

St Michael's Rectory

Boise, Idaho, Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 72

Prof O. C. Marsh,  
Yale College,

Dear Sir,

There lingers still in our isolated home the light and memory of your refreshing and pleasant visit, and in fact it is beginning to take the shape of a kindly tradition.

We have in town a character peculiar to this region, who at some time in his life has started on a liberal education, and now possesses the usual cosmopolitan fund of information of wandering "forty niners". He has lived with the Indians a great deal and knows quite a little about

their habits, I gave him your  
explanatory card, and he has  
collected quite a number of arti-  
cles, among which are an Indian  
pipe, and a stone mortar, He says  
he knows where there are some In-  
dian graves, and that by the time  
I hear from you he can have  
about a barrel of skulls and  
relics.

On the supposition that these  
are of any value to you, how will  
you have them sent? Can you  
get boxes franked by express?

All I have seen are the pipe and  
the mortar, I cannot vouch for  
anything more. My old friend, the  
collector, is a genius in his way,  
but has ruined himself by drink-  
ing, and is slightly dazed in mind,  
but considers himself an ac-  
complished scientist and phil-  
osopher, and I have to take

what he says and does, unless  
it be an *fait accompli* or a  
patent fact, *cum grano salis*,

If he comes half up to  
what he says, I will endeavour  
to see that nothing valueless  
is sent; but would like another  
copy of your circular, and  
other instructions if you  
deem them necessary.

Mrs Miller sends with  
me kindest regards,

Faithfully Yours  
E. D. B. Miller.