Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Dec. ult. was seen a few days ago and was too busy to answer it immediately. In reply to your proposition in regard to a suite of Crustacea from this locality, I would say that I regret very much to be unable to furnish you with a suite of them at present as my whole cabinet was destroyed by fire last March and was probably the best collection of coal measure fossils in this State. I commenced, however, to collect again last season and considering the short time I could only devote to it, I feel myself greatly encouraged. I have only a few duplicates of crustacea to offer you, they are, Acanthothcereus, Simpsonia, and Anthrapalemon gracilis. The remarkable Amphibalurenum grandiceps the oldest yet discovered, Palaeacampa, Antraen, or number of Bellinumns Dance or other crustacea was all destroyed.

Prof. Lesquereux has seen my coal plants among which are a number of new species and will probably appear in the report of the Ill. geological survey. The specimens in shale are very good also. I think in a year from now I would be more able to supply you with good specimens as at
The present time.

Several of my books on Geology and Palæontology was destroyed by fire also and I like to have them replaced if you can furnish them to me or would take other fossils in exchange.

Very truly yours,

Morris, Jan. 4, 69

J.P. Ewen
Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

Yours of 14th inst.,
came to hand a few weeks ago,
I should have written you sooner,
but had to pay attention at first to
pressing business in my gallery,
so you will excuse me.

I did not collect a great deal this
season on account of the constant
high water we had in the spring and
the greater part in summer and was
not able to make anything till because
when the water sufficiently subsided
I discovered several new things
although not as many as I expected.

The new species will be described
in the forthcoming volume of the
All good. Summer with a supplement.
In crustaceans, insects etc., I added
but a few to those I collected year
before. I have only
2. Eubroops Dana not very good.
2. Anthropoleon gracilis, one of them
is most perfect.
a number of Acanthotelson Simpson.
1. Acanthotelson Mini possible good.
1. Euphotobia major good probably
the best not discovered.
1. Chrestotes lapidaria of which I send
you a photograph as also of
Lepidocrotobius ornatus, the only one yet
discovered in this country, and of
Callipterus Sollivani, probably the
first one discovered with the leaves
branching out.
you see by keeping at least one
of each species for my own cabinet,
there won’t be much left upon
wish to have. I was however

Glad to learn of Mr. Strong
that he supplied you with all
of the above named species.
though I be fortunate enough in
future to find good animal remains
I would inform you of it.
Last winter I went to the Illi State
Cabinet the remains of a Mastodon,
discovered in the drift resting on
the coal measure near this city.

Very truly yours
Morris. Nov. 29th by J.T. Diller
Prof. O. C. Marsh of Yale College

Dear Sir,

Having concluded to leave this place, I offer my collection for sale. The specimens from Carboniferous of this locality, consisting of two large boxes of good whale teeth and five boxes of the Mazon Creek nodules and contains several of the original species figured in the Vol. of the Illinois Report as well as a number of species described in the Vol. including a number of nodules containing crustaceans and other animal remains. The price I ask is 300 dollars. I suppose...
that you do not care so much for my exchanges I have
beside and probably can dispose of them better
to some parties from here.
An answer is solicited as
soon as convenient.

Yours truly,

Morris Ile
April 21 71.