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Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir:

When my class (1869) graduated at Yale you asked us to keep in mind the Cabinet and if we ever found anything of value ~~to~~ in a scientific point of view to send it. I made a discovery the other day that may possibly interest you. There is a little stream, Park River, that flows through this city to the Connecticut. In the north part of the city it cuts through a high ledge of the red sandstone of this region. At that point the stone is quite red and inclined to split to an extent that renders it unfit for building purposes. In the midst of the ~~red~~ red stone, at one point, is a stratum, perhaps 2 feet ~~thick~~ thick, of gray or light-yellow stone, differing only in color, as far as I know, from the stone around it. In the course of a walk on last Sunday through the ravine I found two of the same three foot

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reptile tracks that are found in the Portland  
quarries. One was on a piece of red stone,  
was about three or four inches long, perfectly  
well marked and undoubtedly a real track. The  
other was on the grey stone, 5 or 6 inches long, and  
somewhat indistinct. It may possibly be some  
formation of the stone itself and not a track.

The thought-impelled me to write to you was  
that the matter might be of interest to you  
from the fact that, so far as I know, these  
tracks have not been before found in this  
immediate vicinity. The stones could be easily  
got if you want them.

As to your attacks on the Indian Bureau: no  
adverse report of the committee can hurt you.  
No one who knows you will disbelieve you  
although a hundred committees of Mr. Salomon's  
selecting reporters against you. You deserve the  
thanks of all good citizens.

Yours truly  
Henry T. Perry.