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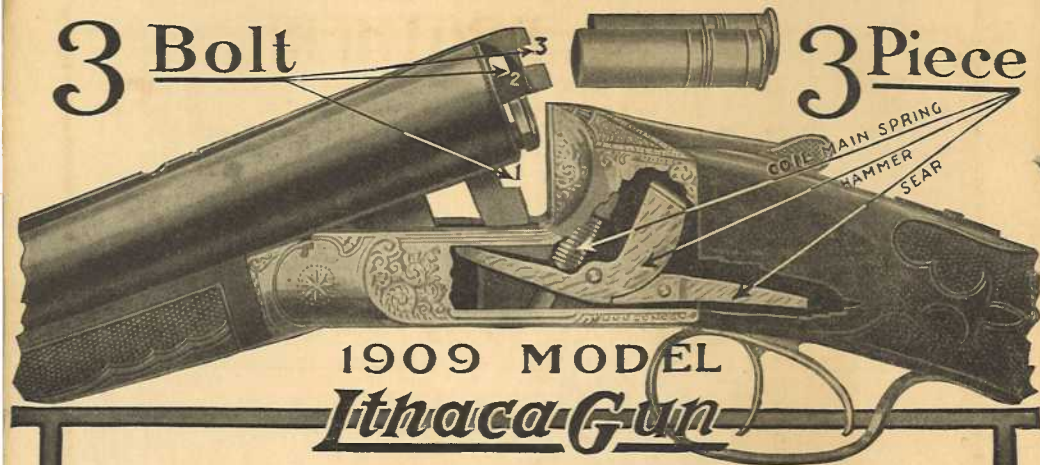


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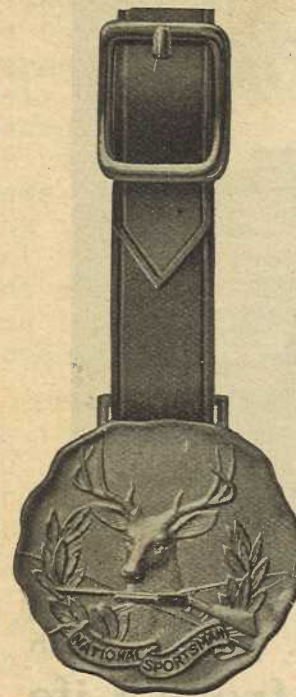
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THE ORIGIN OF TAXIDERMY.

"And in his needy shop a tortoise hung,
An alligator stuff'd and other skins
Of ill-shaped fishes."—Romeo and Juliet.

This quotation from Shakespeare is the first mention in literature indicating that Taxidermy was practiced, even in a crude way, in the days of the immortal bard, or in former ages. So far as we know Taxidermy is a new art. Three hundred years ago the first steps were taken that have culminated today in a scientific art (if the term may be allowed) without which the remarkable development in the study of animal life, and all natural history, would have been impossible.

Early in the seventeenth century a certain Mr. Sloane, an English scientist, commenced the collection, which afterwards became the nucleus of the now famous natural history group at South Kensington, England. No small amount of attention was directed to his specimens, as he carefully guarded the processes used in doing the work, and immediately there sprung up a class of persons who attempted to emulate the example of Mr. Sloane, but the movement resulted in failure.

The next person who attracted public attention through his work along this line was M. Reamur of France. This was, however, more than 50 years after the appearance of his English predecessor. The methods employed by this man were far superior to any yet used, as the specimens now intact show, yet he had hardly published his work when he died, and the interest in Taxidermy seemed to die with him. It was revived in 1794, when E. Donovan of London published the first book that attempted to teach how specimens could be preserved. While he may have revealed all that he deemed sufficient to enable others to perform the work, we find that few succeeded under his instruction.

In 1822 W. Swanson published "The Guide for Collecting and Preserving Sub-

jects of Natural History and Botany." This book at once found a place with those interested in the work, and is said to have done much to stimulate further investigation along the line or better and more practical methods in Taxidermy.

In 1833 Thomas Brown issued a small book entitled "The Taxidermist's Manual." We find nothing more of importance published until the modern writers commenced to produce the several excellent works which can be found today in most of our public libraries.

It is safe to say that Taxidermy as a real art while showing the growth of three centuries, has been practical for not to exceed fifty years. During this period of time the progress made has been in full keeping with that made in other sciences and arts. The first specimens that appeared would doubtless draw a smile from the worst bungler in Taxidermy today. These specimens lacked that one most necessary element—natural characteristic. The old masters (?) literally stuffed the skins of the birds and animals worked upon, and often to the breaking point. The new Taxidermy is strikingly different. The greatest attention is given to the correct shapes, proportions, attitudes, and everything that makes for life-like appearances. In modern Taxidermy the specimen must not alone be mounted to represent nature, but the surroundings must instruct the observer of its habits and habitat. There is no doubt that any ordinary persons, after observing the mounting of one specimen, can, within a very short time, be able to produce a piece of work superior to the most skilled of one hundred years ago.

And yet we owe everything to the pioneers in the work. As in all other

branches of learning. Taxidermy has been an evolution. Poor methods have given place for the good. Each new advocate of special system has left one or more practical points, which combined, have made our present simple system

possible. Such men as Davie, Reed, Webster, Ward and Horniday, by their devotion to this art and their willingness to pass their hard-earned knowledge along, have become the best known advocates of Taxidermy in America.

TAXIDERMISTS OF NORTH AMERICA.

By S. A. MANAHAN, NATURALIST.

Twenty years ago the number of competent taxidermists of all North America could be counted on the fingers of the two hands. There were of course many bunglers, persons trying to the best of their abilities to do the work right, but handicapped by lack of knowledge of methods; they are not to be considered

every college in the land, and in hundreds of our best high schools he found well equipped departments devoted to the study of animal life and biology.

The great need found everywhere was for more and better taxidermists. Several schools visited possessed creditable numbers of mounted birds and animals, but



Half-tone of Heads Mounted by One of Our Students. With a few exceptions this work is absolutely perfect.

for their work has long been relegated to the scrap heap where it belonged.

Today there are thousands of taxidermists who deserve the name, yet in this broad continent there is room for thousands more. In fact it seems that the supply will not equal the demand for many years to come. The demand for taxidermy work at present is accounted for in several ways. First and most important is the determination among educational institutions for complete collections of the birds and animals found in the states in which the schools are located. The writer has traveled widely during the past five years in the interest of one of the well known colleges and has therefore had an opportunity to observe the progress made in the manner of preparation and the sizes of collections of natural specimens for educational and scientific purposes. In almost

these specimens were very poorly mounted, the work having been done by amateurs or incompetent persons struggling with the methods of mounting that were in vogue a half century ago. This is a deplorable condition. Taxidermy is now a science that is exact. There is no reason why the smallest hamlet cannot have a good taxidermist if the proper efforts are put forth by a few of the young men connected with the schools. Proper instruction is available if one seeks it earnestly, and it is to be hoped that the next few years will develop a stronger demand for the best procurable in the taxidermist's art, for the scientific collections. There is at present a greater opportunity for young men with some conception of art and an interest in nature to gain lucrative and desirable positions in connection with educational institutions as competent taxidermists



Mounted by J. C. Reilly, Elgin, Neb.

Mr. Reilly is one of our students. He secured all of his information in Taxidermy from our lessons. He is a barber and gives only his spare time to the work, but he has succeeded in making a splendid collection and has earned a great deal of money from Taxidermy as a side line.

than in the general capacity of instructors.

