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In the U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM, 1892.

BY CHARLES BENDIRE, U. S. A. (^{retired} ~~RETIRED~~) HONORARY
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Small type

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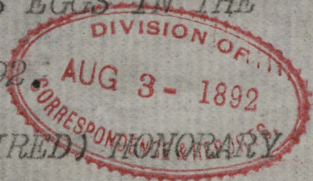
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Very respectfully submitted.

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