A great portion of the time of the Curator was necessarily devoted to his other duties as Editor of the Proceedings and the Bulletin of the Museum and in charge of printing descriptive labels, the year being the busiest in the history of the Museum in these branches of work, so that it is impossible to report much special work accomplished in further advancing the Historical Collections except in connection with the preparation of the exhibits for the World’s Fair.
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