Another reason why taxidermists are in demand is the prevailing custom of thousands of sportsmen to preserve the choice specimens taken, rather than suffer them to be wasted. Beautiful game birds and animals are not so plentiful as they once were, and the laws allow only a limited number to be taken. These conditions operate to greater interest in keeping the best of each class that one is fortunate enough to capture. The lawmakers of most of the states of the United States and the provinces of Canada have recognized these conditions and have provided "taxidermists' licenses" and "scientists' permits," enabling one to practice the art legally, and to collect birds and

animals in and out of season for the purpose of mounting and preservation for scientific and educational purposes.

The community that does not contain a competent taxidermist is truly unfortunate. I believe and firmly believe, that where there is now one taxidermist in either this country or Canada, there is room and opportunity for ten more. With the recent almost phenomenal growth of interest in taxidermy prospects are very bright for the development of good and competent taxidermists within the next few years, and those who are now alive to the opportunity will grasp it with a strong hand, thus getting a good start over those that are to follow, and incidentally become artists in a field that is not rivaled by any other art for fascination and profitable employment.

In conclusion I would say that this great art is in its infancy. The number of workmen are few. Splendid opportunities are open to the ambitious, and withal their services are urgently needed and will be appreciated in their own day and generation.



Mounted by George H. Millhouse, Custer, S. D.

Mr. Millhouse learned Taxidermy from our school and then established a taxidermy business. He is a real artist now and making good in every way. He has all the business he can attend to.

A YOUNG TAXIDERMIST.

Rush Davis enrolled with us when he was ten years of age, and we are very proud of the success he has made in Taxidermy. He lives at Tyron, Okla. The following article and picture were published in the Tyron Observer a short time ago.



Rush Davis will be 12 years old June 29, next. He took a complete course in the Northwestern School of Taxidermy at the age of 10—being the youngest pupil in the school. The white squirrel in the cut was purchased by the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburg, Pa., and is pronounced by the directors of that institution to be perfectly mounted: it being shipped on approval. All his specimens are absolutely insect proof. Master Davis does all work in taxidermy line, including the polishing and mounting of horns. Rush was born in Gonzales, the "Lexington" of Texas, in 1894, and came here from Tennessee with his parents last October. He is a son of R. L. Davis, one of Tyron's prominent attorneys. He is a genius in his particular calling, and has many beautiful specimens on exhibition at his father's law office.—Tyron Observer.

THE TAXIDERMIST'S DREAM.

BY A STUDENT.

"Maggie, Maggie, where are my eyes?" Mr. Henry Ivers, seated in his garret workshop, called to his wife.

"I'm afraid Johnny took them," Mrs. Ivers cried back from the kitchen.

"My eyes! My only eyes!" came the enraged voice from the garret.

"That fool of a boy; I bet he's playing marbles with them again."

And Mr. Ivers continued with his work.

The eyes he wanted were not exactly his own, but a pair specially selected for

a large owl he was stuffing. He had put them safely on the table with his taxidermy tools, and other equipment, when his ten-year-old son, as usual, "snuck up" and pilfered what he could.

The owl was practically finished. It was one Mr. Ivers had shot a few days before, and, as it was a specially fine specimen, he wanted to mount it for his library. Now the poor bird stood there with its wings all neatly in place, its head slightly to one side, with the hollow,

pitiful eye-sockets glaring at the taxidermy-artist.

Mr. Ivers lit his pipe and went to musing. He had become deeply interested in taxidermy and was now in the second month of a correspondence course in this art. He had started on practical work at once and had already mounted a number of beautiful specimens. Everything he could shoot or angle fell victim at once to this new art, and already the garret was lined with stuffed birds, several angular looking cats and a variety of fishes. One specimen had found its way into the library. It was an old pet pouter pigeon of which Mr. Ivers was specially proud, as he had learned to mount it from the very first lesson.

Mrs. Ivers was glad, for though she was now "tabooed" from the garret, her husband had found something to occupy him at home, instead of sitting in the business office at night or running around to the clubs.

All this passed through Mr. Ivers' mind as he sat smoking his pipe, staring at the eyeless owl. The smoke rose in thick clouds and soon changed the atmosphere to a haze. The cats and birds lined up in the garret seemed to be floating around the room in the pipe smoke. Mr. Ivers dropped his head forward and the pipe hung lightly on his lips.

Suddenly the stuffed owl began to flop its wings.

Mr. Ivers stared in wonderment. The owl flopped again and moved forward, its eyeless sockets frowning at him.

"Say, old man," the owl cried, "I don't mind your having a little fun, but it's mighty unkind of you to let me stand around without even a mouse or a sparrow to eat."

"Well, don't eat me," said the taxidermist; "there's a dozen sparrows in the corner."

"They don't look like sparrows to me," came the reply. "They look as if they had the colic."

"That's because we've been stuffed—the dirty brute," all the sparrows chimed in a chorus.

The pipe dropped out of Mr. Ivers' mouth and his knees shook.

"And look at the eyes he put in me," chirped the first sparrow. "A pair of fish eyes and one of my wings is upside down."

"Pardon me, pardon me, Miss Sparrow," Mr. Ivers cried in anguish, "I fixed you when I first started to study taxidermy."

"In other words you've been experimenting on poor dumb animals," growled a voice from the corner.

Mr. Ivers jumped out of his chair.

It was the neighbor's big black cat that had spoken—the self-same cat that Ivers had killed with a brick one night and then, hiding the traces of his crime, took Tom to his garret.

"My folks have been wondering where I am, you rascal," the cat continued, "and you knew I had a wife and fifteen kittens to support."

"You had about six wives, according to what I saw and heard every night," retorted Mr. Ivers.

"For heaven's sake, let's have no neighborhood gossip here," the owl cried again. "This man is charged with various crimes and misdemeanors and it's up to the humane society to put him on trial right now. I'll be the judge."

"And we'll be the jury," the sparrows said, "and we say he's guilty."

"Tell me is my hat on straight," gobbled the hen.

"It is not a hat at all," cried the owl.

"It is a comb. That fool of a taxidermist has gotten you and your husband mixed up."

Mr. Ivers shook like a young tree in a storm. He turned and looked around the garret; everywhere the glassy eyes of his victims stared at him. He saw cats with hen's eyes and hens with cat's eyes; an old dog with three legs under him, and the fourth sticking out of the side like a baseball bat; several sparrows without any eyes and one without wings, and another with a tail turned inwards.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he exclaimed in anguish, "you must pardon me. I did you up when I was first starting to learn taxidermy."

"That is no excuse whatever," replied the owl; "you had the lessons to go by, did you not?"

"Of course I did," said Mr. Ivers, "but I did not follow them accurately at first—just see how I have improved," he continued, cheering up a bit. "You look just like a live owl and you talk like one, too."

"It is a good job," mumbled the cat; "you look perfectly lovely, Miss Owl."

"But that does us no good," said the jury of sparrows, "and we have already declared him guilty."

"Judgment rendered," cried the owl. "What is to be the punishment?"

"Stuff him," cried the sparrows.

"Cut him to pieces."

"Put an elephant's trunk where he has his nose."

"Split his ears and put his legs where his arms used to be."

"Judgment sustained," continued the

owl, and turning to the cat: "Executioner, do your duty."

The big black old cat jumped forward with gleaming eyes. Mr. Ivers tottered. All the sparrows flew off their perches. The owl hopped on his shoulder and began to pick at his eyes. A fish bit off his nose and a hen put an elephant trunk in its place. Mr. Ivers could see no more for his eyes had been picked out and a pair of glass eyes substituted. With a shriek he fell on the floor.

