Elkader, Logan Co., Kans.
The Hon. Sect. [1897 June 4]

Smithsonian Institute.

Sir:

As I have several specimens of Geology I would like to dispose of, I was advised to write you about them.

I have a good specimen of the Icthyosaurus, measuring about 27 feet, there are 76 joints of the vertebra, the largest about 7 1/2 in. long, the smallest about 3-4 in. and all in good preservation. The head is about 3 ft. 6 in. long but in several pieces, but I think all complete. There is also a flat fan shaped piece about 10 in. across, and one small joint at the but end which fits into the smallest of the vertebra joints, which accidentally got broken, two pieces shaped like [ ] and about 10 in. long and two flippers or something of the kind which seems to fit on to above rough sketch; one is broken in two, but all there. There is quite a lot of it besides which I can't remember particulars about, and which could not be put together probably.
I have also one other head of same animal 26 in. long, 13 teeth on upper and 13 on lower jaw, one side is very perfect and fit for show in any Museum, the other side got crushed probably during petrifaction, this I would not care to sell unless I got a good figure for it as I have it in a small case, there are only 3 joints belonging to it.

I have besides these, many more vertebrae &c., and am constantly picking up more, so that if you are wanting anything that is found in this locality, I should like to know what you require. Yesterday I found 29 joints of vertebra which I suppose are sharks, they are concave on each end. There was also a part of a sharks head close by, the lower jaw, but cant say if it belongs to same.

If I can sell you the above specimens I should dearly like to get a small book on geology that would treat on specimens found out west. If you could get me one I would put in a lot of specimens and you could judge if they were worth a book in return or not, and I cant afford to buy one as I am only a poor homesteader.
Trusting to have a reply from you shortly,
I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) Handel T. Martin,

The Hon. Sect.

Smithsonian Institute,

Washington, D.C.
Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand with thanks. Could not answer sooner. Will go to town and procure packing material probably tomorrow and write you fully in few days. Have just got a little Block of Rock. 8 in. wide and about 18 in. long with 18 fine Crustaceans, new to Science. Do you handle anything in this line at your College. There are very unique, small about 1/2 in. to 3/4 in. a kind of Barnacle. There is only one other specimen known. Ditto and that is a different species from these. Wilburton has the odd one. I saw it when at Towson. Yours in haste. Respectfully,

Handel T. Martin

Elk river
Logan Co.
Kans.

Feb 1895
Elkader
Logan Co.
Kaua
Feb 15/11
1898

Prof. O. C. Mank

Dear Sir:

I have left the Am. Mrs. New York and am again in the field. Have just taken up the nicest clab of Winter Cucumbers I ever saw about 3ft 6\(\frac{2}{3}\) + 6 feet over 100 fine heads. Fine arms and really a fine clab in about 6 or 7 pieces. Don't you wish anything in this line? I will sell for $90, these are much finer than Dr. Willistons, as his are so broken up.

I just join part of the Right Time balance of your Baptomias, and the Right of Hesperomias will I balance complete, whatever there worth.

Yours Respectfully

Daniel T. Martin
I have a very fine Torricelli's Still shown pan and lots of blinds boxes do you want anything in the line of Torricelli.

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Yale University,
New Haven, Conn., March 18, 1890.

H. T. Martin, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of March 15, and am glad to know that you are again in the field, as I still need a lot of things from Kansas.

I have shown your letter to Professor Beecher, my colleague at Yale, and he is anxious to have me get the Crinoid slab for our Museum. As this is in his special department, I will say that if you will send the slab on, carefully packed; and if it meets his approval, I will pay you your price ($90.00) for the specimen. If not, will return to you without expense.

The Bird-bones you mention are worth from $10.00 to $25.00, according to their preservation. I hope that you can get more of the Baptonis, and I should like all the Bird-bones that you can get. I should also like the Turtle-bones that you mention. Why not send all on together by express, if not too heavy? I will pay the freight both ways if I do not take them all.

I want some more Plesiosaurs from Kansas, and also a Meteor or two. Get me some if you can.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) O. C. Marsh.
From Oakley.

Eckener
Logan Co
Kans

Apr 23, 96

Prof O.C. March.

Dear Prof March,

I received your last letter all right but could not get round to pack until now, as I had to go away from home the day after I received yours.

I am sending a few from Oakley today the third Crum slab. I had a rough idea some of it which I neglected to bring with it by Tuesday's mail. This will help you to fit it together although all parts are marked. I described it from memory and made some little mistakes. There are a few more pieces and the largest piece accidentally got broken. The wind got under it and blew it down as I was cleaning it up. You will find instead of it being a little over 3 feet wide and 4 long, it is nearly 6 ft. long.
and over 4 wide, and instead of about 110 heads as I thought, since cleaning up thoroughly it shows 140 good ones. So the mistake is all in your favor except the pieces, however, I would rather it this way than that I had misrepresented it to its detriment.

I also send you the Ostracods. They are in good shape and I think ought to be worth at least a dollar each. There are 18 or 20 of them on the slab, and being new to science should be more interesting. The Turtles I also send this ought to be worth $15.00, but if you want the Turtle, Ostracod & Ovocid, will take $20.00 for the lot.

The Bird bones I have not sent yet. I want to thoroughly examine the locality again. I feel sure there must be more of the Baptomis, as I have part of several bones in fair condition and with Remmy
New breaks in them, and I won't give up trying to get the other part until I have satisfied myself that are no more there. I want to wait for a rain and then examine very closely both localities. After which I will write you.

What kind of German material do you most wish.

Will keep on lookout for meteorites.

Hoping to hear favorably from you at your earliest convenience.

