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Fort Collins, Colorado, Sept., 29-02.

Dr. W. J. Kerr,
Pres. Utah Agric. College, Logan Utah.

Dear Sir:- I see by a recent number of Exp. Sta. Rec. that the position of Biologist in your Institution has been recently vacated. I presume that this information is several months old now and the place already filled but in view of the possibility of its still being open I write you this letter of inquiry.

If the position has not been filled and you decide after reading the short pen picture of myself which I append that my qualifications and aspirations are in line with your needs I shall be pleased to hear from you in regard to the exact nature of the position, salary, time of election, etc.

I am thirty two years old, in splendid health, married, a graduate of the Ia Ag. Coll. '95, - Two years post graduate and Asst. work gave me the M.Sc., this is my fifth year here in the position I now hold. I spent year before last at the Ohio State Univ. with a Fellowship in Zoology, working towards the Ph.D. - for which I have but one more years work.

My whole college course has been shaped to fit me for work in Zoo. and Ento. and I expect to make that my life work. I have taught all grades from the country school to the Prin. of a town school, in an Academy and have taught Physiology, Zoology, Entomology and Embryology in college work.

I have published some twenty odd scientific papers and a number of economic ones, bulletins etc., some 300 pages and 29 plates in all.

I draw readily and my wife does fine pen work so I can freely illustrate. I have a good economic library and a very complete scientific one along my line of work as well as a large collection of Insects.

In economic entomology I have worked along the very lines that are demanding attention in Utah - Codling Moth and orchard insects, beet pests and Grasshoppers. Our work with the Codling moth caused ~~several~~ several Entomologists to get out revised editions of their results and we are about to publish what has been demonstrated to be a successful method of destroying grasshoppers - a long felt want.

I am well pleased with my work here but am up to the limit in both salary and position unless my chief should move which he does not seem inclined to do.

If I hear from you to the effect that the position is open and it seems to me to be a sufficiently desirable one in opportunity etc. I shall be pleased to file with you a set of testimonials that will, I think, bear out all I have said and more.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. Ball