

New Haven, Feb. 1. 1882

Dear Sir, —

In dredging last season, in deep water, off Martha's Vineyard, we took a shell (living) which very much resembles the <sup>fossil</sup> Storistes described by Carpenter from your collection, I believe.

Can you send me one or more specimens of the fossil shell for comparison?

If you have no duplicates to spare, I will return them at once. The animal of our shell is very peculiar, and its relationship not easy to make out. Small specimens of your shell would best

compare with our specimens,  
Very respectfully yours  
A. E. Merrill

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