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Dear Sir,

The paper to which  
you refer related to some  
plants from the Redoubt  
Co. I will send you a  
copy when printed. As to the  
Laramie flora we have in  
Canada an upper and lower  
Laramie - both newer than  
the Fox Hill Cretaceous and  
older than the <sup>White River</sup> ~~Chico~~ <sup>of C. sup. Hill</sup> ~~Chico~~. The  
flora of the upper Laramie  
is that of the Fort Union  
Group of the Missouri which  
as you know from Am. U.S.  
paleobotanists have called  
Chicoan but is really lower  
and similar to that of  
the same time, Alaska, Green-  
land and the British Isles.  
I have referred to these  
equivalences in papers  
which I think I sent  
you and also in the  
recent paper you refer to.

I have been much  
puzzled by the various ages  
assigned to the plants  
of the Upper Laramie  
flora and also by the  
apparent mistake of  
it in published reports  
with plants found here  
in the Lower Laramie &  
the Cretaceous in the  
one hand and the  
Miocene on the other;  
and have latterly concluded  
that it is hopeless to  
correlate our Silesitane  
floras from the Lower  
Cretaceous up to the  
Miocene with those of  
the U.S. till the latter  
shall be re-arranged  
in conformity with stratigraphi-  
cal succession. I fancy that  
plants from different horizons  
must have been mixed by  
collectors and that error have  
arisen in this way. We have  
been endeavoring to avoid this  
and though our material is less  
abundant we have it better in hand  
I hope

Wichman  
copy  
Journals  
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