

Malden, Mass., March 22, 1907.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I have a paper on the diatoms of Connecticut, by Mr. W. A. Terry of Bristol, Conn.; Mr Terry is a quite old gentleman, who has been observing and collecting diatoms, and algae of other kinds, for a good many years; I think he has not much familiarity with the systematic and literary part of the subject, but he has been a keen observer, and has found many things new to this country, some of which were new species, and were described and figured in European publications. This paper is a sort of summing up of his work, with localities for the rarer species. It is just that knowledge that dies with a man unless he gets it in print.

The paper was submitted to Prof. Evans of Yale, who returned it with rather discouraging comments, some of which showed, to me, that he had not read it carefully. It is not in really good shape, but I think could be easily so arranged. I have told Mr. Terry that I would see if anything could be done with it.

Now I have an idea that there is some Providence member of the Club, probably one that never comes to the meetings, that is interested in diatoms; if so, and I could either write to him or see him, I might get a better idea of what could be done. I have an idea that the nomenclature of the paper is rather obsolete, and am not myself capable of revising it. Can you give me any help?

Do you know where there is a set of the periodical, *Le Diatomiste*?

Very Truly,

Frank S. Collins.



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