

Letter from Oramel Lucas to Dr. F.V. Hayden to order books from the USGS. Note in paragraph three the reference to *Amphicoelias fragilimus*, the enormous specimen.

Cañon City Col
Nov 18th 1878

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I am now at work on a second Camarasaurus Supremus which is in better preservation than the first and the prospect is that I shall be able to find a larger part of the whole skeleton than the first.

You have doubtless seen Prof. Cope's report on the Amphicoelias fragilimus, the vertebra of which is six feet in elevation requiring a femur twelve feet long, almost fabulous dimensions.

I expect to spend the winter at Oberlin Ohio, hence if you can send one of your new atlas of Colorado and the quarto publications that will be of most use to me in field work. Please send to O.W. Lucas, Oberlin, Ohio and greatly ablige.

Very truly yours
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Original in the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming.

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