aid in procuring specimens of these species from all sources you can readily draw from. Would like 50 specimens or more of the more common species, if convenient from each locality, together with notes in regard to the situations where the specimens were obtained; whether from quiet inlets or from exposed ledges, facing the open sea. In collecting specimens select a fair representative of each species, both large and small specimens. Small parcels may be sent by mail, large or bulky ones by express, at my expense. Due acknowledgement will be made for all aid rendered.

Respectfully Yours,

ARTHUR F. GRAY.

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Particularly Purpura lapillus and Buccinum undatum