

Felch writes to Marsh that he became ill again after returning from the east but is now a bit better. He and a friend have looked for fossils near Cottage Rock where Lucas worked but found nothing outside the old dinosaur horizon. He is also looking in the red strata, from which Baldwin sent him a fossil but has found nothing. He introduces a young man who has helped him and will be visiting New Haven. He asks that some young men there might show him the museum as he was shown during his visit to New Haven.

Canon City, Colo.
Dec. 31st, 1892

Prof. Marsh
Dear Sir

I had been in hopes ere this to have had something of interest to write you, but so far, in our line nothing has turned up worth noting

When I arrived home from the East I was better than I had been for years and fully expected to pitch in and accomplish a good bit of work, but a few days after getting home I had an attack of grip slight only at first – but soon all my old chronic trouble took hold worse than ever – and so severe as to keep me from doing anything – until in Oct. last, since which time I have been improving somewhat.

In Nov. a young friend of mine just returned from a three years sojourn in the City of Old Mexico – and who used to be with us some when we worked the quarry – offered to go out with me and hunt for fossils and we made several trips up and around the vicinity of "Cottage Rock" and where Lucas worked but found nothing outside the old Dinosaur horizon. The heavy snow and extreme cold weather which set in about Thanksgiving and which still lasts put a stop to further explorations --but I intend when it gets toward Spring to make a thorough hunt where ever that peculiar red strata crops out up and down the canon where that formation occurs, although I am afraid the specimen Baldwin sent you may have been a stray and the only one of its kind.

I have received several papers and pamphlets from you all of much interest for which I am very thankful.

I have an offer from a young man in Prov. R. I. to go down in the vicinity of Fort Wingate – Mancos Canon etc. in the spring if I am able to stand the trip then – and may find something worth collecting in the fossil line – 'tho. his object is to gather relics of the Cliff Dwellers – minerals - woods etc – and should we decide to go I thought perhaps you might give me some hints of what to look for – localities kind of specimens – but as that is a prospect of the future will not trouble you about it now.

The young man who helped me in Nov. intends to visit New Haven this winter – his name is George Spreyer is a very worthy and reliable young man, has an uncle who is a member of the City government of New Haven.

I will give him a line to you and he can tell you more of how things are with us. If not asking too much I wish you would let some of your young men that I saw there show him over the museum and any little attentions I will greatly appreciate.

Our family are all well and send regards.

Very Respectfully
M. P. Felch

Felch's letter of introduction for George Spryer who is to visit New Haven.

Canon City, Colo.
Jan 2nd, 1893

Prof. O.C. Marsh
Dear Sir

This will introduce to you Mr. George Spryer, the young man of whom I spoke in a recent letter.

I have known him from quite a youth and always as one who is reliable, enterprising and of strict integrity and good habits.

Any attentions shown to him will be grate fully appreciated by me

Very Respectfully
M.P. Felch