I am

Yours very respectfully,

Harold T. Martin

P.S. Please pardon delay.
May 5, 1898

Eckade
Logan Co.
Kans.

Prof O C Marsh
New Haven
Conn.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find rough diagram of Chiroide plate. Sorry I could not send it sooner. I had misplaced it and could not find it, hoping it has not 

I remain,

Yours very Respectfully,

Walter T. Martin
Yale University,  
New Haven, Conn., May 14, 1898.

H. T. Martin, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—

We have to-day opened your boxes and examined the specimens you sent. They are all satisfactory, and we are much pleased with them.

I enclose my check for one hundred and twenty dollars ($120.00), the price you named. Kindly acknowledge its receipt.

I hope you will send me on a good lot of bird bones soon, and any other good things you may get.

I am sorry that we could not examine the specimens sooner, and hope you suffered no inconvenience by our delay. We will be more prompt next time.

Yours, very truly,

(Signed) O. C. Marsh.

P.S. If you have any small pieces of the Orinoco flint, or from the same layer, please send them on as we could use them at a reasonable price.
Prof. O. C. Marsh.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter with check enclosed for $130 for which please accept thanks. I enclose your receipt for same.

I will send you the Batrachous bones probably by next Tuesday's mail, and yet I hate to part with them until I find out to a certainty if there are more of them or not. However I will find out at first opportunity. The other Desperonis, I think I shall keep for a while as I wish to look the place over and want to make a model of it for my own use for study.

I am glad you liked my Chiroles & I have a small piece
about 24" by 12 or so that fits into the slab you have, but if it makes an ugly looking corner on it as kept it out, it is full of heads, not very well preserved, but still good for study. This is in two small pieces, probably larger than 24 x 12. Together, will take $10 for it.

The Bird bones you can make me an offer for, you will see they are very finely preserved and must from the freshly looking broken ends have more pieces near the place. I have been up once and searched well but only found the very small thick piece of bone. I still won't give up this, and want to see the place after rain.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

Martin
May 21st
1896

From Prof. C. C. Marsh

One hundred and twenty dollars $120

For slab of Chimaera, Crustaceans, & cucumber

Handel T. Martin
Dear Sir,

I am today sending you by mail the Babtomis Bones, as per promise. And trust you will find them valuable ones.

I will send you the Cnudia slab I have, about 24. by 30 ins. long. By 12-16 wide triangular in shape and a smaller one. There are on these about 20 fairly good heads. They fit on to the slab you already have. I expect to go to Town someday this week and will express them or.

As soon as you get them could you recuit at once. as I have just bought a few cows, and had to get a little at Bank to use, and want to straighten that up. The Bird bones as I said before I will leave to you to make an offer. the best you can do. I don't wish to offer them to anyone else. now you have asked for them. so send me what you can give for them, if so doing you will confer a favor. well will when I find any thing good.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

P.S. do you have any work on the Reptilia. Tho R. J. Martin of the Herbarium. if so can I procure one.
June 1st, 1896

Dear Sir,

I have today sent you by Express the small slab of Crinoids you asked about and trust it will suit you.

I also enclosed with it a piece of the same I sent before. I overlooked it when I packed up the rest.

I enclose your express shipping bill.

 yours very respectfully,

H. T. Martin

[Intricate note on the side]

[2419]

Crinoids, Queen Brattlesea

June 2, 95

$10. sent for Crinoids

June 11, 95

Marsh notes.
New Haven, Conn., June 11, 1898.

H. T. Martin, Esq.,

Dear Sir: -

I have just returned to New Haven after a short absence, and find your two letters, and the Crinoid slab and bird bones awaiting me. The Crinoids I am glad to get, and enclose my check for ten ( $10.00 ) dollars, the price you named.

I hardly know what to say about the value of the bird bones, and wish you would try and get me some more pieces before I fix the price. The other fragments must be near the spot, and am sure I could find some of them if I was there. A single piece of the tibia would double the value for me, and I hope you can get it.

Yours, in haste,

Signed O. C. MARSH
July 18, 96

Prof. O. C. Marsh
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

I know it is very remiss of me not writing in answer to your last which contained your check for $10. I have been away from home now 6 weeks and so by justification I will be away again probably for another 6 weeks, when I will try once more to look up more of the Baptoni. As like yourself I think more must be there.

Thanks for sending check for the curious.

You can keep the bird bones until I see if I can find more or not. When we can arrange about them.

Yours very Respectfully

Handel T. Martin
 Returned April 22/99  
(5 A B.)

Eldorado
Logan Co
Kansas
April 13
1899

The President of Yale University

Dear Sir,

I regret to learn through your announcement received yesterday of the death of Prof. O. C. March.

I wrote him a short time ago and wondered why he did not reply, not knowing of his illness.

I enclose you two letters from Prof. March in regards to some bird bones I sent him to examine, and which I asked him to keep until I looked well where found, to see if any more left, he did not buy them, hoping I might find more before he set a price on them. They are not very valuable as they are, but should I find more, would prove invaluable.

There were the distal End of a Tarso Metatarsal and I think proximal end of Tibia, and some small pieces. I think of the left foot, but am not sure.

The Turtle bones of Crinoids he mentions in letters.
were bought and paid for.

I would be very glad to get the Baptism with your kind letter to
it. I have enclosed letter with mine into
the right channel I shall feel very grateful.

Tending that this will not inconvenience you
and again expressing my regret at the death of
me who will be so much missed in the Senate
voted as Pat Marry will be.

I remain

Yours very Respectfully

Hendel T. Martin.

Collector, P. J. Josier.