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Alfred Skinner of Chemical Research has been collecting Indian relics, shells and minerals for many years. Some of them have been given to him by relatives and friends, but a great many he had collected himself. Shown here is part of his collection. At left, from front to rear: Indian arrow-heads, from Georgia and Transylvania County; beads; a stone ax, from near Rome, Ga.; petrified wood; flint nodules; galena; and fossils. The round objects at the rear are clay nodules formed around fossil shells, like those shown in the fragmentary sections. These nodules are found in various sizes in Floyd County, Georgia, and are called "growing rocks" by the residents. Some of these nodules are hollow and were used as dishes by the Indians.

Center section, from front to rear: Minnie balls and grape shot, found on a Civil War battlefield near Chattanooga, Tennessee; Amethyst, specimens from Highlands, N. C. and Africa; banded agate from Belgian Congo, Africa; two sections of what is believed to be a petrified snake, found by Al's uncle, Alfred Perritt, near Seneca, S. C.; lace centerpiece, bordered with delicate pink shells and woven by African natives; soapstone; massive garnets; and a mother of pearl couch shell.

Right section, from front to rear: Tropical sea shells from Africa; assortment of moonstones, obsidian, lava, and natural sulphur; clear quartz, enclosing rutile needles; quartz formed around a red mineral; and a large specimen of malachite (green copper mineral).

The shells and minerals from Africa were sent to Al by his Aunt and Uncle, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Kellersburg, missionaries to Belgian Congo.

