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Albaca, N. Y. Apr. 18 73

Prof. O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir:

Have you published anything upon fossil Sirenia or upon allied forms? I have been dissecting a dugong - and have a foetal manatee - 3 inches long - which indicates a retrograde metamorphosis from quadrupedal ancestors. I shall shortly send to the Am. Journal an abstract of a paper



upon the matter read  
 at last meeting of  
 the Prot. Soc. Nat. Hist.  
 Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>. and now  
 enclose a life size pho-  
 tograph of the manatee  
 which you may keep.  
 Some of the features - as  
~~a distinct external ear,~~  
 do not appear upon the  
 photograph.

Very truly yours  
 Bunt Brewer.

P.S. Of course I  
 should be greatly ob-  
 liged for any informa-

tion as yet unpublished - or give [3] yours  
 words respecting the genealogy of  
 the species - and if allowed to  
 publish the same - shall give free  
 credit for it.

P.S. Monday evening. The Tribune  
 state that you have just refused an  
 offer of Prof. Strydom's place at  
 Harvard. Kind for welling to say  
 to me whether this is so?



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FROM  
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Ithaca, N. Y., March 26 1887

PROFESSOR O. C. MARSH, PRES'T N. A. S.,

DEAR SIR: SO FAR AS I KNOW, THE  
BRAIN OF CERATODUS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED ONLY BY  
HUXLEY IN 1876 & IN 1881 BY BEAUREGARD. THE  
LATTER, WHO DOES NOT REFER TO THE FORMER, GIVES  
ONLY SURFACE VIEWS. OF HUXLEY'S THREE FIGURES,  
ONE REPRESENTS A "WINDOW" CUT IN ONE OF THE  
CEREBRAL LOBES. HE STATES THAT HE DISSECTED THE  
BRAIN BUT THAT IT WAS ILL PRESERVED.

IN 1879 I RECEIVED THREE EXAMPLES THE BRAINS  
OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO MY DIRECTIONS, HAD BEEN  
PARTLY EXPOSED AT THE TIME OF CAPTURE SO AS TO  
BE FAIRLY WELL PRESERVED. THEIR DISSECTION HAS  
BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL OTHER & MORE ACCESSIBLE  
TYPES OF BRAIN HAD BEEN EXAMINED. I HAVE RECENT-  
LY MADE SECTIONS & DISSECTIONS & PHOTOGRAPHED

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THEM, MOSTLY ENLARGED FOUR DIAMETERS. NEW FACTS  
 HAVE BEEN OBSERVED & ERRORS OF THE WRITERS NAM-  
 ED HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. FURTHERMORE, I THINK  
 LIGHT IS THROWN ON THE GENERAL MORPHOLOGY OF  
 THE ORGAN, UPON ITS VALUE IN CLASSIFICATION &  
 UPON THE RELATIONS OF THE LARGER VERTEBRATE  
 GROUPS. IF THE SUBJECT SEEMS TO YOU OF SUFFI-  
 CIENT IMPORTANCE TO BRING BEFORE THE ACADEMY AT  
 THE COMING SESSION, I WOULD BE GLAD TO PRESENT  
 IT UNDER THE TITLE ON THE INCLOSED SLIP. I  
 SHOULD BRING PHOTOGRAPHS & DRAWINGS & SUCH  
 PREPARATIONS AS WOULD BEAR TRANSPORTATION.

VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

*Burt G. Wilder*

FROM BURT G. WILDER, M. D., PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY, COMPARATIVE ANATOMY, AND ZOOLOGY.

PLEASE ANSWER ON  
THIS SLIP.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y., .....188

THE BRAIN OF CERATODUS; WITH REMARKS ON  
 THE GENERAL MORPHOLOGY OF THE VERTEBRATE  
 BRAIN & ON CLASSIFICATION.



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Ithaca, N. Y., *April* 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

PROF. O. C. MARSH, DEAR SIR:

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ACCORDING TO THE FACTS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*B. G. Wilder*

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Curator of the Vertebrate Division of the Zoological Museum.



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O. C. MARSH.