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My dear Spencer -

I was very glad indeed to receive a fortuneful to the specimen of Nostocylus and know your letter. I hope to exhibit the beast in the Museum alongside of other mole-like Mammalia with companions of not only general
enormous sums have been spent and are spent on natural science! They rule everything: food, clothes, and everything else! They have a controlling influence over all educational and scientific activities. This is an institution for the promotion of learning and research. They are governed by the most ignorant, prejudiced, and racist individuals who are admitted to a share in its control. To work with this - to see it every day - to be thwarted by it and to try to conciliate it - is quite enough to drive any one mad. I know you would write from time to time to "Nature" about any new things you do or see. And also say a word about such questions as "agricultural characters." With best thanks, sincerely, yours [Signature]
men in power in the Colleges become more foo...<del>t</del> contemptible prigs and
pedagogues. Nothing can save the situation except
a government commission which will make it law
that the branches of science and modern study shall each
receive so many scholarships and fellowships - it shall also
destroy by which enactment the schoolmaster foolery
of college lecturing and tutoring.
We are probably some years from this - and
meanwhile things are very sickening. Our museums
and laboratories are starved whilst the silly schoolmasters
(tutors etc) go about wearing the