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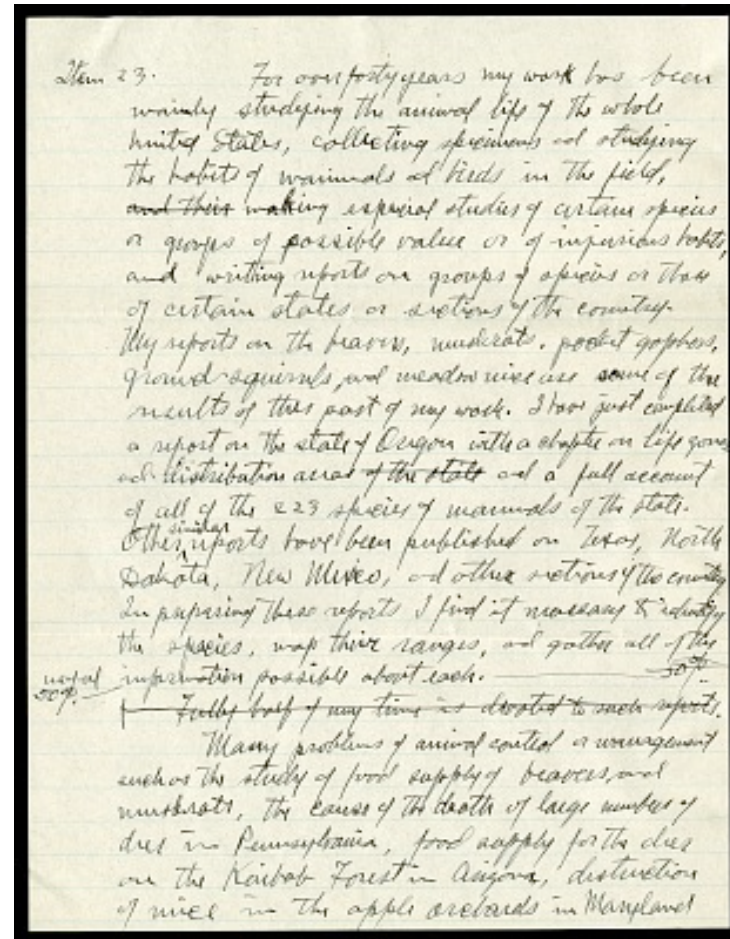
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My reports on the beavers, muskrats, pocket gophers, ground squirrels, and meadow mice are some of the results of this part of my work. I have just completed a report on the state of Oregon with a chapter on life zones and distribution areas ~~of the state~~ and a full account of all of the 223 species of mammals of the state.

Other <sup>similar</sup> reports have been published on Texas, North Dakota, New Mexico, and other sections of the country. In preparing these reports I find it necessary to identify the species, map their ranges, and gather all of the <sup>useful</sup> ~~50%~~ information possible about each. ~~50%~~ Fully half of my time is devoted to such reports.

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A photograph of a handwritten manuscript on aged, cream-colored paper. The handwriting is in cursive, written in dark ink. The text is organized into several paragraphs, with some lines indented. There are some corrections and deletions visible, such as "50%" crossed out and "useful" inserted. The paper shows signs of age, including slight discoloration and faint smudges. The manuscript is titled "Item 23." at the top left.

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