

Danville Ills, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1876.  
Prof. O. L. Marsh,  
New Haven - Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I have on hand a few specimens, or fragments of fish remains from the Coal Measures of this and the adjoining County (Macon) in Indiana. I think that perhaps there is something new in the lot at any rate. They are somewhat more perfect than any yet described. I enclose a rough drawing of two forms. They are probably Edestus, of Cope. They were found associated with the remains of Petrodus occidentalis and Listracanthus hystrix. There are

also a lot of fragments of fossils  
in the lot.

Now if you wish to examine  
these I would be pleased to loan  
them to you for that purpose  
and should there be any thing  
new in the lot, I would like to  
have you describe it.

I have no other fragments or specimens  
but what are in good condition, so far  
as their identification.

I may possibly, have made one long  
since I intend to collect quite extensively  
this fall, having been "out of the business"  
so to speak for about 3 years.

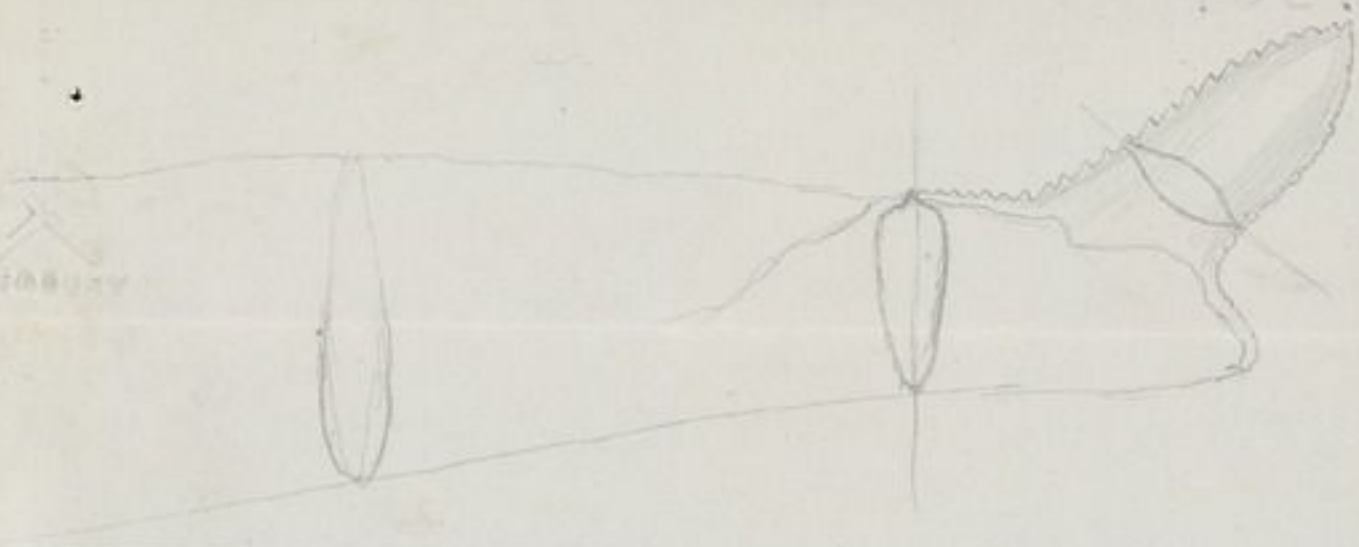
Hoping to hear from you ere long  
I remain

Very sincerely yours  
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