To Mr. Morse

November 25, 1893

Tommy's uncle, though exceedingly poor, has sent me a box of horse shells which I may have a chance to sell in the near future.

I have received your letter, and am sorry to hear of your ill health. I hope you will soon recover.

With best wishes,

[Signature]

As you do not care to mention the Bowls, I have kept the extra large incision.

[Signature]
O. C. March

Dear Sir,

I have a new find for you to make offer on. Probably a specimen from one of the ruins found are together in one spot near of the Reuc.

If you really want complete,

One for sure is -

2 bones of the digits most are at base of bowels the digit measured from proximal one middle bone to end longest digit 15 inches, but can be wanted - bones hand a free from matrix.

7 or 8 vertebrae of this same individual

7 leg bones - longest 1 feet long.

End of foot bones exhibit boxinity.
Please give an idea at least of its value. I cannot risk them going
for a boot, of them without a good idea of what you could give.

How much will you give
for 2 good Cycaea 100 l. each
1 — —

Please write as soon as possible, I have limited time to settle upon
where I will ship. The boats are near in. So, don’t put recently
found.

Mary

S. W. Shumway
Any O.C. Marsh

Dear Mr. O.C. Marsh

Nov 2 - 93

There is no skull with the Oedipodous shoe bone if the feet were dug up loose from matrix as "potato" loose from there. One of the bones of the 4 nearly are the bones of the 4 near foot feet one there and the one foot feet are there. The bones is nearly complete. The bones can be put together by an expert like yourself or your assistant easily. I must while you live here inform you that if you are not taken I might have it out. I do not wish to take any other sources. I hope from there you can.

My collector says he knows where you won't ruin to go until he cannot go without.
a post, that if you just known
him a post or one more another
in time to make another trip before
or cold he will go. Says he want
to have gone this time only he has
here. Will you prosecute a post
for
Henry Wells remember it was not
for
your name say if you send to me
as soon as possible. Let me know
if you will or not please. Truly

[Signature]

Wells says get a boss on the
Reservation west of White River.

Have 1 Department Head
Pretty fair condition.
100 lbs. of bones within.
Do you make it?
Dry mark

I write you some days ago about a pass for Henry Will.

He write this morning that the mail is waiting for the car at two o'clock to go out.

I have a rare animal I think which I don't know. Two portions of jaw or ribcage, thus:

1 Oxyaodon Head with 27 of its bones.
Parts of a Hyenaodon Head.
1 Mesohippus Head, 12 Upper + 12 Lower teeth, in good joint.
Fishing, S. F. 26 ft. 4 inches long, fine spec.

Including Canines there are 6 teeth on one side of the other.

Can you take any 2 above specimens?

My men are ready to start next Monday if he don't get your money, he don't enter that farm.

Respectfully,

Franklin

[Signature]
June 8, 1890

Dear Scott,

I am sorry to hear that you are unwell. I hope you are on your way to recovery.

I enclosed a bill left over. I determined to see you as soon as I am near you. I am sure you will appreciate the efforts I have made to help you.

The sooner you can give me the entire amount, the better. If you need any more, please let me know.

I trust you will find the specimens as described. They are very valuable and I hope you will find them to your satisfaction.

Please look over the specimens and let me know if there is anything else you need, particularly wood.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Return after 5 days to
Black Hills Nat’l History Establishment
Deadwood, So. Dak.
MINERALS & FOSSILS,
Modern and Ancient Indian Relics, Shells,
Agate and Pyrites Jewelry and
Aluminum Goods.
These Beautiful
Oregon Bird Arrow Points
are a specialty.
Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 8, 1894

M. C. Marsh

Bought of L. W. STILWELL,
WholeSale and Retail

MINERALS, FOSSILS AND INDIAN RELICS

Ancient Stone Relics, Costume and War Implements and Trinkets of the Sioux, Apaches, Natives of Alaska, Esquimaux and South Sea Islanders. Shells, Indian Photos, Polished Agates, Pyrites and Satin Spar Jewelry.

