Interesting Collector of World's Greatest Individual Gathering of South Sea Relics Bequeaths it to New Canadian University

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Rich in the romance of business and the adventure of the big outdoors of the Canadian frontier, and the still vaster region of the South Sea Islands was the life of Frank Burnett, the sturdy, gray-haired man shown in this picture. In the last twenty-five years of his life he spent much of that time in voyaging throughout the vast stretch of the South Seas studying the Polynesian and Papuan people, and gathering all the various objects representative of them, till in 1919 he had gathered the greatest individual collection of South Sea curios ever procured and owned by one man. And now he has made a bequest of the entire magnificent collection to the new university of British Columbia which is being constructed on the outskirts of the City of Vancouver. Thus in future years the thousands of students that will throng the halls of this vast institution of learning will be able to become acquainted with the varied lives of the people who inhabit a stretch covering over a quarter of the entire globe. Few people realize what an enormous stretch is taken in by the South Sea Islands. Yet from the Marquesas to the end of New Guinea is over seven thousand miles along the equator. And throughout these varied islands, the Tongan, the Fijian, the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marquesas, the Carolines and a score of others Frank Burnett roamed and combed them for things most representative of the people of the present and the past.

It would take many hundred pages to tell in detail the history of all the rare treasures that have been transported from their various island homes. Many of them to-day in this man's collection are no longer to be found in the land where they originated and once were plentiful.

Among the chief things of interest are over two hundred spears, some barbed with human bones, some with sharks' teeth. The sharks' tooth spears in some instances are fifteen feet long, and have taken a toll of many hundred lives. Clubs of every size and shape representative of each island; native armor particularly rare, shields, swords, knives of shell and stone, human heads, the bodies of which served at a human feast are here, some stripped clean and brightly shining, others smoked and hideously ornamented after the fashion of the Solomon Islands and New Guinea; in keeping are the forks and plates and human meat hook used only for handling this particular kind of flesh. Rare tapa cloth of fine design, mats exquisite in weave and texture, ornaments of shell and bone, fishing tools odd and clever in design, countless kinds of bowls, canoes from a score of islands, little models beautiful in finish, and which would excite the envy of any boyish heart—all these things are gathered here. There are gods of many shapes made of stone and wood and lime. To gather some of these Frank Burnett took his life many times in his hand, for heathen people are jealous of their deities and resentful of their disturbing. There are ornaments of marvellous ancientness. Shell money and money made from feathers fill part of a case. In fact, nothing representative of a people in the way of things used in hunting, war or dress, in ornament, amusement or religion, has Frank Burnett failed to ferret out and bring back to Canada. There are pillows of stone

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kinds of trust business. Our correspondent will be particularly interested in the investment department. That department will be in charge of a man whose sole duty is to see that trust funds are properly handled. As the investment department is a very important branch of a trust company organization, the man in charge is of necessity, a very competent, trustworthy and capable official. The investment department of a trust company is usually prepared to accept money for investment upon one of two plans, i. e., the guaranteed plan or the agency plan. The guaranteed plan is usually found to be more satisfactory for a small investor. Under this plan, the trust company accepts sums ranging from a hundred dollars or so upwards, and guarantees to repay the investment at the end of a certain period, usually five years, and interest is also guaranteed to be paid half yearly or yearly at the rate agreed upon, usually around 6 per cent.

The money is invested by the trust company in mortgages on improved real estate and the mortgages are assigned to the persons whose money is invested in them, as additional security. This means that if our correspondent has \$10,000 to invest and places it with a trust company on the guaranteed plan, she will receive \$300. every six months and the full amount of \$10,000 at the end of five years. In the meantime she has ample security for her money. She holds a straight guarantee from the trust company and in addition has mortgages for \$10,000 assigned to her in the books of the company. Under these circumstances, even though the trust company should be unable to live up to its guarantee, and this is a very remote possibility with a reputable trust company, she still has her real estate mortgages to the full value of her investment which she can take charge of to realize her money.