

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

Garden Park
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Prof. Marsh
Dear Sir

Yours of the 14" 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