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INTRODUCTION. The value of a judiciously arranged collection to the naturalist cannot be over-estimated, provided always that the collection itself be looked upon as a means to an end, and not the ultimatum of his solicitude. Unfortunately, it is too often the case that large accumulations of specimens are brought together by amateurs, at an enormous cost, with no other object in view, on the part of the collector, than the gratification obtained from mere possession. Such collections are useless to the owner, and though hundreds of pounds may have been spent on their purchase and ornamentation, the shabbiest and smallest cabinets in the closets of real working naturalists immeasurably transcend them- in real value. A collection, whether public or private, should be, not a mere show-thing to please the eye, but a perfectly consultable, and consequently well-arranged...



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