

the tracks of living birds from those on stone, and when among hundreds of examples which I have seen, not one was opposed to the idea of their being the veritable foot marks of birds, it seemed to me that the case was a very strong one. It would be strange if I should not have failed to get at the exact truth, on every minor point of the subject; especially as my insulated situation in respect to Zoological collections, has prevented me from making all the comparisons which I could wish; but I shall be happy to be corrected wherever I am erroneous, even if it be in my fundamental conclusions; and with no little trouble, I have made such arrangements, that for a reasonable return of specimens in natural history, especially petrifications, I shall be able to furnish geologists, who may desire them, with accurate casts of my best specimens colored so as to resemble the rock; and probably with some specimens in the rocks; while my own specimens will always be accessible to their inspection; so that if the views I have presented, are not satisfactory to geologists, I shall at least have put within their reach, the means of arriving at the truth.