

effect. All the relics were securely wired down so not to be easily moved. There is hardly any limit to the manner in which relics can be arranged so as to show them up to advantage.

Relics mounted in this manner can be framed if desired, and thus be kept in fine condition and be readily examined.

Try this method and you will find that your friends will take more interest in what you have to exhibit in this line.

You will take more interest in relic collecting also.

Odds and Ends.

Prof. Adams, of McGill University, Montreal, has demonstrated the manner in which the rocks under the earth's crust are continually changed by the pressure upon them. He subjected columns of marble to the enormous pressure of 18000 pounds to the square inch for periods varying from 17 to 174 days. It was as if a rock had been put into a monster nut-cracker. The solid marble flowed out at the sides like molasses, but most wonderful of all, without losing its cohesion or solidity. The experiment showed that the solid rock beneath the earth's surface are continually flowing in the direction of the least resistance.

Queen Margeritha of Italy has a passion for collecting the old shoes of historical personages. Her Majesty's collection which is already very large, includes boots or shoes worn by Joan of Arc, Mary Queen of Scots, and Marie Antoinette.

Usually a man waits for the return of cold weather before he commences to buy to any great extent, and doubtless there are many hundreds now waiting, but several dozens have already spent from five hundred to one thousand dollars during the last two weeks in June. What they will do in September will doubtless surprise some of our advertisers. One thing is sure and that is they will congratulate themselves on their foresight in getting first. The farmer plants his wheat in the dull winter months and reaps a bountiful harvest in the early summer. The intelligent stamp dealer advertises his house during the hot summer and gets his reward in the early fall.

The "Trust" is the American Collector's Company, which was organized some years ago with a capital stock of \$100,000, but which has increased this capitalization to \$450,000 in order to take over the business of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company of this city, and the New England Stamp Company of Boston. Henry L. Calman, who conducted the Scott Company, is understood to have received a check for \$50,000 on Monday last, and in addition a large block of the stock of the American Collector's Company. A local trust Company financed the operation.

The American Collector's Company bought some time ago a valuable stock of rare stamps which has belonged to R. F. Albrecht, and it bought later a quantity of stamps from William Brown of N.Y. city.