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 Prof O C Marsh  
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Dear Sir

I have a friend who has collected a number of specimens of Petrified Bones of different kinds of animals in which the formations are nearly perfect. For instance the Land turtle, Coyote heads in which the teeth are in a perfect state of petrification & still retained in the jaw. Also skulls & jaws of larger animals that we are not acquainted with. He lives in the Black Hills & is an old hunter & knows where those specimens are to be found & says there are skeletons of fish & Eels and other water animals to be found in the same state. He also says that he has found that respectable human bones & different kinds of wood & rushes grass & other vegetable petrifications. This friend and hunter is a poor man and asks me to

Find for him some one who would be willing to remunerate him for furnishing from time to time those specimens.

Dugore Kimball at this point gave me your address and said that you might want them and that if you did not you would be a person who could tell us where they would be wanted. I will send you by mail a few small specimens so you can see the actual condition of them. Hoping you will reply to this and that I have not presumed in addressing you  
I am yours

Very

Respectfully  
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