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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MEXICO

After a week of good collecting at Cordova, Dr. H. Burrington Baker proceeded to Necaxa in the State of Puebla where he made his headquarters at the plant of the Mexican Light and Power Co. Here he was laid up for a time.

"Before indulging in my rest, I pressed the snails rather hard for four weeks, so have a pretty fair series of samples of the fauna around Necaxa, although I would have liked to get in more than one day at my lowest level, 675 meters (2230 ft.). The mesa of Necaxa with the residences of the officials and the club is at about 1360 meters (4490 ft.), while the hills nearby go up quite rapidly to 1725 meters (5700 ft.). Just opposite the mesa, the remnants of the dammed Rio Necaxa takes two jumps in order to reach a level of about 900 meters (2970 ft.). The narrow gauge railway from Beristain only runs once a week so could not use it much, but an inclined railroad drops from the mesa down to the bottom of the falls several times a day, so I got in quite a lot of work between 800 and 1700 meters. The mesa and its surroundings are basalt, but the hills and the lower canons (below the basalt) are highly metamorphosed shales and dirty limestones.

I feel fairly sure of the following genera from around Necaxa; I think I sent you a list of those caught at Cordoba.

Helicina, 3 or 4 species.

Schasicheila at least 2 species.

Aperostoma (Habropoma auct.), a beautiful little species less than half the size of A. salleanum.

Physa was the only fresh-water shell seen. The big streams were in flood and opaque; small streams with nothing but caddisfly larvæ.

Carychium, the most abundant shell.

Strobilops, lots of them.

Pupisoma abundant; either 2 species or 2 genera (Acanthinula).

Pupillidae, three toothed species, I think.

Caecilioides and maybe Coilostele.

Punctum (?) Sure looks like it under hand lens.

Radiodiscus, was on tree trunks; also a little red species that I cannot place as to genus.

Pycnogyra, plenty.

Microconus, not surely recognized on account of low power of lens. Got a conical shell that looks something like it but is all hairy.

Omphalina, ss., only dead shells, but 2 or 3 nice and fresh.

Patulopsis, quite a lot, some with animal.

Pseudohyalina, miscellaneous hundreds.

Polita, something like rhoadsi, etc.

Habroconus, plenty—2 species on leaves but one may be another genus.

Euconulus, miscellaneous hundreds.

Guppya, abundant.

Agriolimax was found on the mesa.

Limax was brought me to-day by my doctor from Huachinango.

Philomycus, three or four quite sizable specimens besides young.

Opeas, apparently quite a variety.

Leptinaria, plenty of adult.

Pseudosubulina and Spiraxis, scads of them.

Streptostyla s. s. Lots of nice big, fresh shells but only one young one alive. Why?

Streptostyla (nicoleti group). One specimen of what I think is a new species.

Streptostyla (s-g.?) Funny-looking shell, plenty of them alive. Salasiella, not infrequent.

Euglandina, a few specimens of one of the small glassy sections.

Practicolella, quite good set.

Polygyra, infrequent, but must have quite a few.

Trichodiscina with animal, I think 2 species.

Thysanophora, T. plagioptycha at least recognized, on ferns about a foot above ground.

Drymaeus, only two species.

Calocentrum, two species, I think.

I wrote you that I spotted F. & C.'s type locality of Lysinoe humboldtiana and found a nice electric line that goes right close by. Spent an hour at La Vesta in a torrential rainstorm and got a number of specimens of a big Drymæus, but did not get out to El Desierto. I hope to be enough recuperated by the higher, drier climate of Mexico City so that I can get in some good work. I am also going to make another try for Leptarionta guillarmodi and Ceres at Cordoba if I can. I will leave Vera Cruz Sept. 11, which will get me into Philadelphia about the 20th. Hoping to see you in about a month, I remain,

Yours truly, Horace B. Baker.

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SOME NOTES AND A LIST OF SHELLS OF RIO, KENTUCKY

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(Concluded from p. 12)

The following is a complete list of the species obtained at Rio. Where the year is noted it designates that the species was only taken at that time. Where no yearly citation appears, the species was collected both years. This only applies to the Unionidae and Pleuroceridae, as little or no time was spent in 1925 for land shells.



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