

Acid
Chloroform
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Allan Hancock,
California.

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Dear Mr. Schuchert, I have pleasure in sending you
by the post a box containing a few
specimens of *Phlebotomus*, which you
will favour me by accepting.

No. 1 seems under the microscope
to show the most perfect beetle-like I have
seen, and has rather a good head
(skull) and perhaps a few cells. I
show the shield, which if in an
example of the way the form appears
to merge into its surroundings. The
nature in this case appears to be
covered with markings identical with
those of the form. Specimens the box

of Blaujones specimens, quite correct.
The fossil like specimen is rather curious
(20) but I doubt if these specimens
are so badly preserved, as to render them
extremely doubtful. I am much more
interested with Coelthrus furcus,
referred to by Prof. Sutcliff on a
previous occasion, if really such,
it would be the only one of its
kind discovered in the L. O.S.

So Geikie says. Perhaps Prof. Sutcliff
expected his notes of last year
on specimens, given for publication,
but the doubtful character of
the specimens, and the necessarily
doubtful description of the same,
served to me all a raft for
the purpose, in fact worse than useless.

* That is Geikie says, no seaweeds occurred.

I did as they've made the attempt.
I think the specimens similar to
your Lepidoptera, the one closely
resembling L. reidii, and the fungus.
would together have made a very
good notice, perhaps next season
with one or two of Calder's specimens
with which he has entrusted me.
and any other I may procure
we may have material for a good
paper. We shall see.

I have promised the North
association a paper on Florida, and I
should like when it is more advanced
to send you a copy, to know what
I am doing. I think anything
I may do will be quite safe, and
that no indiscretion will be committed.

