

man; how injurious or beneficial, to what extent, used for what purposes, yielding what products of value.

Other points will doubtless suggest themselves to the observer. Anatomical notes of careful dissections of soft parts, particularly of the digestive and reproductive organs, are valuable. Anecdotal records of personal experiences possess at least the interest which attaches to originality, and are very acceptable. Persons are frequently deterred from communicating their observations for fear that what they have to offer may not be wanted. This is generally a mistake. In the first place, duplication of data serves the important purpose of corroborating and confirming the accuracy of reports furnished, and in all cases of seasonal phenomena, which of course vary with latitude, the same observations may be profitably repeated at different stations. Secondly, persons who write books are generally supposed to know more than they really do.

Specimens of common and well-known animals, especially if bulky, are of course less desirable than those of rare and obscure species; but specimens of any species secured beyond the ordinary geographical range, or illustrating unusual conditions, such as albinism, melanism, or malformations, or representing embryonic stages of growth, are always in demand. Small dry parcels may be conveniently mailed direct to the undersigned; large packages should be sent in accordance with Circular Orders, No. 2, War Department, Surgeon General's Office, April 13, 1875, (copy herewith [""]), or by express, if the Quartermaster's Department cannot furnish transpor-

[1] WAR DEPARTMENT,  
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Washington, April 13, 1875.*

CIRCULAR ORDERS, }

No. 2. }

The following General Order from the Adjutant General's Office is published for the information of Medical Officers:

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 49. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, April 8, 1875.*

The Quartermaster's Department is authorized to transport to the Medical Museum at Washington such objects as may be turned over to its officers for that purpose at any military post or station by the officers of the Medical Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Adjutant General.*

Medical Officers in turning over packages to the Quartermaster's Department for transportation will take receipts in duplicate, and will forward one of the receipts to the Surgeon General. All packages for the Museum should be plainly marked "Surgeon General, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.," with "Army Medical Museum" inscribed in the lower left hand corner.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

C. H. CRANE,  
*Assistant Surgeon General U. S. Army.*