Then he heard a cry, a more human

cry than that of any of the animals. It was the voice of his wife. Mr. Ivers jumped up from the floor and expected to see all the animals pounce on him, but they stood quietly in the corners as if nothing had happened. Mrs. Ivers came running in.

"James, what is the matter?" she said. "Have you been asleep and dreaming?"

"I do not know what it was," Mr. Ivers said, "but after this you can bet that I will stuff my animals the way the lessons direct."



Group of Skunks Mounted by Carlton Robinson, Fairfax, Mo.

Mr. Robinson is only a young boy, but has met with fine success in Taxidermy. His father enrolled him as a student about 18 months ago, and he has written us that he is delighted with the progress his son has made. This is only one of the many photos that they have sent us showing his excellent work.

THE STAMP OF APPROVAL.

Endorsement of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy by Many Leading and Influential Magazines.

Without doubt the strongest recommendation ever given a private institution are the many editorials appearing in the leading sporting magazines of this country praising the great work being done by The Northwestern School of Taxidermy. Some of these articles are reproduced below, and one who reads them cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the above school must be of sterling worth, or it would not be held in such high esteem by those in a position to know most about Taxidermy and its usefulness. The support of this school by national publications is unprecedented. Never before in the history of correspondence instruction has the public press lent its influence to the upbuilding and promotion of any school. A stronger tribute was never paid any institution.

Read what the editors of the following magazines say about the Northwestern School of Taxidermy and you will be convinced that your membership with them will be most satisfactory, and that you will be dealing with an institution well known throughout the country as strictly reliable and responsible.

This evidence should have weight with you.

FROM SPORTS AFIELD, CHICAGO, ILL.

The Northwestern School of Taxidermy is a concern that has been in existence some years. Almost every one who shoots or fishes will obtain trophies of their skill which would be a pleasure to them in after years, if they had some good way to preserve them. As really good Taxidermists are hard to find, and their charges are often more than the average sportsman cares to pay, he has to be content with photographs, which, while good in their way, are not nearly so satisfying as well-mounted specimens. This school teaches the art by mail—a method which has proved so efficient in other branches as to leave no doubt of complete success in this. They have a modern school employing modern methods and professors, and their charges are reasonable.

FROM RECREATION, NEW YORK CITY.

Nearly every sportsman kills animals and birds, the skins or heads of which he would like to preserve; yet there are many men who do not know how to take off and preserve the skins. Many such men live a long way from the nearest Taxidermist, and the expense of sending the skins to a shop and getting the specimens properly mounted deters the hunter from undertaking the work.

This want is being supplied in a full measure by the Northwestern School of Taxidermy.

dermy at Omaha, Neb. Prof. J. W. Elwood, in charge of this institution, is a thorough, practical sportsman, naturalist, taxidermist, and a straight-forward, reliable business man.

He has prepared a series of lessons in Taxidermy, including the taking and preserving of skins, which he teaches by mail. Then by his system of correspondence he conducts these lessons, criticises the specimens submitted to him, and in a thoroughly practical way teaches his pupils how to do the work.

This school has been in existence several years and has on its rolls several hundred students.



Polished Horns Made Into a Hat Rack by Our Student, C. W. Clabourn, Winona, Minn.

These people commend Professor Elwood's methods in strong terms and it would certainly be of great interest to all Nature lovers who desire to preserve specimens of birds and animals to communicate with Mr. Elwood and to take a course of lessons under him.

I do not mean by this to encourage in any way the reckless slaughter of birds and animals simply for the purpose of making up collections of skins. Every good man and boy deprecates any such course; but to whatever extent birds and animals may be killed in a legitimate and sportsmanlike manner, their skins and heads should be saved; not only for the benefit of those who killed them, but for the public at large and for posterity. The time will come when there will be no wild birds or animals on this continent. Let us postpone this evil day as far as possible, and, in the ages to come, when men shall read of these wild creatures that inhabited this fair land, they will at least have an opportunity to see specimens of them.

FROM THE NATIONAL SPORTSMAN, BOSTON.

We have examined the lessons with care and find that they are simple and comprehensive. A close student of the methods cannot help but become an expert Taxidermist, and therefore fit himself for a profitable position, as well as derive a great deal of pleasure in doing the work laid out in the in-

structions. The simplicity of the lectures and the absence of all technical terms will appeal to all, and the course is sure to please.

FROM WESTERN FIELD, SAN FRANCISCO.

(Personal Letter.)

I heartily recommend the system in its entirety, it being very simple and eminently satisfactory in its details. I believe that you are doing both sportsmen and science at large a great favor in instituting this system of preserving our fauna. Anyone of ordinary intelligence can grasp the art from your lessons, and I have no doubt that they will be eagerly adopted by a majority of the sportsmen throughout the country as soon as their value becomes properly known. Outside of the personal pleasure and benefits a sportsman can derive in mounting his own specimens, your system affords the laity a very good opportunity to learn a pleasant and remunerative business. In conclusion I wish to say that I shall take great pleasure in recommending your system to my friends and acquaintances whenever opportunity offers.

FRANK H. MAYER, Editor.

FROM OUTDOOR LIFE, DENVER.

(Personal Letter.)

You probably already know how well we think of your methods of instruction in Taxidermy, but since reading over your lessons by Prof. J. W. Elwood, we feel so strongly impressed with the value of these lessons that we cannot refrain from expressing to you through letter that we believe that you have adopted the only correct system to teach this study, both by personal instruction and the course that you give by mail. It is really refreshing to know that there is at least one concern in the country teaching the art of Taxidermy on which the students can rely as to responsibility and efficiency.

J. A. McGUIRE, Editor.

FROM HUNTER-TRADER-TRAPPER.

All hunters, anglers and trappers will be interested in learning that it has become possible to acquire a thorough knowledge of the correct methods of Taxidermy. The Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Neb., has been organized for the teaching of Taxidermy by correspondence, and is the first school of the kind in the country. It is conducted on strictly business principles, being incorporated with ample capitalization, and managed by a corps of instructors, thorough, competent and well versed in all that is best in modern Taxidermy. The officers are men of known integrity and are giving the sportsmen and nature-lovers a high class of practical instruction.

It is an admitted fact that any person can acquire a good working knowledge of the subject, and we are sure that the need of such a school has long been felt among the outdoor people. Nothing is more interesting than a collection of fine birds and animals mounted by one's own self, and besides, the income that can be derived from a proper use of Taxidermy is no small thing. It is easy to see how one's enjoyment of the sports can be much increased, and the entire expense of the outings and vacations eliminated by devoting some attention to this charming vocation. The cost is low enough to suit the most frugal, and we recommend that you correspond with the officers if you are at all interested in learning to preserve fine specimens, or in lowering your sporting expenditures.

FROM SHOOTING AND FISHING.

We have received the annual catalog of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Neb., and have read it with much interest. A school of taxidermy is perhaps something of a novelty, but we are of the opinion that it can serve a useful purpose, and we regard such an institution as important as other educational or training schools.

The importance of high skill in taxidermy has many times been strongly impressed on us. There are today in many of our museums specimens from which it would be difficult to identify the animal they represent. The shockingly bad work so often shown influences us to regard the establishment of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy as a very desirable and commendable institution.

Those desiring to be instructed in taxidermy

and keeping green the recollection of his outings and the particular occasion when his success was undoubted. No sportsman need be without skill in this direction. In these days of learning by correspondence the task is not beyond the powers of anyone who loves the denizens of our woods and streams; and such a collection should prove both attractive and interesting to one's friends as well as one's self. If you do not already know how to mount birds, animals and game heads correctly the prospectus of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Neb., should be consulted. This school teaches taxidermy exclusively and by mail. They have had great success in imparting information in this way, and most sportsmen would be interested in their printed matter which is sent free on request.



