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Cycad fr Colorado,

Returned Apr. 22/99 from Ind.,

June 7, 1898.

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

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more, in diameter. I  
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can you tell me where  
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Respectfully,  
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Dec. 17, 1898.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,  
Yale University,  
New Haven,

Dear Sir:—

Your letter in reply to my inquiry was received a short time since. The specimen of which I spoke has been in my possession for quite fifteen years. It was found in a Colorado coal mine & given to my brother, who in turn gave it to me. It did not occur to me to inquire as to what part of Colorado it came from. I know only that it came from those igniferous coal fields. It is six inches in length, as I informed you, & four and a half in diameter. It is very heavy, weighing six pounds; so it cannot be franked throughs. It must be a

sigillaria, I think. It is  
marked <sup>with</sup> rounded impressions  
in whose centers are small  
tubercles like embryo buds.  
These are arranged in diamonds  
- somewhat like this:  
I fear that my des-  
criptions are somewhat  
obscure, but I think  
you may be able to gather  
from it whether I have  
a true cycad. It is in  
a fine state of preservation  
& seems worthy a place  
better than <sup>in</sup> my small  
cabinet. If you can form  
an idea as to whether it  
is what you want, I will  
at once send it by express.

Respectfully yours,

(Miss) Kate M. Caplinger.

I neglected to state that it  
is of a brownish color. It  
may be that my brother may  
have definite information  
as to the locality from  
which it came.

Fairbury, Ill.,  
Jan. 31, 1899.

O. C. Marsh,  
New Haven,  
Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of  
the 28th has just  
been forwarded me  
from Madison. I did  
receive your previous  
letter, but on the eve  
of my departure for  
the place. Lack of  
time, therefore, prevent-  
ed packing. I fully  
intended writing you  
further, but forgot to  
do so. I shall not  
return until the last

of May. Will this be too  
long a time? If so, please  
notify me, and I will en-  
deavor to get some one to  
attend to the matter for  
me. I should not like  
to have it destroyed  
after keeping so many  
years, & I know it  
will have to be securely  
packed in a strong box,  
to reach you in good  
condition. If you do  
not wish to wait so  
long, probably I can  
arrange it.

Respectfully,  
Kate M. Caplinger.

Fairbury, Ill.,  
Feb. 12, 1899.

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

Dear Sir: —

I have sent dis-  
sections to Madison to  
have geological specimens  
sent to you. The extreme  
cold may delay them  
for awhile, however.

Hoping it may prove  
of value to you, I remain

Very respectfully,

Kate M. Caplinger

Ans. Feb. 24, 1899.

Yale

Fairbury, Ill.,  
Apr. 18, 1899.

To the President of Yale,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received notice of the death of Prof. Marsh of the Paleontological Department. I recently, probably during his last illness, sent him a segment of sigillaria, with the understanding that he would either purchase



it for sale or find another  
purchaser. Failing this,  
he was to return it to  
me without expense to  
myself. Will you please  
turn this letter over to  
the proper authorities  
that I may know whether  
it has been sold? If it  
has not, let it be expres-  
sed to my address, 507  
Mulberry St., Madison, Ind-  
iana, G. W. Brossart.

Very truly yours,  
Kate M. Caplinger.