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Total: $35.85
Dear Mr. Collum,

Please return the specimens of Cretaceous fossils sent you from Princeton. I'm sure you can get them to and from Europe unpacking them, once for Europe, and packing them, once for home. Thank you for your interest in natural history.

Sincerely,

L.W. Stilwell
Prof/ O.C.Marsh

New Haven, Con n/

Dear sir;

I have your favor 7th
contg check for $4.00 for Heteroceras and the box
ret'd on which I pay 1.00 exp'. I sent you the
fossils because I thought you might see something
you might want and they were so close to you'.

I thought the Heteroceras would suit you though
I knew you had had 2 of me before/ The man who
collected this tine declares it to be all one indi-
vidual still after you' r judgment declared it two.
I think I have not violated any
contract, as what I sent Prof Scott are things
you had I believe unless it may have been one
small specimen I was not sure of/

Do you want any Drepandodon? I thought not, and yet I sent thes e
all with the Heteroceras from Princeton rather than
bring them home without your seeing them.

I know you have plenty of the sort Mr' Wells
collected for you this season.

What do you particular
ly want this season within my reach in our Bad La
ndas?

My resources here are increasing, and I might
get somethings not yet dreamed of/

Don't you think my obligation to send you
any thing new is broken by your stepping in and
hiring my collector last season and thus curtailing
my business? They want new things in Europe as
badly as yourself and are willing to pay well for
them and on such dangerous things they pay me about as much without any "Docking" as you do, and I get money from Europe about as quick as I do from you.

I know you are running around and do not mention a complaint but a fact! And I have better success in getting my price than when I send to you. For if a thing is something good and new they want it without much nibbling on prices. I have not sent them anything that you have not had, I presume, but some things you are getting plenty of now and they have not had.

I got $100. twice for a Metamynodon Skull that I presume you would not have taken at that. I think I offered it to you. I believe you have this animal have you not? I would rather sell in this country as a general thing but can sell $100. worth over there to $10. here. They are calling for Canada Fishes (fossil). Do you know of any that can be had? Where can I get a lot of nice Crinoid heads, and other Trilobites than Calymene Senaria and Blumenbachii?

Truly yours

L.W. Stilwell

Have you heard of the giant Saurian found recently in Kas or is it another newspaper story?

What book have you gotten on that

M. E. Stiltz

From your Democrat. But please none of your letters upon any of our Dark Race Animals. I can tabulate you sent me that was helpful in any way.
Dear Sir:

You wanted me to send you any new finds I get. I send today per Expr a small pkg of reptile or fishes teeth which were all one find in one bunch together.

Please make me your best offer for them and if reason I will accept. Do not consider them so old until my acceptance of your price.

At a glance what do you think they are. -Fish, reptile, or what, and what name. -Please let me hear from you soon.

Truly yours

L. W. Stilwell.
Prof. O.C. Marsh.

Dear sir;

I send you today's mail 13 pieces of crab for your best offer. They do not belong to me and if the price does not suit the owner I will have them retnd.

Please tell me if they are rare and what the name. They must be very scarce here as I have never seen a 1/2 dozen pieces in all my collecting. What age do they belong to?

You will note one with the head termination? I should judge that to be a valuable feature for scientific purposes. It is the first head I have seen.

Please let me hear from you soon

And oblige yours truly,

L.W. Stilwell.

*Handwritten notes*

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Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir:

I have your letter to-day the first I have had a word about the Crabs. Your other letter must have been lost. You may remit me $1.50 for the 3 pieces as priced by you.

I never saw as much as these before.

As to the Stone implements sent me by Mr. A. H. Verri I am surprised at what you say.

He stumped me for an exchange of some N. J. and Conn arrow heads, pestles from Oregon and Conn, spear heads a few from Miss., Iowa and Denmark, some celts from Mex and sent Amer. 4 from each.

8 clay heads from Mex. and 3 pieces of Costa Rico pottery. He sent them on by express, after I expressed a willingness to trade and at heavy charges from which he agreed to allow $1.00 afterwards.

