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Dear Sir:

We are making an effort to get together some data on the Mayflies of North America. We plan to issue a small handbook of the group at the close of the coming summer season. We find the species of your state and vicinity are very insufficiently known. Herewith we inclose a list of them, and a brief tabular statement of what is known concerning them. You will see that descriptions are incomplete and that biological and ecological data are almost wanting.

We need your help very much, since some of these species are wholly unknown to us. We can help you, by furnishing you the means of prosecuting the study of your own fauna. We assume that for the good of the cause you will be willing to make some little effort to add to the knowledge of the Mayflies of your own locality the coming season. So, we are taking the liberty to send you a mailing case of alcohol, stamped and ready for return mailing, and we respectfully request that you put into it such Ephemerid material as comes your way, and remail it to us by the middle of July. This will help: and if you can fill up some of the blanks in the table sent herewith, that will help still more. We are not anxious to find new species, but rather to learn something about those already named.

If you have any collections, dry or alcoholic, already in hand that you would like to have determined, send them to us as soon as you like. We are now on the job. We will be glad to reciprocate, by sending you, at the close of the season a nice set of named duplicate Ephemeridae if you wish to have them.

Yours sincerely,

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