

West-Chester, Pa.,
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Prof. Othniel C. Marsh—

I send you the
following article from a Wilmington,
Del., paper. The Talbot county
spoken of is ~~the~~ Maryland.

Respectfully Yours
Barton D. Evans.

Remarkable Discovery in Talbot Co.

This peninsula does not intend to be behind the rest of the world. It now has doubtless brought forth the fossil remains of a Mastodon or Megatherium. It is Talbot county which has had the honor of making this contribution, and we gather from the *Easton Journal*, of August 12th, the following meagre details. It says:

"Mr. Lambert P. Kirby, on Monday last, exhumed the skeleton of a very large animal while digging for marl on his farm in Oxford Neck. The skeleton was buried some four feet underground. The hands while taking out marl found one of the bones, which Mr. Kirby noticed, and went to work to find the remainder of the monster's frame. He succeeded in finding the bones of the head, and two tusks some eight feet long, a number of ribs and some of the smaller bones. These all indicate an animal of monstrous size. Most of those who have seen it, pronounce it the skeleton of an elephant. If so, it is the largest ever seen. Mr. Kirby brought the bones to town, and they may now be seen at the Drug store of Levin H. Campbell, Esq."

B. D. Evans
Mastodon in Md.