

Marsh asks Felch if he can collect for him.

Yale College Museum
New Have, Conn.

March 30th, 1882

Dear Mr. Felch,

What are you going to do this summer? Do you want to collect "fossils" in your region if there is a good chance? Could you get McGwin to work with you?

Please let me know soon.

Yours truly
O.C. Marsh

Marsh has contacted Felch to ask him to resume collecting for him.

Canon City, Colo.

Apr 12th, 1882

Prof.O.C. Marsh

Dear Sir

I was away from home when yours of Mar 30th was received or you would have received an answer sooner.

I can make arrangements to go to work for you in the course of a month or so, for anything I know at present. Will you please write – what kind of work you want done – in what section – and what you can pay per month for the season. McGuin returned to his home in Grinnell Iowa some two weeks since to finish his medical studies. I presume if he were here he would like work - and might be induced to come back. I think he would suit you as well as anyone you could get – and I know him to be honest, energetic, hardworking and industrious.

Respectfully yours

M. P. Felch

Felch to Marsh describes bones he is finding and includes a drawing.

Garden Park
Apr 22nd, 1882

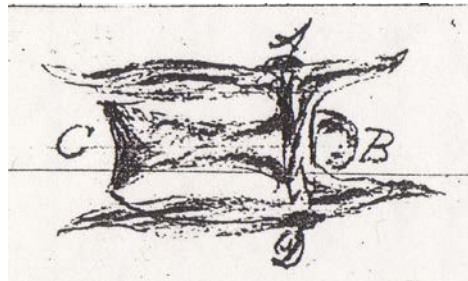
Prof. Marsh
Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th was received in due season, also the copy of Dana's Geology for which please accept my sincere thanks. It makes a valuable addition to my little store of books and will always be highly appreciated by me. Since my last we have done some prospecting – especially on the hill in the vicinity of Lucas's claim – but have found no places where they are much better preserved than in the old quarry. We have found there quite a variety – among which are several claws – and what we think may be foot bones – a part of a jaw of a small animal in which the sockets show plain with one tooth in place – also what Brown thinks is a portion of the skull and jaw of one of the larger animals – one large lumbar or dorsal vertebrae several small bones - and have now uncovered and partly worked out three cervical vertebrae. These last to me seem to be of most singular structure as far as developed. There were four lying in position one so badly crushed we could not save it. This like the rest was very fragile – the body and ball full of holes and chambers separated by thin parietal bones – and is the same stuff that Mudge for want of a better name called “head cheese”. I think he sent you a box of it. In working down and under we find the side processes running out and broadening into thin plates – sometimes perforated – that seem to connect to the body. The cups are deep with very thin edges. I will try and make a little rough sketch as they appear on uncovering.

Lying underneath and all around these vertebrae is a mass of other bones – and I am in hopes to find bones of the limbs or skull as the direction of these vertebrae point to where we should find them if the whole animal was left there.

If you would like I can make up a box at any time of a little variety – and ship to you.

Respectfully
M.P. Felch



- A. Short upright process B. Ball C. Cup quite deep with thin sharp edge
D. Process – running down and under – broadening to a thin plate connecting with the body.