

Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.
Feby. 5th, 1870.

Prof. Marsh,

Dear Sir:—

Our College Cabinet very much needs geological specimens, and I desire to exchange a few Coal Measure fossils for something else. I have two small boxes containing the following ferns from Morris, Gundy Co., Ill.:—
Neuropteris hirsuta, 25 specimens; *Pecopteris villosa*, 25 specimens; *Pecopteris* ^{& *P. elegant*} *unita*, 20 specimens; *Annularia*, 9 specimens; *Sphenophyllum*, 12 specimens; *Hymenophyllites*, 4 specimens; and unnamed ferns, 25 specimens. There is also a good specimen of *Discina* — from Coal Measures of Fulton Co., Ill., (quite a number of individuals on a surface of twelve square inches,) and a specimen of *Lithostrotion Canadense* from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The four nodules from Morris you know well; each specimen in these boxes is an entire

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nodule & many of them are very good. There may be
three or four species among those unknown to me,
a few good, but the most of poor quality.

There are about 120 specimens, and ten or twelve
species. Do you want them? What can you let
us have for them? We need Cretaceous and Terti-
ary fossils, and good illustrative specimens from
all the formations. A reply will oblige

Respectfully yours,

A. Hurd.

P.S. Should you exchange with us we would expect only
an equivalent value. Not an equal number unless
the values should be equal. A.H.

Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.
June 2nd, 1870.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,

Dear Sir:—

I send you by freight line two small boxes containing fossil plants from Coal Measures, Mazoni Creek, Grundy Co., Ill. There are about 125 specimens in all, a few of them poor, but the greater part good. They are unnamed, & for that reason I was the more anxious to send the boxes to you; if any have names attached, some of them are probably incorrect. I wish you would give me the specific name of the Discina which is enclosed.

The boxes weigh 110 lbs., & I am unable to pay the freight. You can make allowance for that fact in your return to me.

According to your proposal I shall be pleased to receive, in exchange for these boxes, Cretaceous & Tertiary fossils during the coming fall.

Please send me, so far as you can, such specimens
as will be most generally useful to a beginner
in the study of those periods, and such as will
furnish for a class good illustrations of the groups
they represent. We have a very meager collection
so that you can scarcely go amiss in making
your selection for us. Thanking you for your
kindness in offering an exchange, I am

Very truly yours,

A. F. Hurd.

Yale College, Salisbury, Ill.
May 20th, 1871.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,

Dear Sir:—

Your note of 15th inst. has been received. For the small lot of Coal plants sent you last season I have scarcely expected a return before this time. If you can send me a return before the 20th of June, the time of our Commencement, it would please me. If you cannot, send it as soon as convenient. I expect only what may be an equivalent for the few Common species sent you— you yourself being judge. Tertiary fossils with Names Localities I desire. Can you send us two or three fair, or good, Ammonites? Can you spare one bird track of fair quality from the Connecticut valley? I am

Respectfully yours,

A. Hurd.