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Prof. G. C. Marsh,  
Dear Sir;

I take the liberty to write to you, to let you know of a few rare fossils owned by a quarryman in western Kansas - I would procure them for myself, had I the money to spend, but as I have not I wish to do the next best thing that is to buy them for some one else - They are cretaceous fish and reptiles

① A Porthus ~~M~~ molossus (I think from the description he gives of it) it is in a rock 18" x 4 1/2" - and contains

of a jaw 14" long with teeth  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long,  
and many other bones.

(2) A Fish - 12" long - perfect, similar  
to the *Clupea alta*.

(3) A Reptile - *Sestasaurus*? It  
is in the rock which was taken  
out in sections - there is a jaw,  
a plate from the head, and other  
bones - as fingers &c

(4) Is the same as (3) it is still  
in quarry. -

Should you wish these  
specimens please let me know  
soon - I did not get his prices  
but he will not charge much  
for them - I would like to make  
a trip through that territory to  
collect for some one, or some  
school as I have nothing to  
do - and consider myself a  
good collector - I have the best  
private collection in K. C. have  
taken premium at our fair  
for several years - but I wish

to sell my collection now, as  
I need the money - Prof. R. D.  
Saco - Prof. Edw. D. Cope - and  
the K. C. boys at Yale can tell  
you about me & my collection  
should you wish to know more.

I have some very rare  
specimens in my collection  
A *Nautilus ponderosus* wt. 48 lbs  
A " *feratus?* " 25 "

these specimens are considered the  
largest found N. of the ~~the~~ Mississ. R.  
A *Portheus molossus* in a rock  
20" x 36 - "This specimen contains  
more bones than has ever been  
found in one rock, and is a  
very rare specimen," says Prof. Cope.

I have other specimens which  
I will describe in full along  
with a catalogue of my collection  
should you or any one you know  
wish to buy it my price is \$1,000  
I have asked \$1,200 but want  
the money now - the collection

is worth \$1,500 or \$2,000 to any collector.

I will be glad to hear from you at any time <sup>and</sup> should you know of any one or any school, wishing to send a collector out I will be glad to fill the position - ~~&~~ For reference you can write to any member of the K. C. Acad. of Science for which I have been curator for 5 years

Yours in haste  
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