Mounted by E. E. Lutes, Oran, Mo.

The above photo shows a few specimens mounted by our student, Mr. Lutes. He has done a great deal of Taxidermy work and has learned Taxidermy successfully during his spare time. Mr. Lutes is a very busy druggist at Oran, Mo. His success proves that even if one is busy, he can find time to learn this interesting work.

dermy may receive instructions from the Northwestern School of Taxidermy by attending its school in Omaha, Neb., or if unable to attend the school they can receive a full course of instruction by mail. This school is incorporated under the laws of Nebraska and its work is endorsed by responsible persons. We wish the organization success, and hope through its efforts the art of taxidermy will be raised to a higher plane.

FROM ROD AND GUN IN CANADA.

Spring will soon be here and with the bright days come the thought of expeditions to wood and lake and stream. Every sportsman has regretted some time in his experience that he was not able to keep the best of the specimens of his prowess and mount the same for ornamenting his house or den,

STUDY TAXIDERMY.

(From Maine Sportsman.)

In these days teaching everything by mail has developed into a tremendous business, and all over the country and in other countries as well, are located institutions of more or less reputation, each of which is striving to teach men and women how to better their condition in life by helping them to a higher education.

Thousands of sportsmen have wished that they could know, for themselves, how to preserve and mount the trophies they secure in their outings, and particularly when they have been victimized by some of the unscrupulous taxidermists, for there are rascals in that branch of industry as well as in others, and a trophy once spoiled is usually spoiled beyond redemption. If the sportsman might

himself know just how to do the work, and set his trophy up in just the same appearance it presented to him when he faced it with his rifle at his shoulder, he could sometimes improve greatly on the work for which he pays out large numbers of valuable dollars.

Again there are lots of young fellows, knowing well the life of the woods, intimately acquainted with the habits of every living thing hidden therein, but whose time is fully taken up with their home duties, and who have neither money nor opportunity to go away from home at the time when they might,

perchance, find an opening in some taxidermy establishment and so learn by practical experience the art that, added to their knowledge of the wild creatures, would make of them the expert taxidermists of tomorrow.

To both of these classes the opportunity afforded by the Northwestern School of Taxidermy appeals very strongly, because it affords them the opportunity of learning in their own homes that for which others have had to leave home and work for a long time in subordinate positions, before finally gaining the necessary inside into the business to establish themselves in the same work.

THE SPORTSMAN'S TAXIDERMY.

By J. W. ELWOOD.

(Published in Field and Stream, New York. Written by request of the publisher.)

With all writings and advisings, with all our precautions, with all our laws, the wild game of the United States continues to diminish with the succeeding years. This is not specifically true, but generally. The buffalo and wild pigeon are remembrances only, as far as the sportsman is concerned. The sage hen of our western states is rapidly passing, and unless immediate stringent laws are passed and enforced this noble (and useful) bird will within a few years be almost wholly extinct.

No one is so much interested in these facts as the true sportsman, and from him alone will permanent protection come. His influence must be directed toward the state house, and later with untiring zeal see that the enacted laws are executed. The pot-hunter, the market hunter, the dynamiter, the game butcher, must be stamped out. They, combined with natural agents, severe winters, floods, and forest fires, are accountable for the disappearance of the game birds, animals and fishes from our fields, woods and waters. The former can and must be eradicated. The latter must be tempered in its severity by intelligent measures by the state and general government.

The game of the country is the legitimate ward of the sportsman. Let him be faithful to the trust or hold his peace at the ravages made in the family of his adoption. He must turn to other things for amusement and recreation in order that he may even occasionally enjoy the pleasures of true field sports. There seems to be nothing that will wholly take the place of the actual hunting expedition. The sportsman, then, must make the most of his opportunities. He must cultivate a taste for the many little innovations, closely related to hunting, which will amuse and furnish additional sources of diversion.

The loss occasioned by the necessity of restricted shooting and angling may be regained, with interest, by devoting himself to the art of Taxidermy. This is an accomplishment that rightfully belongs to him. "Isn't he a beauty? I wish I had him mounted," is an expression that we hear daily when on the outing or hunting excursion. The sportsman realizes that something of great value is being lost by



Moose head mounted by our student, Chas. O. Reed, Fairmont, W. V.

Mr. Reed has become a professional Taxidermist and writes us as follows:

"The Taxidermy business here is very good. I have all the work that I can do, and I am three months behind, yet I cannot get enough experienced help to turn my work out promptly. All of my customers are highly pleased with the quality of mounting I am doing, having recently put up 3 deer heads, 3 whole deer, one whole bear, 42 rugs, two of them Polar bear, and a great number of small specimens.

"You have a wonderfully fine course, and I can heartily recommend it."

not having a knowledge of how to preserve and keep his beautiful trophies. Can he acquire this knowledge? Is it practical for him to attempt it? Both questions may be answered in the affirmative. He can not only acquire a perfect knowledge of the art of taxidermy, but it is almost necessary that he do so if he expects to secure all there is in his favorite sport.

Only two things are imperative in order to gain proficiency in the art. First,

able him to do first class Taxidermy work by some "presto" system, at a moment's notice, and sends away his dollars, only to meet disappointment, which dampens his ardor, and ends his efforts to learn the art. He is destined to defeat before he begins, simply because he failed to ascertain that Taxidermy has been reduced to a science, and that certain fixed principles must be followed.

Yet he can learn to do the work, and do it well. This is positive. He must

A TRAPPER-TAXIDERMIST.

Many of the students of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy are expert trappers and hunters. The following letter is from one of our students who is a very successful trapper and has become a good Taxidermist through our instructions. He finds the work entirely adapted to him and has made it very profitable by simply devoting his spare hours to the art. What he has done, every other trapper in the country can do. It is easily proven that when one mounts his own specimens, he can sell them for much greater prices than he can get for the raw skins.

"I received my diploma from your school a few days ago, and am more than pleased with it. But that is not all that pleases me, for I am highly satisfied with the entire course of lessons which I have taken. I think they are so very simple that any individual could learn Taxidermy in two or three months, as I learned it in about that time. I can make from \$20 to \$30 per month by mounting specimens for other people during my spare time only. I have all I want to do outside of my own specimens, of which I have a great many. I would not part with Taxidermy for any price. I like to trap and hunt better than a wild Indian, but I am always satisfied with a small amount of game. I hope the day will come when the slaughtering of wild game will stop. I think any one who has a knowledge of Taxidermy will soon learn to kill no more specimens than he actually needs. I can say that of all the occupations I have ever learned that Taxidermy is the most interesting and fascinating. Before enrolling with you I tried Taxidermy by the "rapid system," but found that it was a fake and a fraud. I think your lessons teach the only practical methods of Taxidermy."

SAMUEL HUNSINGER, Secor, Ill.



One of Our Students—Samuel Hunsinger in Trapper's Costume, Secor, Ill.

detailed instruction in proper methods, and second, diligent practice and study.

He must at the beginning understand that if he is to meet with success it is absolutely necessary that he adopt the methods known as the Standard.

There is no short cut to skill in any art, and right here is where the amateur makes his first serious mistake. He has read of some embalming powder or other equally ridiculous nostrum that will en-

first secure his instruction from some reliable institution that makes a specialty of scientific taxidermy, and who understands the ethics of teaching. Given this instruction, and with the opportunity to ask questions from competent sources on the various "snags" that inevitably arise, it is safe to say that every person who will make the effort may become a skilled taxidermist.

