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Prof O C Marsh  
Dear Sir

I was much pleased a few days ago of receiving yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> and last one of receiving the *Ophidium* I had died and one don't look well and they appear to have had their ears in proper

I would have supposed that they would have come in express box and as they express <sup>money</sup> lives and keeps a fire in it they should not suffer but I hope to save the 2 but if I should not I must try to have you send more in milder weather

I shall build an appropriate cage with a trunk of a tree in it

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as you mention in yours as  
I consider if an animal is worth  
having it is worthy of suitable  
accommodations

Since you were here I have  
made great changes with  
my animals built new and  
extensive cages and moved  
all from the gardens into the  
amphitheatre lot on sunny side

The gardens are doing well  
taking from 2 to \$4000. - per month  
but more than all of it is always  
expended on it.

My love and ambitions for  
the gardens was carried to much  
extent before I ever thought of  
opening them to the public, now  
the public patronage is assisting  
me to pay the expenses

I shall see Mr. Gruber that he  
supplies you with your wants and  
hope to keep you interest for me

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My Daughter and family  
Send their respects to  
you I hope the time  
may come again when  
you will visit these shores

Yours truly  
W. S. Woodward