

Cambridge 4 Jan 1874<sup>5</sup>

Dear Sir

Thank you for your note of Dec. 25 with promise to send me any news of possible fossil insects at Ottawa - I had no idea where the locality was -

I should esteem it a great favour if you would let me see the fossil insects (however fragmentary) <sup>from</sup> the Rocky Mts. It would be better however, if equally convenient to you, to wait until I receive from the artist in Germany to whom I sent them the fossil insects I had previously received from the Rocky Mts (Utah Mts) in order that I might examine

P.S. On reading your letter I find a possible  
allusion to modern insects also (if I read your  
writing correctly) collected by Mr. Dawson in the  
same locality - my father has 200 Thalassidroma he  
may have written I should be happy to examine  
if you on and if not a very inferior series  
could do so at once.

S. A. V.

them all at the same time.

The artist has had them a long time, so long that I have ordered their return whether finished or not and as soon as they come I will let you know and ask that I may then see them collected by your son.

Very truly yours

Wm. H. Stoddard

I suppose you will not  
say that they are from  
the Smith ranch of the  
Saskatchewan?

Saddle

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