He asked for a Sombrero hat which I have sent him, a regular nice one from N. Mex. Worth $8.00. He wanted also a buckskin shirt which I have been trying to get him. His entire list he figured up as $28.10 and I was to give him the same amount at retail as his bill in these modern relics of wearing articles.

Now I am an innocent party if he has stolen them, as I supposed he was in the legitimate collecting business by his letter heads, well printed and covered with Natural History illustrations.

I am glad now I have not paid him all the goods I was to send him. As it is, many of them are sold and cannot be redeemed as they are scattered and paid for here and there. He did not mention your name once in his letters nor that the goods were not his own.

I have on hand 4 pieces of Costa Rico pottery, 2 Alaska Ivory Spear heads, 4 Mexican Clay heads, and a very few N. J. and Conn arrow heads which he billed to me at .05 each. These are inferior quality.

Now if I return them to you I must charge them back on his bill and at same price he billed to me and be out no Express.
Leaving out of ac at some small arrow heads, I have in 4 pcs pottery, 2 Alaska Ivory spear heads, and 4 mexican clay heads what he billed at $8.25 and I have paid him $8.00 in hat, and am out express excess allowed 1.00, so that I would be owing him in goods the difference between the above figures -$17.25 and $20.10.

Is he in jail or how shall I settle that balance?
I cannot pay any cash, as I did not agree to.

I await your news about him and this matter, in particular please say when he is coming here. Is he a boy or man?
Truly yours,

L.W. Stilwell.
Stidwell

(1) Arr. wrote 3 days after whom they refused
(2) I advised that 2 $ when we reached London that
(3) that I would back things the second day that

Every thing went so well prepared

[1896 Jan 13]
32 arrowheads
9 drills, 1 ox jaw, 1 Cal. 1
8 spearheads
8 Concave axe heads
2 Alaska bone shears
1 stone punch
1 Dimpled shears
1 ½" arrow head
1 ½" Ax
6 moose hollows

with cover of Jan 7

Shelt to Stillwell & Ackerman

Jan 18, 96
L. W. Stilwell Esq.,

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 17th inst. came a few days since, and in reply I enclose a P. O. order for $1.50 for the three pieces of crab. Please acknowledge receipt, and inform me the exact locality of the specimens sent, and whether any other fossils were found with them.

Your statement about A. H. Kerrill surprised me very much. When he was arrested and made what he claimed a full confession, he informed me that he had sent you the stone implements from Denmark, on approval, and that he would write to you at once and have them returned to me. He did not tell me all he had sent you, but he now says that he did write at once to have you return them to me, and that you replied that you had been at two dollars expense on them. He says that he wrote
again to send them on, and he would pay the two dollars. He also says that he has not received the Sombrero hat; at least, that is what he told his father, Professor Verrill.

Now, it is important for you to return to me without delay everything he sent you that you have on hand, and I will see that you are repaid what you have paid out yourself. It is also important for you to get back as many of the specimens as possible that you have sold, because they are the property of our museum, and of much value to us.

What the other dealers to whom he had sold property stolen from our museum have done is essentially as follows: They have sent to me Verrill's letters, with his bills and the list of specimens he had sent to them, and we are adjusting matters with them on that basis.

Yours truly
Prof E.C. Beecher,

Dear Sir;

I have your 11th naming Fossils and sent you. Please accept many thanks.

I have discovered a lot of Dakota group of Fossil leaves in ledge of gray hard sandstone where the Scaphites Conradi came from.

Up on the Mississippi.

As to the Buds of Cycads I do not want to incur any expense to myself for freight on the risk of your having or none, but if you will stand the freight I am perfectly willing to send them.

I have no doubt you will like them for I never saw any Cycads with so well defined leaf scars and projections of base of leaves, and so many deep holes where the leaves were attached.

They are the same as Henry Wells shipped Prof Marsch a short time ago, so you will know what they are. I asked the name of these, will you kindly give me the name and horizon?

I suppose them Jurassic.

I have gone over the lot to-day and find a number of large buds, some smaller buds, and some side sections of large cycads showing a bud flattened level to the surface, but shows a bud well, though it had not grown out so as to project.

