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(Copy to Mr. Konnig)

Mr. H. G. Stockwell,
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Dear Mr. Stockwell:

I've read, with very high interest, the account, with Kodak picture, in the new issue of Mr. Konnig's Texas Observers Bulletin, of your splendid success in recovering meteoric masses from the Kiowa County, Kansas, field. So this is just a note of congratulations on the results of your laborious work at a site which had already been covered by a man of Hisinger's calibre. Too, since you've asked for advice on how to get the punished bones out of bed and going the next morning after a field trip, I'm sticking my 15¢ worth in to remark that you're in need, for that purpose, only of a good push-up for the ego and the morale! And the ingredients of which said booster dose is compounded are:

A priceless pride in your efforts at tackling such a valued project so efficiently and satisfyingly.

The other fellow's (that's including Konnig's, and mine, et al.) most flattering envy (poorly concealed!) at your exceeding good luck, plus an honest admiration for your exploits to date.

Your laurels, in realizing that you've got something there which the other 99.00% of the sedentary populace doesn't have.

Your continued hope that the very next find is going to be bigger, better, and more informative than any of the others.

Put these all together in the appropriately large amounts, and I think you'll find yourself welcoming each successive morning's chance to get up and get going again!

But since the photo shows that you're built just about as stringy and lathy as I am, just in case your carcass actually does need a harness pick-me-up, herewith is the Rx for one to which I resort for an occasional snort after I've put in some hours of observing when I should have gone to bed following a hard day's work, and the lack of brawn makes the bounce somewhat slow. You may or may not care to give it a trial, - if you do I think you'll find it thoroughly innocuous but quite reasonably effective, as well as eliciting no frowns even in dry Kansas!

This doesn't call for a reply, since you're quite surely too busy, just as I am, to indulge in correspondence, -- and were it not for this little lull accountable to Thanksgiving Day, this wouldn't have been written. Too, these clouds make it hopeless for me to give any thought to tonight's appulse. Also, I've wanted to pass on a tip, based on 2nd-hand information, that the Holbrook, Ariz., site might offer your searches a richer field than the Kiowa, as well as expressing my best wishes for your continued good luck in hearing the buzz while you're pushing along, and that quickening elation of anticipating that "This one is IT!!"

Most cordially,