Birds and small animals may be well

mounted within a month or two, but the larger animals will require a large amount of time and practice. The mounting of deer, elk and sheep heads will be found comparatively easy, and can be done nicely after a few efforts.

The adornment of the home and den offer sufficient inducement to the sportsman to take up the study of Taxidermy. The profits that may be realized by disposing of a portion of his specimens may be sufficient to defray the entire outlay for guns, ammunition, rods, reels and

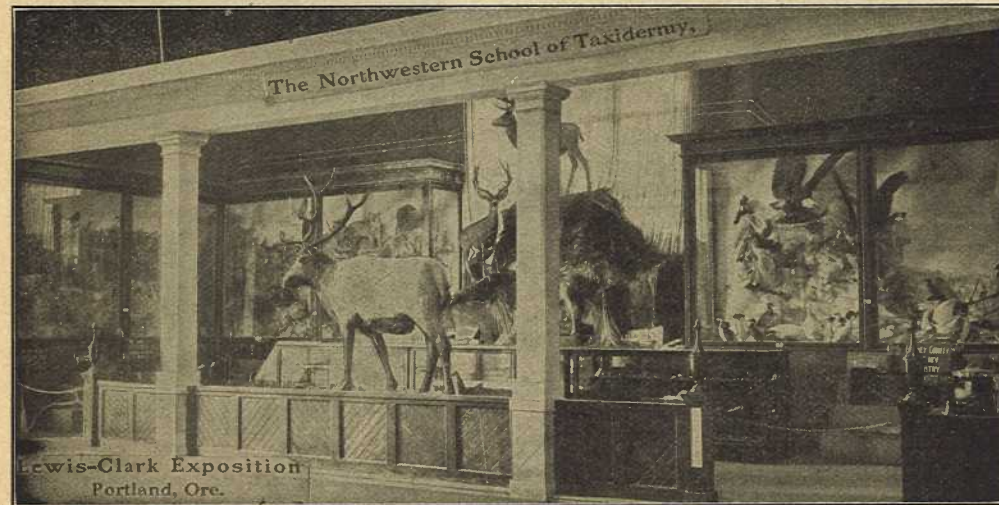
the expense of the hunting trips. Without argument the desirability of a knowledge of Taxidermy is evident to those interested in sports.

There is no reason why every one interested in Nature and outdoor life should not enrich his pleasures, and be the composer of a collection of Nature's choicest art, secured and arranged by his own skill, and from this fact be of double worth and a constant source of pride and self-approbation.

TAXIDERMY AT THE EXPOSITION.

One of the most interesting features of the Lewis and Clark Exposition was the large and beautiful collection of mounted birds and animals representing

selection of well known taxidermists who were competent to assume such a mammoth contract, and who could reproduce the specimens absolutely true to



View of Taxidermy Exhibit Given First Grand Award and Nine Gold Medals, Lewis and Clark Exposition, Portland, Ore., 1905. Mounted by the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Nebraska.

the fauna of the state of Oregon. No other state is so rich in game specimens of all kinds.

It was early decided that one of the chief attractions of the exposition would be a complete collection of the wild game resources of that state. The task of arranging for the collection was undertaken by Harney county. A committee was appointed, whose duty it was to see that this collection was completed and installed in the best of condition and on time. One of the most important questions before the committee was the

life, for nothing except the most expert taxidermy work would be admitted. Each well known taxidermist and taxidermy institution in the country were interviewed, and the questions thoroughly discussed with them. Their work was investigated, and in fact a most searching canvass was given, in order that this large and representative collection of game specimens might be shown to the world in their correct forms and attitudes. When all available facts were brought together, the committee was not only in a position to award the contract,

but to award it to the firm or company whose record showed them fully reliable and whose work was admitted the best.

The contract was awarded to the **NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF TAXIDERMY, Omaha, Neb.**, without a dissenting vote. Under the rigid tests it was entirely probable that the committee would be divided, but such was not the case. The award was **UNANIMOUS!**

The entire collection was mounted at Burns, Oregon, which is 150 miles from any railway, right in the heart of the best game country. Seven great freight wagons, each drawn by eight large mules, were required to move the collection over the mountains to the railway at Ontario, Oregon, from which place it was shipped to Portland.

No exhibit on the entire grounds attracted more attention or received more favorable comments. When the exposition closed our collection was given the **Highest Grand Award**, and many beautiful diplomas, medals and certificates were presented to Mr. Wallace. This means that our work was superior to any other shown at the exposition and is a triumph for **Standard Methods** in taxidermy work.

Our collection was so attractive and beautiful that it was photographed by all the leading papers of Portland, and pictures published repeatedly. These papers also devoted considerable space to the discussion of the great collection of birds and animals which we had mounted. Space prevents our reproducing these articles in full, but following are a few of them:

OUR PERMANENT EXHIBIT.

"A visit to the taxidermy display at the pavilion will convince any observer that the local organization was fortunate in securing the services of the **Northwestern School of Taxidermy** for the work. Mr. Wallace is certainly a most thorough workman and has very artistic taste in arranging a display of this nature. He understands his business in every detail, posing the birds and animals in a most natural manner. His ideas of scenic effects are good and it seems it would be impossible to improve on his work in any respect. During his long employment with us he conducted himself in a very becoming manner. He looked to the best interests of the association and not once was there any misunderstanding or complaint to make regarding his work. Such work is a recommendation to anyone. The mountings he made here will long be an evidence to his thorough workmanship and one that is a credit. The entire west end of the building and a portion of the north and south walls are so arranged as to represent a landscape, with hills, timber, rocks, etc., where the birds and animals are most naturally grouped with the deer and antelope in the foreground. The elk and bear will be placed with the collection soon. We now have as complete a collection right here at home as was shown at the Lewis and Clark exposition. It is not only a thing of

beauty, but also of great benefit in an educational way."

At the close of the exposition this immense display of mounted specimens was carefully packed and shipped back to Burns, Oregon, which is the county seat of Harney county, where it was arranged in one of the city's buildings just as it had appeared at the exposition. Every citizen of the county is very proud of this fine exhibition and it is visited daily by hundreds of people.

The following article is taken from the *Times-Herald*, Burns, Oregon:

FROM THE OREGONIAN, PORTLAND, ORE.

"Harney county, Oregon, has the most original and interesting exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition. Other counties have



One of the many gold medal banners we received.

vied with each other and excelled in their display of grains, grasses, fruits, timber and minerals, but while Harney county has all these on display in tasteful array, she also has what may be easily termed the most extensive and complete collection of wild beasts and birds of Oregon ever assembled and exhibited. The county authorities have expended a considerable sum of money for the services of a taxidermist, and the result at the exposition is one which eastern visitors in particular will long remember and speak about to their friends. In long cases arranged alongside the walls of the booths in the Agricultural building are perfect specimens of the animal kingdom of the county, and which in a manner represent the wild animal life of the entire state. For a realistic background, there are mountains, crags and crevices, rushing brooks and quiet pools, the branches of trees and the underground retreats of various wild creatures. These are some of the things on display which cause the blood to tingle with a lust for blood, and the eyes to gladden with a sight of

nature's own: Magpies, kingfishers, orioles, wild swan, cranes, herons, mallard and teal and canvas back ducks, pelicans, wild geese, brant, sage hens, grouse, prairie chicken, quail, eagles, gulls, seashag, pheasants, blue birds and blue jays, hawks, owls; and of animals, elk, deer, antelope, beaver, raccoon, porcupine, lynx, bobcat, badger, coyote, weasel, skunk, woodchuck, squirrels and muskrats."

