

Fanny Styles

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New Haven
April 5th

Prof Marsh

Dear Sir

I received an answer
in reference to the Brass Idols
I spoke to you about some
weeks since. The enclosed
rough sketch will
amuse you, but may
give you some idea of
the creatures. My Aunt
thinks they are quite
ancient. She has had
them since 1826 - one
represents Wisdom - the

marble Bull. is disposed
 of. Should you care
 to purchase these, be
 kind enough to let me
 know soon what you
 would give for them? as
 no price is named,
 my Aunt not knowing
 their value -

Mr Geffeken sails in
 a few weeks for Hamburg
 & wishes to know if you
 care to purchase any
 stuffed birds. English
 grouse &c. The cases
 are 2 1/2 ft long & 2 ft deep
 price \$25 - a case

Yours truly

138 Chapel St

James styled

The Brass figures came from one of the Temples at Benares - when, is not known, but they were in possession of known parties in Dacca for more than a hundred years. & at least 40 years in Mrs Donnelly's family

The Braminee bull was taken from the chief Temple at Burtpore after the celebrated siege by the British under Sir Charles Sale in 1838

The British officer who
himself took the sacred ball
as a trophy gave it to
Mrs D. who was once
offered 20\$ for it.

June 26th

Mr Marsh

Dear Sir

For some unaccountable reason my Aunt did not receive my note respecting the Idol question until Wednesday, & I only have just now received her answer. She says the Idols must be several hundred years old. The exact age she cannot touch for. When she obtained them 40 years ago they were considered very ancient relics. They represent

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different incarnations
of Fishum & Selva. The
book, "Wonders of Elora"
& the "History of the Indians"
give all the information
\$25 for the three she
considers would be fair.
The Quacos were dug
from graves at Quilo
by an English officer &
are worth 2¢ each.
The Books she believed
out of print & ought
to bring from 10¢-15¢ for
the lot, she has not
another vol of the Lexicon
by Hunt sold for
Hamburg. week after
next & is very desirous
of disposing of these
gems (as she considers them)

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hoping you will find
a sale for them. I remain
yours very truly

Fanny Stiles