

and discussed in the text. The fact that the sections are taken down to 25,000 feet below the surface means that in a large part the hidden folds are conjectural, as is stated on the figure, and their shape expresses a convention which does not meet with absolute concurrence of opinion on all sides, but as the truth is not known may represent a reasonable compromise. In the final section the nature of the oil reservoir conditions is set down and the importance of fissures in the matter of feeding the wells pointed out. It may be added that a short review of the salt-plugs is given and of the controversy which the theory of their origin has produced. It is not unconnected with the age of the salt in the Salt-Range of India.

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ELSWORTH ROCK AND OTHER MATTERS.

SIR,—Since by an oversight this correspondence was closed without my being given the opportunity to reply to Dr. Spath's third letter, I trust that in fairness you will allow me to make the following brief rejoinder.

1. *Am. cordatus*. When an authoress (not a reviser) uses words which, without her realizing their repercussions or even using them correctly, necessitate changes in the stratigraphical as well as palaeontological usage of a century, it is not a "deplorable attitude" to submit a formal application for suspension of the rules, as Dr. Spath knows I have done.

2. *Am. serratus*. This is entirely irrelevant to the discussion, but since Dr. Spath has dragged it in I repeat that it was he, not I, who "gratuitously altered" the conclusions of the reviser, Salfeld.

3. The total quantity of foreign material at the British Museum has nothing to do with the amount of Corallian material from Europe, which, further, must be judged in relation to the quantity in Continental museums before its adequacy can be asserted.

4. Readers familiar with Dr. Spath's writings prior to July, 1938, will be as amused as I am at his reference to S. S. Buckman as "that genius" in connexion with his pulverization of stratal units. I could give half a page of citations which would provide a surprising contrast!

5. An allusion to missing foreign faunas would cease to be mysterious if particulars were given. In default of particulars it cannot be said to be mysterious only to me.

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