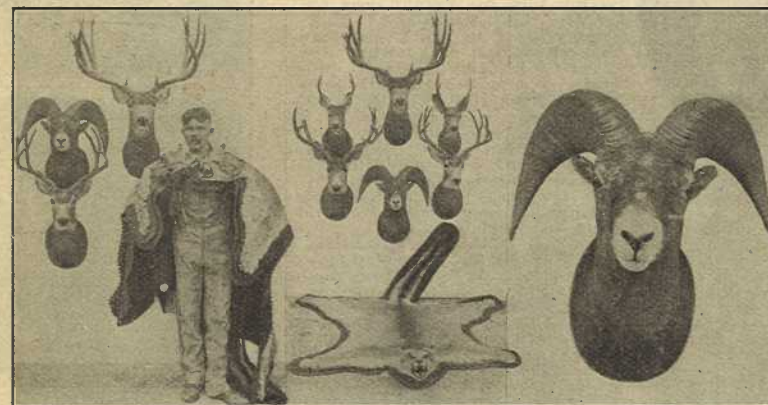
FROM OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND.

"The most catchy display of all the counties of Oregon in Agricultural Hall at the Lewis

and Clark exposition comes from Harney county, the great, but comparatively unknown and undeveloped portion of the state. Although nearly 350 miles from the Pacific ocean, this county, among her beautiful display, shows us the white pelican, the cormorant, the grebe, the tern and the seagull, together with the Arctic or snow geese, and the eggs of many of them, all gathered within her broad borders since February 15th. This splendid collection was excellently mounted by the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Nebraska."

T. WHERRY AND HIS SPECIMENS.

Mr. Wherry is an enthusiastic and very successful sportsman. He gets many beautiful specimens and has learned to mount them unusually well. He uses standard methods entirely, and after taking our course wrote as follows:



I have been highly pleased with the lessons I have received. I do not see how any one can make a failure of Taxidermy under your method of instruction. I think I have been successful with my Taxidermy work.

I have a collection of specimens and find the work more interesting than I had expected. I pay a great deal of attention to the tanning of buckskins, as I think it very fine for hunting clothing.

I am anxious to get a mounted sheep head for myself, the one shown in the picture is one I mounted for another party. I feel that I can recommend your course of lessons and you are at liberty to use any part of my letter you wish in your printed matter. I cannot understand how any one who kills beautiful trophies can allow them to go to waste. For this reason I think every sportsman should learn this art for himself, and he can do this by taking your course of lessons.

T. WHERRY, Montrose, Colo.

TAXIDERMY A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

Many persons who are not already familiar with Taxidermy work write to us asking if Taxidermy is profitable as a profession. We are of course thoroughly familiar with this field of work, and are in position to state definitely what are the opportunities for Taxidermists.

In the first place there are not half Taxidermists enough in the country to take care of the work. During the busiest season of the year we receive letters from almost every state in the union asking us to supply the leading Taxidermists with workmen. We have at present re-

quests for Taxidermists from New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Paul, Winnipeg, Denver and Portland, Oregon. We cannot fill these positions at present. The Taxidermist who works by the week receives from \$25.00 to \$40.00 and some of them as much as \$50.00 per week. The average price paid, however, ranges from \$20.00 to \$35.00 per week. There is a big demand for good Taxidermists at these wages.

Those who enter the Taxidermy business for themselves make a great deal more money. It is nothing uncommon

for a good Taxidermist to turn out from \$2,000 to \$4,000 worth of work per year, most of which is profit.

We would also add that Taxidermy is a very profitable business for persons who have regular employment during the summer. The big Taxidermy season is

necessarily in the winter months, and for this reason many persons who work in factories and on farms during the warm months learn Taxidermy and in this way have a profitable business through the winter months, which time they would otherwise be unemployed.

A STRONG TESTIMONIAL FROM A BANKER.



I enclose herewith three pictures of specimens which I have recently completed. Do not think that this is all the work which I can show, for I have done a great deal since taking your course. I have mounted many deer heads, birds, rugs and fish with best of success. I have not tried mounting reptiles, as my love for nature does not run in this direction. I thoroughly enjoy the work, and have the satisfaction of knowing that hereafter I am in position to preserve all of my own fine trophies which I capture with rod and gun.

The bear rug and hawk with spread wings have just been finished and were mounted during my spare time. I believe that every sportsman should understand this work, and be able to save his fine specimens. I know that I have lost many beautiful trophies because I did not understand Taxidermy. I wish to thank your school for your promptness and willingness in answering the questions I have asked and for your very careful attention in teaching me to do Taxidermy work correctly. You are at liberty to use my photo and letters, if they will do you any good. I have been told that my rug and head work is better than that done by the regular furrier and Taxidermist at Waussau.

Very truly yours,

W. A. VON BERG,
Cashier State Bank of Mosinee,
Mosinee, Wis.



ENDORSEMENT BY LEADING PHYSICIAN.

St. Louis, Mo.

Northwestern School of Taxidermy.

Gentlemen:—I mailed you today a photo of myself and five photos of specimens which I have just mounted. I did all this work during my spare time. I wish to express my appreciation of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy. I have tried to do a little Taxidermy work before taking your lessons, but have never succeeded. After taking your course, I certainly came to the front rapidly, for your lessons are very fine and are exceedingly clear and simple. I am delighted with the instructions and would not take \$100.00 for the information I received from your course of lessons. My profession keeps me busy during the day time, so I do all of my mounting at night. I shall recommend your school to a great many of my friends, and I am sure that they will certainly get value received if they take your course.

If the photos will be of any use to you, you are at liberty to use them. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

DR. M. F. HARMANN.



LETTERS FROM LEADING TAXIDERMISTS.

The best taxidermists in the United States approve of our school and praise our methods. This high tribute is one of which we can be justly proud, and one that should carry conviction to the prospective student. It assures you of the best, most modern and approved methods.

METHODS ARE CORRECT.

Rockville, Conn.

Prof. J. W. Elwood.

Dear Sir:—Your kind letter at hand. I have received the lessons, and think your method of teaching Taxidermy is correct. A few weeks of study and practice will make a professional Taxidermist of any one.

Very respectfully yours,

R. C. KING, Taxidermist.

LESSONS PLAIN AND COMPREHENSIVE.

The methods that you teach are absolutely correct, being the same as practiced by all leading taxidermists. Your lessons are very plain and comprehensive, and easily understood. There is no reason why any one can-

not become proficient in the art of Taxidermy, if they follow your instruction.

J. A. DICKINSON, Lincoln, Neb.

FILLS A LONG FELT WANT.

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:—I have given the lessons you sent me a careful study and find that by this system it will be easy for any one to become proficient in the art of Taxidermy, especially as your methods are up-to-date and explanations simple and comprehensive.

This has been a long felt want and I am glad to see that the method of teaching Taxidermy by mail has at last been introduced, and am sure it will prove a success. I remain,

Very respectfully,

FRED KAEMPFER, Taxidermist.



Mounted by John Bock, Paulina, Iowa.

Mr. Bock is one of our most enthusiastic students. He is a young man, only 16 years of age, yet he has completed our course in a highly satisfactory manner, and is now a competent taxidermist. The above picture shows almost all the specimens he has mounted, many of them are the first that he put up after commencing our course. His later specimens are excellently mounted, and are equal to the best turned out by the professional taxidermists. All of his work is done under our instructions by standard methods. We have corresponded a great deal with Mr. Bock. A portion of his letter to us reads as follows:

"I am sending you under separate cover a photo of my work. Some of these specimens were mounted shortly after taking your course, and are not nearly as well done as some of the recent ones. I tried a great many methods before enrolling in your school, but was not able to succeed by following any of them. I am glad, however, to tell you that my success has attracted a great deal of attention and I feel that I can mount birds and animals in a fairly natural way. Your course of instruction is certainly an excellent one, and the explanations are so clear and complete that all one has to do is to follow them and get good results. You can use the picture of my work and also this letter if you desire. Yours truly,

JOHN BOCK, Paulina, Ia.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE MODERN.

Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:—Your "Lessons on Taxidermy" duly received. Your lessons seem to cover all parts thoroughly, and have nothing for the beginner but to follow instructions, and with practice have finely mounted specimens. Your method is certainly one that should give the best of satisfaction.

And what is best of all, your instructions are modern, and not given in the antiquated style used in a great many books of instructions.

Yours truly,

CHAS. K. REED,

Taxidermist and Publisher of Bird Book.

MEETS A HEARTY APPROVAL.

Hyde Park, Mass.

Gentlemen:—We have carefully examined your method of Taxidermy and it meets with our hearty approval. You have our best wishes and I see no reason why your school will not meet with success and be appreciated by many, not only the beginners, but by professionals who are located where they do not have the opportunity to see what others are doing. There have been several good books published on the subject, but the student is constantly meeting snags, and here is where your school fills the bill, with the personal instruction. We shall recommend it to all.

FRANK BLAKE WEBSTER CO.,

Museum and Naturalists' Depot.

LETTERS FROM OUR STUDENTS.

The following letters tell their own stories. Read these hearty testimonials from students who have not only succeeded, but succeeded so well that they have written us these unpurchasable endorsements in order to convince others of the excellence and reliability of our school. This should mean something to YOU. If they have met with so much success, you can do equally well.

We could fill a large book with testimonials from the best Taxidermists in the country, and with editorials taken from the best known magazines, but we believe that these frank letters from persons all over the Union, who have taken the course and speak from actual experiences, are the best evidence of what the school can do for its students. The following letters are a few taken promiscuously from thousands of similar ones in our files. These persons are all absolute strangers to us, except for the acquaintance and friendship we have formed through their connection with our school. If you doubt the authenticity of any of these letters, we invite you to correspond personally with these persons at the addresses given.

PLEASED AT INTEREST WE TAKE IN STUDENTS.

I received my first lesson in October, and have already mounted two deer heads, two squirrels, three pheasants, two owls, one coon and four quail. This work was all done in my leisure time, as I work at my trade in the day time. I think my work is good and am sending you the photo of my first buck head, and you may judge for yourself. Your lessons are so simple that a boy can do good work by reading them over a few times. I am surprised and pleased at the interest you take in your students, and at your willingness to make everything so plain.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in me, I remain,

Yours,

WM. M. BARGER, Poland, Ohio.

I desire to say that I am delighted with the lessons in your course. They are just the thing for anyone interested in Taxidermy. They are so plain that anyone by carefully reading them and studying the plates can with little difficulty handle the work in good shape. The artificial body that you sent as a model was a great help to me with the first specimen. Your school deserves the support of every true sportsman, and I am sure that there is a great future for the Northwestern.

A. R. RICE, Albion, Wash.

RECOMMENDS THE SCHOOL ON EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

I wish to thank you for the careful examination of my specimens and the suggestions that you have made to improve them. Your lessons are so practical, that with a little more care I could have avoided the errors that you pointed out in your letter. Whenever I have an opportunity I shall recommend your school, not only for the trouble that you took in teaching me, but also to save my friends the disappointment I had in trying to learn Taxidermy from books that pay more attention to the scientific denomination of the different bones and muscles than to the shape of the artificial body.

Wishing your school the good success that it deserves, and hoping that many hunters and lovers of Zoology may enjoy the satisfaction of learning to preserve their specimens, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

O. WOELFING,
Clerk, Indianapolis, Ind.

I have been very successful in the work of Taxidermy as taught by your school. Anyone wishing to learn this art will do well by enrolling in your school.

WM. FLUWELLIN, Amawalk, N. Y.

FULL OF SOLID INFORMATION.

Your course of lessons in Taxidermy is certainly a boon to all lovers of Nature. I have received all of the lessons and find them full of solid information, easily understood and easily followed out, and covering every branch of the art. I am well pleased with my work.

F. K. PRUNER,
Stenographer,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

I have found your course in Taxidermy entirely satisfactory, the operations being very clear. I think your personal letters on points that arise of great value to the student, and that with practice anyone can learn to do creditable work. With best wishes for your continued success, I am, very truly yours,

M. D. MCKEE,
Silver City, New Mexico.

BIG PROFIT CAN BE MADE.

Gentlemen:—I am sending you photo of myself and several photos of specimens which we have mounted. You will probably find some mistakes in my work, although I personally feel highly pleased with the results I have secured. I do not have a great deal of time that I can give to Taxidermy, but I do manage to study and practice a few hours each week, and the results secured have been most satisfactory to myself and to my friends. I heartily recommend your school and course to any hunter, trapper or sportsman who is interested in mounting and preserving his own trophies. I find that big profits can be made by doing Taxidermy work for others.

J. P. MARTIN,
Chapman, Neb.

GREATLY PLEASED WITH WORK.

I have received the lessons regularly, and am greatly pleased with them; they are so plain that there seems nothing that I do not understand, or cannot perform.

With a little determined energy anyone can be an expert taxidermist under your instruction. I have been going to send you a specimen of my work, but each one seems better than the last, and I wish to submit the best that I can do, but will send one soon. Wishing you great success, I remain, your friend,

N. P. LAVENGOOD,
Roan, Ind.

RECOMMENDS THE SCHOOL ON EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

I have completed the course that I took in your school and wish to say that I am more than pleased. I cannot say too much for the kindness and courtesies I have received from the management. The lessons were so plainly and intelligently written that any one of ordinary intelligence can not help but succeed. The correspondence part of it is grand, and the trouble and care that you exercise in that part of the work is worth the whole cost of tuition. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the attention I have received at your hands and, believe me, anything that I can do to forward the interests of the N. W. S. of T. will be done heartily. Fraternally,

A. P. MACGREGOR, Jeweler,
Santa Rosa, Calif.

DONE MORE THAN WE CLAIMED.

I have nearly completed the course in Taxidermy and wish to advise you I am very much pleased with the results and consider the money well invested. The lessons are very plain, and with practice, I fail to see why anyone should not become proficient, either in caring for their own specimens or doing work for others. I am very much pleased with what I have been able to do with the work and can truly say that you have done all you claimed and more. If this note will be of any use to you in forwarding the good work of the school, you are very welcome to use it as you see fit. I am most sincerely yours,

F. R. BARKER,
Ph. G. (Druggist), Brandon, Vt.

ALL PRAISE HIS WORK.

I have received all of the lessons of your course and am very much pleased with them. Have found them easy to understand and by simply following them closely any one can mount specimens as natural as the living ones. I have mounted six birds and all that see them praise my work.

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CHAS. NOLL, Lewisburg, Pa.

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I am very glad to say that I have had fine success in my Taxidermy work. I know that anyone who can read and write the English language will succeed by taking your course. I am sending you photos of my work. I have mounted a great many specimens for myself and others, and constantly have on hand more than I can do. Your course is certainly a valuable one, and worth many times what you charge. Several of my friends have become greatly interested and have decided to take your course. I thank you for your many personal attentions, and wish you every success.

T. H. BALL, Rahway, N. Y.

A LETTER FROM INDIA.

Punjab, British India, Asia.
Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Nebr.

