

not agree with the genus as defined by Schimper, Weiss, and, more recently, by Prof. O. Heer; I have allowed the name to stand as a matter of convenience. Our *Nöggerathia* is more allied to *Zamia* than to any other genus.

My statement that the Nürschan Gas-coal of Bohemia was considered by Dr. Anton Fritsch to be a passage-bed, I am rather astonished to see denied by the "Questioner Himself" (see *GEOL. MAG.* April, p. 191). I was of course not present in Glasgow at the meeting of the British Association, but in the report given in "Nature" for 21st Sept., 1876, p. 457, is the following passage:—"On Labyrinthodont Remains from the Upper Carboniferous (Gas-coal) of Bohemia. By Dr. Ant. Fritsch.—The Gas-coals of Bohemia are unusually rich in remains of Labyrinthodonts, fishes, and insects. They lie 'near the top of the Coal-measures' and 'are regarded by Dr. Anton Fritsch as passage-beds, the Fauna being of Permian and the plants of Carboniferous types.'" I think the reporter must have been correctly informed, or he would certainly not have written so distinctly.

But even if not so stated, it is no proof against their being considered such, and lying as they do, near the top of the Coal-measures, their close relation to the Permian series is sufficiently established on stratigraphical evidence, as clearly stated by Prof. Krejci's admirable paper, referred to in my article (March, 1877, p. 105).

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FOREST BED OF EAST NORFOLK.

SIR,—Having seen a letter on the "Forest Bed of East Norfolk" in your last issue, I should like to say a few words on that subject. I remember a few years ago, when in that locality, seeing the stools of several trees just below the Gut at Hasbro. The sand, which is, I believe, usually about ten feet deep in that place, was washed quite away from the bottom, leaving the stumps of the trees standing about a foot above the surface of the bed. The upper surface of the roots were clear, but the under portions were imbedded in the solid bottom, which was so hard that a pick was necessary to extricate them. I have not seen the bed since, but the landlord of the Hill Hotel at Hasbro has succeeded in getting several of the stumps from that place. Those I saw stood upright, and were so firmly fixed that they could not possibly have been washed there, but must have grown on that spot.

I may as well add that, owing to natural causes, this bed is not often clear. Indeed, though I have frequently been there for the past twelve years, I have only heard of it being seen three times.—I am,
Sir, yours faithfully,

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