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Rapid City, Dakota, March 10. 1887

Prof. O. C. Marsh.
New Haven.

Conn. - Dr. Sir.

Our cabinet contains a fine specimen of the *Prototrochium* - which I have had recently photographed. I have taken the liberty of sending you copies. - You will observe a one-foot rule upon the photo. that will serve as a scale. -

Very Resp.

Frank R. Carpenter

Picture among photographs

(1876)

Rapid City, Dak., Apr. 3^d 1887

Prof. O. C. Marsh.

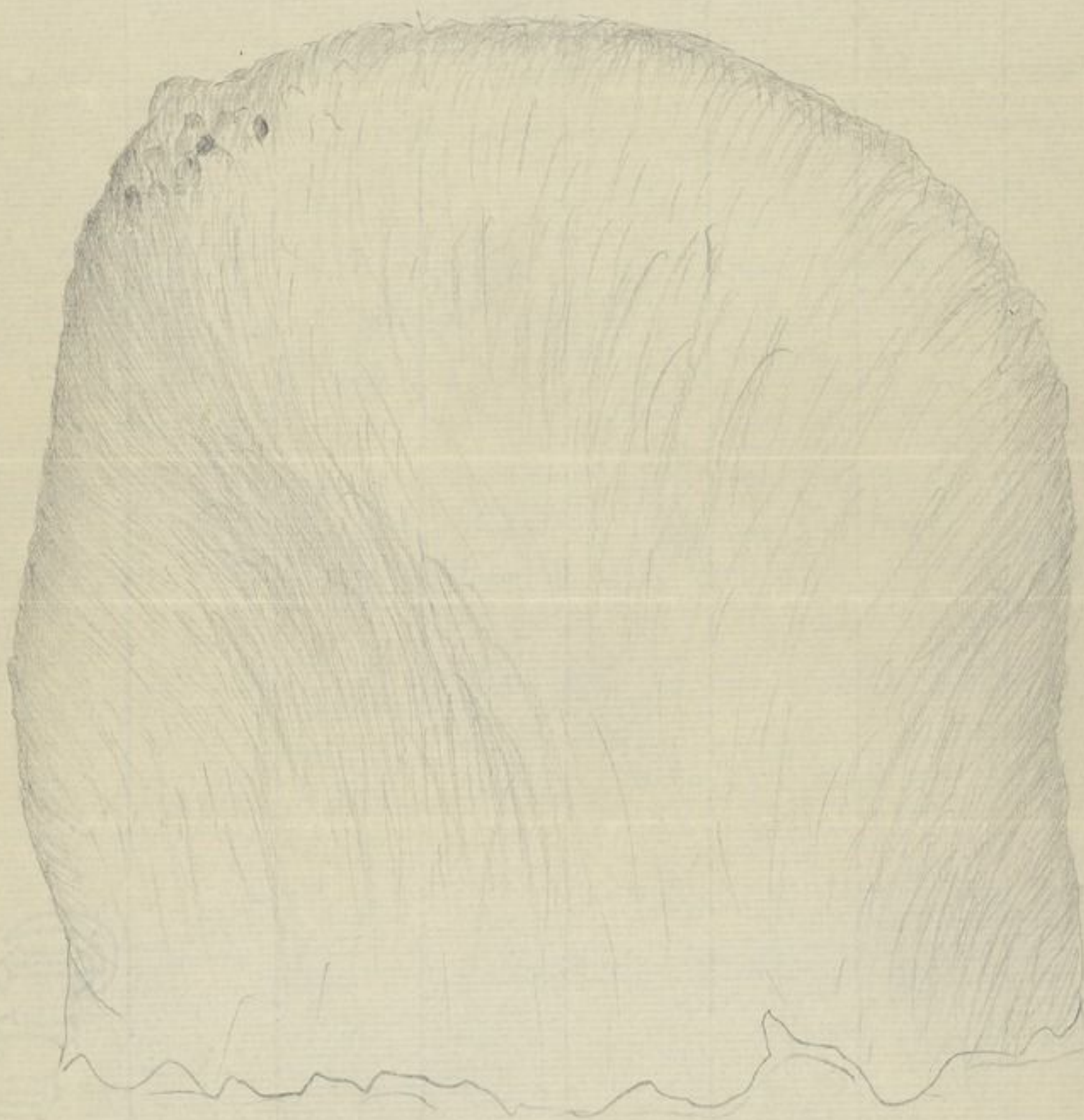
New Haven, Conn. -

I send you here-
with two teeth belonging to the
skull of the *Brontothamnion* specimen
recently shipped you from the
School of Mines. - I have a
large amt. of *Brontothamnion* ~~material~~,
among it a horn-cone of which
I send you a ^{rough} drawing. It is
the largest I have seen.

Truly,

Frank R. Carpenter.

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Actual size of Horn Core.

Brontodurum - Dakota School of Mines

Rapid City, Dak., Apr. 4, 1887.

Prof. O. C. Marsh:-

New Haven, Conn.-

Dear Sir.- I sent you,
yesterday, two teeth belonging to the
Triontherium skull recently shipped
you.- To day, I send another portion
of it.- the last, I suppose, that I
will be able to get.- I also sent a
rough sketch of a horn-core. I
would send the core itself, did it
not weigh more than the limit,-four
pounds,- of the R. O. rept.- It is
flat and bears a close resemblance
to the horn-cores upon the specimens
first mentioned but is very much
larger.- seemingly as large again.

Very Truly,-

Frank R. Carpenter.

OFFICE OF DEAN,
DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES,

RAPID CITY, DAKOTA, June 6, 1887

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

Dear Sir; Your kind
and complimentary, "The Hindcrata", received,
for which many and sincere thanks.
Your assistant, Mr. ~~H~~atcher, showed
me your letter concerning the Bront. skull
which you now have.

I have tried to induce the Board
of Trustees to donate it to the Yale col-
lection, but have not succeeded. I am
sorry to have you pay for it - for fear
the impression may prevail that I
simply sent out photos for the purpose
of selling the fossil, a thing I would
not dream of doing.

It came into our possession
in this way. It was found by a
cowboy named Caple who brought it
