

FISH REMAINS IN THE LOWER DEVONIAN OF SOUTH DEVON
AND CORNWALL.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the communication of the Rev. E. Wyatt-Edgell in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE on a Pteraspidian plate found by his son the late Lieut. Wyatt-Edgell, at Mudstone Bay, South Devon.

As I was the person who detected the Pteraspidian plates in the cabinet of Mr. Pengelly, at Torquay, and sent them by my friend Mr. Leonard Lyell, for examination by Prof. Huxley, perhaps I may be allowed to say that several years ago the ichthyic character of these fossils was detected by Mr. Pengelly, who only laid the specimens aside, as supposed sponges, on the authority of Prof. McCoy. I beg leave, Sir, therefore to suggest that the Devonian Pteraspis discovered years ago by Mr. Pengelly be named after that gentleman, who has done so much for Devonian geology, and who but for McCoy's mistake would have long ago made known the existence of a Lower Old Red fish in the Lower Devonian seas.

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NOTE.—Much as one would wish to see the new Pteraspidian fish-plate from Devon named after Mr. Pengelly, the discoverer, yet, according to the laws of nomenclature, we are bound to retain for it the older of the two names by which it is already known. It must, we fear, remain as *Pteraspis* (or *Scaphaspis*) *Cornubicus*, McCoy, sp. (See GEOL. MAG. for May, p. 248). I believe, more than twenty years ago, that veteran geologist, Mr. Peach, announced the discovery of fish-remains in Cornwall, in the Trans. Royal Geological Society of Cornwall, being the identical fossil afterwards called a Sponge (*steganodictyum*) by McCoy, and now once more pronounced a Fish by Prof. Huxley.—EDIT.

REMAINS OF THE GIGANTIC IRISH DEER *CERVUS MEGACEROS*.—Our correspondent, Mr. G. Henry Kinahan, M.R.I.A., etc., of the Geological Survey of Ireland, kindly writes to inform us that he has just heard from Mr. William Heneby (carpenter), Thomond Gate, Limerick, who has obtained a skeleton of the great Irish deer (*Cervus megaceros*), of which he is desirous to dispose to some Museum.

Mr. Kinahan has recommended this collector to various persons, and he always appears to have given satisfaction. A good skeleton of *Cervus megaceros* is a prize not to be lost sight of.—EDIT.