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Prof. O. C. Marsh

Esteemed Friend

Today I received from the F. O. the little note of the 4th and a copy of "Dana's Manual of Geology." Please to excuse me when I say that I debated in my mind some minutes before I decided to receive it. Not that I cannot highly value a small present from this; but this way is so much more expensive than I could have contemplated, that it seems to indicate a sense of obligation on the part, and nothing could have been further from my wishes, than that there should have been any thing of the kind.

Though I have lived as a
medieval farmer. I have always felt a lively interest in the labors of the devotees of science; and glad to meet with them and cheer them on their way when it was convenient in my power to do so. I hope it will afford me as much pleasure to see you again, if you should ever find it in your way to revisit the scenes, where our famous ancestors flourished during (or perhaps it will be safer to say a little later than) the Reptilian period.

The week after you were here I purchased a Copy of Dana's Geology at J.B. Lippincott, in Phila, and find it just the work I wanted; but unfortunate ly, I have not written it or defaced it; and shall take it back and trade it for a Biographical Dictionary or some other book. I have made considerable inquiry for Indian relics so far with no success. I think I shall make my next appeal to the boys, and offer 2 or 3 cents a piece for perfect samples of axes and other implements; and if I meet with any success will express them to the address.

I was caught in the storm yesterday, returning from Phila in a Hay wagon,—have had a slight chill to day, and my head does not feel as clear as I like it to when writing. Please to accept of my thanks for the valuable
present, which I shall read with interest, and preserve as a remembrance.

Respectfully,
the friend, Geo. H.

P.S. 8th. Having just glanced at the chapter on Cosmology this rainy morning, I am especially pleased to find it sustains the Divine origin of the Hebrew Scriptures, of which there are so many concurrent evidences coming from various sources, that I have never entertained a doubt of their final triumph. G. H.
Prof. A.C. Marsh
Respected Friend

Yesterday I received a pamphlet containing an account of the "Metamorphosis of Jelly" and a Notice of a New Species of Jelly. Both of which are very interesting, and for which please to accept of my thanks. I had supposed these were not living here in America when it was discovered, and was not aware that they had flourished here so numerous in former epochs.

I have made considerable inquiry for stone axes and other Indian relics, but am ashamed to say, with what success. Very few people have thought them worth picking up, but when an idea comes through their minds, that they are worth that much trouble they take hold like a steel trap. I have two perfect axes, one very large, and one medium size, and about half of a large one. They were picked up at Chinoe, about 2 miles S. E. from here, and differ from others by having the root of the curl extended 20 or 3 inches and tapering. These and 3 or 4 arrow heads are all I have not secured, but I will have the promise of more. When I get enough to make it worth while to send them I think I can get two or three of my sisters a part of some she took from here some years ago to decorate her room and with. I have heard that a Mahlon Riney, who lives in the neighborhood of Mooresville has an Indian mortar, but don't know any par-
When I wrote last spring I think I mentioned having had a slight chill the day before. I have only maintained indifferent health since by swallowing about 120 quinine pills. Whenever the weekly dose was omitted the chill and fever would very promptly return. I have been ready to wish sometimes that should transfer any business to the mountains during warm weather, but never had the Chills before the ninth month of 1869. If those should ever have occasion to come into these parts again I hope they will come and see me. I shall be glad to help thee to hunt up any thing of interest which may be in this neighborhood.

A laborer while working on some cranberry land near Chaucerville last summer drove a Rattle-Snake into a log and secured her. I saw her about 10 days afterwards: she then had 8 young ones with her each of them more than a foot long (I judge about 15 inches). About a month ago he told me that each of the young ones had a rattle. When I saw them, I should have called the appendage to their tails a button, but am unable to say whether it has increased or not. They are interesting but rather dangerous pets.

From thy friend George Haines
Prof. C. F. Marsh
Respected Friend,

Today I placed in the express office at Mt. Holly a small box containing about 12 a doz. Indian axolotl and marked to the address. I am sorry there were not more of them; but they were all I have secured, and I believe they are not very plenty. Of all the individuals who talked like giving me some to send to thee when thou went here, I have not received a single specimen of any kind.

The two kinds sent are from localities only a little more than a mile a past: those with short polls from this farm; and those with long ones from Chainville.

While filling up a small hole a few days ago we found some bones about large enough for a one or two year old colt, but did not find the head and I don’t know what they may have belonged to. They are quite tender, as if old and decayed, or else from a young animal. They may not be of any account but I shall save them for Prof. Cope. I had intended to go to Philadelphia to hear Cope lecture on the evening of the 2nd inst., but something occurred to prevent me on the evening of that day. Some parts of Davis’s geology have been very interesting to me. I have not gone regularly through it yet.

With Kindnet regard for thyself. I remain
Respectfully thy friend George Kains