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GIANT PUFFBALL —*Lycoperdon giganteum*.

Mr. A. H. Taylor, of the Customs Department, Ottawa, brought into my office this morning a fine example of the edible giant puff ball, *Lycoperdon giganteum*.

This specimen was obtained by Mr. Taylor on his property on Rideau street, Ottawa, where it had come up after the last rain-storm. It measures forty and a half inches in circumference one way and thirty-eight inches in the vertical diameter.

The colour is of an almost snow-white brilliancy and the surface for the most part smooth with shallow and inconspicuous wrinkles due to fissuring in the cortex or outer covering.

Two very large examples of this species were also observed last week on the Ottawa Golf Club links on the Aylmer road, the circumference of one according to the statement given me being fifty-nine inches.

The specimen presented by Mr. Taylor is now deposited in the Botanical Collection of the National Museum on Sussex street.

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