

SOUTH DAKOTA MAY BUY A RARE COLLECTION

Natural History Specimens of Hindersman of Redfield Will Be Offered It—The Earth Ransacked for Coins, Curios and Other Treasures.

Special to The Journal. Clark, S. D., Sept. 21.—One of the largest private collections of natural history specimens in the world is owned by H. J. Hindersman of Redfield, this state.

collect for the state. He has never held money as an object, and refuses to sell a single specimen. He will not now sell even duplicates, as he is starting a second collection.



H. J. HINDERSMAN, South Dakota's Naturalist. A date or variety, he at once produces his proofs. Artistic Arrangement.

Mr. Hindersman was born in Westphalia, Germany, forty-six years ago, and as a boy had a pronounced love for natural history studies. He has traveled in nearly every country of the world save Australia and some of the islands of the Indian ocean.

His collection is on the first floor of a two-story frame building. The first floor of this building contains a small hall, the main room, which runs the full length of the building; a small room in the northwest corner, where he works, studies and writes; and a room just east of the study, where books on natural history, government reports and authorities on scientific subjects are kept.

Mr. Hindersman is a contractor and carpenter by trade, but has not given up this work to devote his entire time to science. He goes home only for his meals, and sleeps in his museum.

There are also specimens from the state of the scarlet tanager, grosbeak, black-billed and yellow-billed cuckoo, golden-crowned kinglet, hummingbird, sparrow, swallow, chewink, lark, bunting, oriole, wren, goldfinch, canary, blackbird, crossbill, kingbird, kingfisher, bluejay, shrike, yellowthroat, quail, grouse, prairiechicken, roadrunner, phalarope, heron, crane, buzzard, avocet, snipe, killdeer, pelican, swan, eagle, godwit, gull, bittern, owl, woodpecker, magpie, duck, goose, brant, etc.

There are numbers of sea urchins mounted and classified. One showcase is entirely filled with samples of coral and one specimen is eighteen inches in diameter.

Worth Many Thousands. The value of the collection has been variously estimated. Scientists and professors who have examined it agree that it is of great value, but differ as to the price to be set upon it.

There is a small collection of animals, mostly from South Dakota. There is also a collection of stamps, of Indian curios, of minerals, of various marbles of woods. There is a piece of Alaskan rock, called mica shist, weighing about thirty-five pounds, which contains many garnets.

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