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Dear Mr. Werneck:

Your welcome letter of August 24 received.

I will be glad to cooperate with you on your studies of South American Lice. First let me answer the questions you ask.

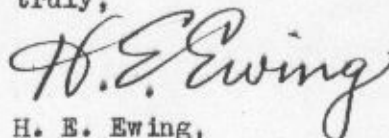
1st.- I will be glad to compare with our types any named specimens you may wish to send here for that purpose.

2nd.- In regard to drawings of distincta, I will see what can be done. This species is differentiated almost entirely upon the characters of the male genital armature. Drawings of other structures than this one would mean little taxonomically.

Have you got any specimens of Microthoracius praelongiceps or M. mazzai for exchange? I can give you a specimen of the elephant louse, Haematomyzus elephantis; or one of the gopher louse, Geomydoecus geomydis, for either of these species. I would like very much to have a specimen of the genus Microthoracius, as there are none in the Washington collections.

Can you tell me what genus of the Gyropidae Pitrufulgenia is most nearly related to? So far I have not been able to see the original description of this genus.

Yours very truly,



H. E. Ewing,
Entomologist.