

St. Petersburg. University.

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Dear Sir!

I had always the hope to see You somewhere in Europe during Your travels, and really, as M^r Woodward told me, missed You only by two weeks, during Your stay in London, - I must therefore take to writing Letters. - I have directed Friedländer of Berlin to send You a copy of some of my Memoirs, and take now the liberty to join a few more. I hope to send You in few weeks a complete osteology of Eubelodon (which proved to be didactylous although a Suidine animal) and of Elboeus the forefather of all Ruminantia. - I will be very happy to have Your papers on Americ. foss. mammals, if You have a copy to spare.

One of my best wishes is to come over to America for a few months or even a whole year for studying the osteological treasures collected during the last years, M^r Lindy's description being so exclusively odontognaphical, I could not profit much by his publications, but it seems there is not the slightest doubt that just the study of the minute osteology of Your fossil

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Mammals will open a new world to Science.

I have the intention to go in August or September of this year to America and work the winter in the museums, - are they liberally opened to foreigners? Besides, there is one point more on which I should like to have Your opinion. The natives of the old country are generally not so blessed with worldly goods, as their more happy American brethren, and I have heard extravagant accounts of the extreme dearth of Hotel life in New York and America in general. Now, I am by far not a rich man, and I could hardly spend more than 500-600 dollars for my winter stay, is it possible to take the risk of going to America with such a meagre sum, although my mode of life is ~~of~~ a very modest one. You will greatly oblige me by clearing for me this very important practical point.

If I decide on coming, would it not be well to take with me, as *matériaux de comparaison* fossil-bones of European

genera; thank my good relations with some private and public collections I could bring over with me nearly a complete osteology of All the principal genera, as well as their den-
tition - if You have not Yourself good collection of fossil European mammals.

I have literally studied every fossil bone in every public and private collection of Europe and have travelled largely in all basins where bones are found, so that I have a good practical hand for sorting bones and determining to what fossil genera they probably belong, I would be most happy to offer You my poor capabilities or work together for determination and description of the minute osteology of Your mammals. - A large quantity of splendid specimens are found now in the phosphorites of Lot et Sa-
vonne, Tarn + Lot, before going to America I could take a turn there and try to have as many as I can, - it is a somewhat Eocene and miocene fauna. -

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You will exceedingly oblige me dear
Sir if You can send me some
information concerning these matters; I read
some weeks ago in the Nature, You brought
from You last excursion to the Rocky Mount
2 tons of fossil bones - Good God
what a chance. -

My address is Petersburg University - Doctor
Woldemar Kowalevsky. -

Yours Truly

W. Kowalevsky

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Dear Sir!

I have been for some time, so to say, absent from Palaeontology but now return to it and am fixed as a Professor of Geology & Palaeontology at Moscow. I am exceedingly interested in your American Manual and really think it is high time that there should be started a large publication with the description of all American Manualia (foss). But, as far as I can guess from drawings, many of your small American things are already named and described from such coeque deposits as Frostetten, Eggstrijen, Chaumont, Osterbuch-sitten, Rheims and now especially from the Phosphorites of Caylus. - During these few years I have formed a collection of fossil Manualia in which every described European genus and species is fully represented, besides I have ^{personally} by a particular method, taken exact casts from the originals in all European museums, so that really I have in fossil Manualia of Europe every single piece that was ever described. - I have a mind to run over

in the spring to the United States, take with me
all the typical specimens in originals or sharp
casts (I prepare these as good as originals), and de-
liver a course of Lectures on European fossil
Mammals. Afterwards, if You shall allow me
the use of Your splendid collection, I should
like to study Your American mammalian genera
and settle about the nomenclature and identity
of many cocene types which are described
under different names. - My friend Prof. Murby
made me *de visu* a vivid description of the
treasures You have got, and it would be a
great pleasure for me to have a look at them.

I am making now also a collection of fossil
freshwater shells, as they are so useful in studying
the stratigraphy of the Vertebrata and discovering
a lot of Greensand (lower) Mollusca, - then
some upper Chalk freshwaters. Have You any
Land & Freshwater shells in Your great Cretaceous
series of the West? I have never seen a
description of them, but Your publications
so rarely do reach us. Till this day we
have not received the XII vol. of the Survey
of the Territories, where the Eocene of Wyoming

is figured, - I hear there some new things from
New Mexico. -

I got this year a fine *Plagiolites* from the
Eocene of Rilly, and some interesting Lemurian
all this wants to be compared with Your
specimens. Have You in Your country a good
collection of European fossil mammals, in the
Eocene of Paris, perhaps well represented?
Have you a good collection of the prosop-
rites of Caylex, which are now completely
worked up. -

Excuse this long letter, I shall be very
happy to hear from You soon

Yours truly

W. Kowalevsky