to town to sell. This was before I
came here. It had been lying around
exposed to the weather for some time
when I saw it. I took it to be a

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new species and partly bargained for it for the School of Mines for fifty dollars and published an account of the find in the local papers. The finder conceived, from my description, that it was of great value, as a collector, Mr. W. P. Blake, had previously bought some fossils at a fair price. He declined to take the fifty dollars agreed upon and demanded more. In the meantime I had agreed to let your agent have it. A speculator named Scott thought he saw a chance for speculation, sent a letter to Caple offering to get him several hundred dollars for it, - for a commission. I sent my agent through the country to Caple and bought it outright for two hundred dollars. Meantime, Scott tried to prevent its being shipped out of the country and warned Mr. Hatchel to let it alone. Another Caple turned up with a bill of sale and demanded the fossil, saying they ^{other party} had concluded not to take the two hundred dollars, and had sold it to him. I paid no attention to this man. In a few days they drew the two hundred dollars, and that was the last of it.

The entire cost to me was two hundred

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and Twenty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents.
I have part of the bones of one leg of
the same individual, which shows
fresh breaks. These you can have and I
think you can secure the entire frame if
you wish it. I bought Lapli's right to
the whole and he agreed to show me
the locality, which right I freely turn
over to you.

Very Respectfully, &c.
Frank B. Carpenter.

P.S. There has been no regular meeting
of the board since Mr. Hatcher was there
but I have seen every member of it.
All they will do is to let you have it at
what it cost them, or more properly, the
School of Mines.
F.B.C.

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Kapa, Cij: July 9th 1887

My dear Mr Hatcher:-

The School Board have
concluded to sell the Bront. Skull. - I
would much have preferred donating it to
Jale, but they would not permit it. Its entire
cost to us was \$223.50 - instead of 229. as I
told you. -

Resph.

F. S. Carpenter.