My Dear Sirs: My course in your school has been worth thousands of dollars to me. The specimens secured in this distant land have been sent to America and Europe. You asked in your letter if I was satisfied with my investment in your course. I can best answer this by saying, "I should not have regretted \$500.00 had you charged me that much." No other school in the world could hope to prepare such valuable lessons.

I shall send you the skins on the 18th inst. by steamer "Calcutta," as I leave for interior on the 28th.

JOHN M. SARGENT.

FROM A SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

I desire to say that your course in Taxidermy excels anything that I have yet had the pleasure of examining. When I first took up the work it was only with the intention of satisfying my own nature-loving desires, but when I found it so easy and simple, I concluded that the course would not only interest one class of people, but would interest all, for where is there a person who does not love nature or does not appreciate the creations of God in animal life? With the greatest simplicity it teaches how to mount specimens from a humming bird to a grizzly bear. The engraved plates alone are well worth the money the entire course costs; this when considered with individual instructions received directly from competent taxidermists makes it one of the most proficient courses possible to secure.

PROF. G. D. HORRAS,

Supt. Schools South English, Iowa.

FROM THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

I am progressing in my Taxidermy work beyond my most sanguine expectations. The lessons have been so clear and minute in every detail that anyone who makes the slightest effort cannot fail to understand them. It gives me the greatest pleasure to recommend your school to the sportsmen and all others interested in the art. Shall cheerfully write personal letter to any one desiring other information.

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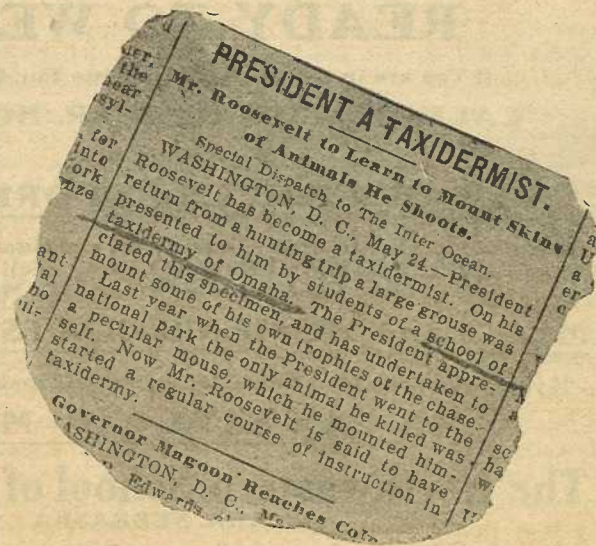


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President Roosevelt Studies Taxidermy

SURELY Taxidermy has become a national fad. We wonder sometimes if there is anyone who is not interested in this great art. President Roosevelt is studying and practicing the work during the spare hours he can find from his official duties. The President is a true sportsman. He fully realizes the necessity of sportsmen being able to do their own taxidermy work in order to properly preserve the many beautiful trophies for the benefit of art and science. We reproduce in fac-simile a news item from the Chicago Inter-Ocean of May 25, 1905. Since it appeared we have received hundreds of enrollments from persons who desired to emulate the example of our President and who stated frankly in their letters that if Mr. Roosevelt could find time in his strenuous life to learn taxidermy, they too were willing to find out what subtle fascination this art possesses.



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(3) Without a single exception the magazines of this country, devoted to outdoor sports and nature, editorially recommend this institution to their friends and readers.

(4) Leading National and State Banks endorse our school in letters over official signatures. This is the proof of **FINANCIAL** responsibility and business integrity.

(5) The School is incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and is consequently subject to the control of state officials.

(6) All lessons and course are published under government copyright. No other institution can use our instructions, methods, etc., hence, if the student desires **STANDARD METHODS**, he realizes that he must take our course in order to get them.

(7) **OUR GUARANTEE** goes with each scholarship. This protects the student from loss or failure. We could not afford to have a dissatisfied student. Here is our **INVARIABLE GUARANTEE**:

"We agree to teach you Taxidermy successfully or return your money." WE want to take every risk.

(8) The price of our course is certainly reasonable. It is just as low as possible, consistent with **CORRECT INSTRUCTION**. We might charge less, but the result would be a poor course, poorer instruction, poorer specimens by the student. Of all unsightly objects, incorrect Taxidermy specimens are the worst. We believe that any one who wants to learn Taxidermy desires **THE BEST**, hence we offer only one course, which is correct in every detail. If any one wishes "cheap" instruction he must look among our "imitators," who are attempting to "reap where they have not sown," by offering a so-called course for a sum so small that very few are deceived by it. It has long been demonstrated that something cannot be had for nothing.

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(10) **THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL**. Those words should have weight with you. We have taught Taxidermy for many years. Our methods represent all that is newest and best. We have kept up-to-date, and have all modern instructions protected by copyright. We pride ourselves on the record we have made. The success of our students and our established reputation for honorable dealing and for treating every one "on the square," are, we believe, arguments that must have much weight with you, and will give you confidence to join the school, with full assurance that you will be accorded courteous treatment and proper instruction.

SOMETHING ABOUT METHODS.

We frequently receive inquiries from persons desiring to learn Taxidermy, asking our opinion on what are called "rapid systems," "embalming methods," etc. We usually reply briefly that we cannot recommend them, as they have not in any sense stood the test, and refer them to a number of persons who have tried these systems. Many persons in correspondence with us state that they have been induced to purchase these systems, but we have failed to find even one who could speak a good word for them. The following letters may give the reader some light on the subject:

Indian Head, Assa., Can.

I have had some experience with embalming methods myself, and unfortunately on some rare specimens. Have found that birds treated by these methods shrivel out of form, and besides they had a disagreeable smell that did not leave them until the specimens were destroyed.

GEORGE LANG.

Sioux Falls, S. D.

I notice that you warn anyone interested in Taxidermy not to take up embalming methods, and in this connection beg to state that I had a little sad experience about three years ago. Specimens mounted by these methods are all dried up and drawn out of shape. They soon shrivel up and are worthless.

FRED K. PRUNER.

Placenta, Calif.

I could do fairly good work, but got interested in an embalming powder sold by (name on request), Kalamazoo, Mich., and

while monkeying with that stuff forgot everything I already knew. Embalming processes are worse than worthless.

P. L. BRADFORD.

Paulina, Iowa.

I, like many others, got my dose of "rapid systems." It is the biggest fake out. I invested one dollar in the embalming powder, and it will be the last one. They claim that it is rapid, but the work takes longer than the old way, and then you have nothing. I hope you will use this letter to show what a graft the "rapid system" is.

J. BOCK.

Recreation, of New York, run the ad. of one of the persons who sells a "rapid system," but was soon convinced of the worthlessness of the same, and in the March issue, 1904, says: "Readers of Recreation are cautioned against sending money to Dr. (See Recreation for name). I have reason to believe that he is thoroughly dishonest."



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many people who do not have time during the winter months to learn Taxidermy, but wish to devote their summer vacations to it. To such people we will say, that you need not hesitate in the least, for you will not have any difficulty whatever in preserving your specimens properly. Many of our students take the work during the winter months as they are busy on the farms or in factories during the summer, and have their leisure hours during the colder months. We have many students in Central America, Cuba, and other tropical countries, and they have no difficulty in preserving the specimens, however large or small.

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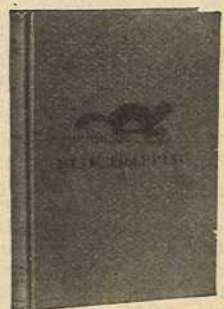
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