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British Columbia. Mr. Harmon W. Hendricks, accompanied by the Director, spent some time during the summer collecting among the Kwakiutl of Vancouver Island, and a very valuable number of masks with other ceremonial paraphernalia were obtained from the Cape Mudge band of the Kwakiutl. This expedition was another evidence of Mr. Hendricks' support of the Museum's activities.

Mexico. Through the generosity of Mr. James B. Ford, Prof. Marshall H. Saville made a trip through Vera Cruz to Mexico City and arranged an exchange with Director of the National Museum in Mexico.

Catalina Island. Through the generosity of Mrs. Thea Heye, starting January 1, 1920, an expedition was maintained for about ten months on Catalina Island, California, and a most valuable collection of more than 4,000 specimens was obtained, consisting mostly of steatite ornaments and implements. Permission for this work was obtained from the Field Museum of Natural History.

Washington. Mrs. Thea Heye also made possible, by a financial donation, an expedition to the Puget Sound region, Washington, conducted by Dr. T. T. Waterman, who obtained a comprehensive collection from the many tribes that are fast disappearing from that vicinity. All types of canoes were obtained as well as many specimens of material culture. At the same time Dr. Waterman was enabled to make notes for several publications.

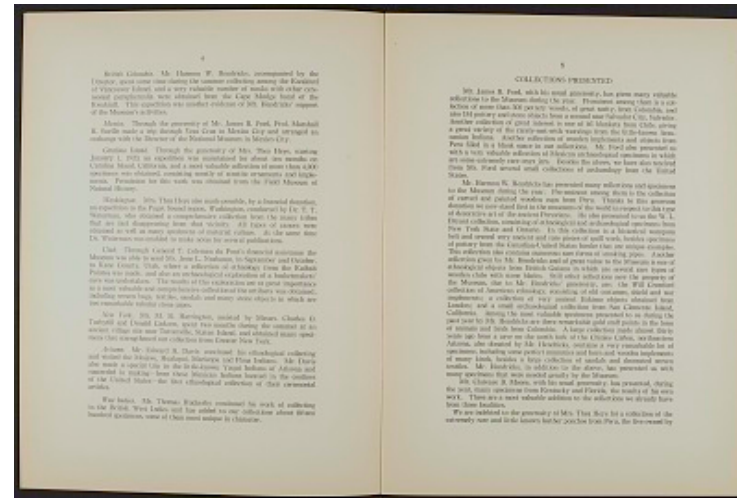
Utah. Through General T. Coleman du Pont's financial assistance the Museum was able to send Mr. Jesse L. Nusbaum, in September and October, to Kane County, Utah, where a collection of ethnology from the Kaibab Paiutes was made; and also an archaeological exploration of a basketmakers' cave was undertaken. The results of this exploration were of great importance as a most valuable and comprehensive collection of the artifacts was obtained, including woven bags, textiles, sandals and many stone objects in which are two remarkable tubular stone pipes.

New York. Mr. M. R. Harrington, assisted by Messrs. Charles O. Turbyfill and Donald Cadzow, spent two months during the summer at an ancient village site near Tottenville, Staten Island, and obtained many specimens that strengthened our collection from Greater New York.

Arizona. Mr. Edward H. Davis continued his ethnological collecting and visited the Mojave, Hualapai, Maricopa and Pima Indians. Mr. Davis also made a special trip to the little-known Yaqui Indians of Arizona and succeeded in making - from these Mexican Indians located in the confines of the United States - the first ethnological collection of their ceremonial articles.

West Indies. Mr. Thomas Huckerby continued his work of collecting in the the British West Indies and has added to our collection about fifteen hundred specimens, some of them most unique in character.

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COLLECTIONS PRESENTED

Mr. James B. Ford, with his usual generosity, has given many valuable collections to the Museum during the year. Prominent among them is a collection of more than 300 pottery vessels, of great rarity, from Colombia, and also 184 pottery and stone objects from a mound near Salvador City, Salvador. Another collection of great interest is one of 46 blankets from Chile, giving a great variety of the rarely-met-with weavings from the little-known Araucanian Indians. Another collection of wooden implements and objects from Peru filled in a blank space in our collections. Mr. Ford also presented us with a very valuable collection of Mexican archaeological specimens in which are some extremely rare onyx jars. Besides the above, we have also received from Mr. Ford several small collections of archaeology from the United States.

Mr. Harmon W. Hendricks has presented many collections and specimens to the Museum during the year. Pre-eminent among them is the collection of carved and painted wooden cups from Peru. Thanks to this generous donation we now stand first in the museums of the world in respect to this type of decorative art of the ancient Peruvians. He also presented to us the W.L. Bryant collection, consisting of ethnological and archaeological specimens from New York State and Ontario. In this collection is a historical wampum belt and several very ancient and rare pieces of quill work, besides specimens of pottery from the Canadian-United States border that are unique examples. This collection also contains numerous rare forms of smoking pipes. Another collection given by Mr. Hendricks and of great value to the Museum is one of ethnological objects from British Guiana in which are several rare types of wooden clubs with stone blades. Still other collections now the property of the Museum, due to Mr. Hendricks' generosity, are: the Will Crawford collection of American ethnology, consisting of old costumes, shield and war implements; a collection of very ancient Eskimo objects obtained from London; and a small archaeological collection from San Clemente Island, California. Among the most valuable specimens presented to us during the past year by Mr. Hendricks are three remarkable gold staff points in the form of animals and birds from Colombia. A large collection made almost thirty years ago from a cave on the north fork of the Chinlee Canon, northeastern Arizona, also donated by Mr. Hendricks, contains a very remarkable lot of specimens, including some perfect mummies and horn and wooden implements of many kinds, besides a large collection of sandals and decorated woven textiles. Mr. Hendricks, in addition to the above, has presented us with many specimens that were needed greatly by the Museum.

Mr. Clarence B. Moore, with his usual generosity, has presented, during the year, many specimens from Kentucky and Florida, the results of his own work. These are a most valuable addition to the collections we already have from those localities.

We are indebted to the generosity of Mrs. Thea Heye for a collection of the extremely rare and little known feather ponchos from Peru, the five owned by

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