

in words which would apply to all these people, "Mister, I might give up my house, or even the old woman, but I ain't going to give up the divining rod. Some day it will make me rich!"

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THE VISIT OF DR. JAKOB E. LANGE

DR. JAKOB E. LANGE, well-known Danish student of the mushrooms, will arrive in New York the middle of August for several weeks of collecting in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada. He wishes to study especially the parallelism and identity of American and European species of Agaricaceae. A definite itinerary has been arranged. Inquiries regarding its details may be directed to Dr. C. W. Dodge at Pawlet, Vermont.

From August 28 to September 2 inclusive Dr. Lange will be at Ithaca, New York. The region about Ithaca is especially interesting to him because Atkinson published over a period of years on locally collected materials. Fungus forays will be made daily to near-by points of interest in the effort to see a large number of species.

In order that the conceptions of species as held by Peck, Atkinson, Kauffman and other older American workers in the group may be clearly understood, it is imperative that Dr. Lange be enabled to exchange ideas in the field with their students. To this end American mycologists, especially those interested in mushrooms, are urged to come to Ithaca and cooperate in making these forays a success. Students with only a minor interest in the Agaricaceae will also be welcomed, and the forays will be arranged in such a manner that collecting in other groups will be fruitful. Incidentally, the Atkinson herbarium has been put in good order in recent years, and is now available for consultation in the new Plant Science Building at Cornell University.

Those who plan to attend the Ithaca forays are asked to notify the undersigned at as early a date as possible. Arrangements will be made for lodging, meals and transportation at reasonable rates. Information concerning these items, or other features of the plans for the forays will be gladly given.

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REPORTS

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY UNPUBLISHED LITHOGRAPHIC PLATES OF VERTEBRATE FOSSILS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Two hundred and thirteen of the lithographic plates prepared under the direction of Professor Othniel C. Marsh are now being assembled to distribute for research and educational purposes to the principal active centers and libraries of geology, paleontology and comparative anatomy in this country and abroad. The distribution is by permission of the director of the United States Geological Survey through the agency of the Department of Vertebrate Paleontology in the American Museum of Natural History. There are also the original Cope lithographic plates, some from "The Vertebrata of the Tertiary Formations of the West," some from the Cope-Matthew volume, some which have never been published.

Seventy-one sets of these assembled plates have already been sent out to various institutions in this country, seventy have been prepared for distribution abroad and three hundred and fifty are to be kept in reserve. Applications by libraries and laboratories for plates from this reserve supply should be addressed to the Curator of the Department of Vertebrate Paleontology of the American Museum.

In this connection it seems of interest and importance to review briefly the circumstances surrounding the long history of these lithographic plates which began probably as early as 1878 when Marsh was working for the King Survey and just prior to his appointment as vertebrate paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey, formed in 1879. The Marsh-Cope plates drawn on stone by Mr. F. E. Berger under the direction of Professor Marsh are masterpieces of the art of lithography which had reached a culminating point in England, Germany, France and America during the great foundation period of Leidy, Cope and Marsh, between the year 1850 when Leidy began his work and 1899 when Marsh's work was terminated by his death. No modern reproductions can compare with the beauty of Berger's original plates, so that this opportunity of securing the originals will, it is expected, be eagerly availed of, and prompt response will be given to any application.

The enumeration of the plates available for distribution and research is as follows:

The Stegosauria, 63 plates
The Brontotheriidae, 60 plates
The Sauropoda, 90 plates

On the death of Professor Marsh in 1899, Director