Some are great large buds that were side projecting buds to very large cycads. You can form an idea from the outlines I enclose.

One large bud has very fine net work openings and others very coarse. The fine net work one is all over it, which appears to be a different species from the coarse, though I do not know.

I have a dozen specimens of these you would probably want, and about 8 very interesting side pieces most of them showing where buds had started, like a cactus bud, and several small pieces showing the leaf scars in various ways, and with similarity to the larger pieces.

And a 1/2 small pieces. The larger pieces weigh from 3 to 26 lbs., the medium from 1 to 1/2 to 2 lbs and the small pieces from 1/4 to 1 lb.

Something like 25 or 30 pieces altogether. Good for study, every one of them.

What, for unites, would be the approximate prices you would allow for the ones drawn. If you will say it will determine me whether worth while to send them.

I think we can make a trade. There are 120 lbs altogether.
I just got in yesterday from Crystal Cave from passage just blasted open wider from pool of water submerged, the finest crystals of the kind ever taken out. Yellow calcite of a translucent honey or tomato yellow all over betrayed and each grapelike point bristling with long, slim, 3-cornered, ear spindalike little points of crystals, thus;

One specimen you ought to have or some great museum. It weighs 208 lbs and is covered on every side with these yellow crystals like sample. I must have $50 for this. If I cannot sell it in this country I think I can in Europe to a large museum in Brussels.

And I have some others very fine from the water, clean and "good enough to eat" about 10 x 12 inches worth 5.00 to 10.00 each. These crystals are new growing in these water pools containing water as clear as glass and as still as death.

Your museum ought to have some.

I am going to ship Prof Dana a box shortly when next hear from him. I expect of certain selections of minerals he will make an approval, and I will hold his ship until I hear from you and ship all wanted together if you say so.

Awaiting your reply I remain
Yours truly,
L.W. Stilwell

A party near here has a Star Fish 5 rayed, 15 inches across. I believe and the backbone and head, skull, of a great fish or reptile 8x or 9 feet long. I send photo which please return when through, say you show it to Prof Marsh he might want to buy some of the things on it. I got large Heteroceras also sent a large ship of them to Europe a few weeks ago. Can get a few more in hands of a party near here about half of the valuations, the largest end.

Have had them almost complete from tail to mouth.
Truly yours L.W.S
A specimen
26½ ft Cycad
(a complete
Cycad),
excepting
termination,
which has
grown to
leaving a
cup-shaped,
shallow
crater.

Coarse openings

Great knots of roots
at base.

Have another like above
with termination which
appears to be a large but from
side of a great Cycad.

The: Coarse Stems
17½ ft.
Great bud. Top all three leaf rosettes.

The clearly defined leaf bases of portions of central stem of leaves still on the bud is shown at page 96b.

Descending in a section of a 27/62 size.

Hollow.

Hollows somewhat elevated.
Prof. O. C. Marsh

Deadwood, South Dakota, Dec 15 97

Dear sir:

I enclose Photos of what I suppose are horn cores of Brontotherium or Brontops or some animal of that character, found on the Moreau river near Thunder Butte. Do you wish to buy them? There are parts of 4 horns. Are they possible tusk (tusks) of some animal?

Please let me know at once and if not wanted return Photos and oblige.

Yours truly

L. W. Stilwell

New Haven, Ct.
Dec. 20th, 1897.

Letter read. Will take horn cores at fair price. Send by freight.

O. C. W.
By O. C. March

Dear Manchon:

Your 214. to hand.

Specimen [illegible] 3.05., was composed of 3 individuals, and had not been observed. I thought if the collector could get a specimen of "Oregon;" I don't know. I can have the same price for your piece for our sheet. Call it 30.

The method we conside high. Themethod we consider high.

Dispersions, etc., anybody in Europe. Don't you have a "Franz" on the express? By which you could return it by which you could return it by which you could return it.

This is not just 1 charge. If you can remit you would do so. I mean that if you can remit the remaining for 0.

Yours sincerely,
L. W. Stilwell