

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.
November 14, 1915.

Dr. W. J. Baumgartner,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Prof. Baumgartner:

In your letter of October 11, you said there might be a possibility of your getting the paper on Kansas land snails to the printer in November. I write to ask what success you have had.

If there is no immediate prospect of the paper getting into print in the near future I should like to ask that the manuscript and plates be sent to me here. I will take out the new species and all the anatomical data and publish it in another place during the winter. I am very desirous of having those portions come out before I return to Alaska as I found many anatomical details which were important and had not been hitherto known. I can then arrange the descriptive portions according to the latest system of nomenclature and if the University of Kansas wishes to consider the publishing of it again they may do so.

I should also like to request the return temporarily of a short article I sent to Prof. McClung in 1911 on the Anatomy of a Northern Succinea. This was the description of a land snail, a copy of which I am very anxious to get hold of.

In making these requests I hope you will feel that we appreciate the efforts you have made in attempting to get the paper published. We know the fault is not yours and we have repeatedly said so to the educators who are subjecting the University to the most severe criticism for its attitude toward scientific pursuit. We all know where the fault lies and it is to be regretted. Let us hope that there will come a time when the University will again rank with the best institutions in the country.

Mr. Johnston is here and wishes to be remembered to you. With best wishes and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. Dallas Hanna