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Prof. C. C. Mark.

Some time since you wrote me in regard to Fossil-fish. I saw yesterday in the hands of one of our quarry men - quite a fine collection and few over. I would take them only we have already a fine collection of these. There was 1<sup>st</sup> mandible of *Oxychodus* - showing from 18 to 20 teeth about as perfect as Fig 1 plate 27. Pal. Ohio & Inter-mandibular Crest. of younger spec showing (I think) six of seven, though as I did not notice the spec. carefully the seven may be there.

<sup>3<sup>d</sup></sup> Spine of *Macropetalichthys*. 4" teeth (prob of *Oxychodus* - a good specimen of the

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Cast of Cranial plates of *Macropetalichthys*.  
The head itself was broken & lost. Besides  
these large specimens there are  
50 or more smaller ones consisting  
of Rhynchodus - fish scales - & many other  
that I could not name at sight.

He asks 50 dollars for the suite.  
It is as fair a collection as you  
could soon get from this place.

Should you want them I will  
gladly pack them for you &  
see that they are put on the

cars. Our own collection is now  
very large. We have what would  
fill a half dozen of the alcoves  
in the old museum building at  
Yale. Among them a fine

Head of *Macropetalichthys* which shows  
the lobes of the brain - and a specimen  
of Trunk of *Lepidodendroid* some 4 feet  
in length from Lower Carboniferous  
times in haste Edward T. Nelson



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My Dear Professor

Your letter from  
Cheyenne reached me all right.  
I have been so busy that I have  
neglected you until now - besides  
to tell the truth I did not expect  
you back from the Black Hills so soon  
I secured the fossils at once, had  
them taken to our packing room  
they are now boxed & will be sent  
out on Monday. Some members of the  
State Geological Board made a sharp  
bid for them but too late. I think  
it a very good illustration of the fish  
remains of this formation.

Glad to hear of your good luck out  
west - yours in haste Edward T. Nelson