

## SOUTH AFRICAN SOUVENIRS AND RELICS

### Walter Richardson's Col- lection Has Come.

**W**ALTER RICHARDSON'S collection of souvenirs and relics gathered by himself among the Kaffirs, Boers and Zulus of South Africa, have arrived and now occupy a front room in the house of his father, C. H. Richardson, on South Madison avenue. The collection is a rare and valuable one, and has the double value of having been gathered with skill and bravery by the Pasadenan in his extensive travels.

The collection was sent from South Africa about three months ago. They were hermetically sealed in a long tin box and placed in a wooden box. It weighed about 500 pounds. At the custom house in New York the box was cut open and held up on account of the explosive cartridges in the collection.

Today C. H. Richardson kindly permitted a News representative to inspect the souvenirs as they were being opened and examined. It is a collection worth seeing. The first thing which catches the eye is the great skull of the hippopotamus, with its great, ivory-like tusks and immense teeth. This ponderous animal was killed by Walter. By the skull are strips of the hide more than an inch thick.

In the collection of hides are those of three zebras, one tiger, a hyena, serval, Natal monkey and the 16-foot skin of a tremendous python snake.

Among the arms sent is an elephant rifle, which shoots balls of an inch diameter; Kaffir flint lock gun, four assegais of Zulus and other savages. A Kaffir hatchet with long handle has a blade shaped like a hash chopping knife.

There is a most valuable collection of horns, embracing 26 pairs from as many animals, including water buck, hartebeest, gazelle, etc.

The skins will be sent to San Francisco to be mounted.

Among the large number of interesting relics is the canoe and ring charm which Walter wrote about in one of the letters published in the News. It was floating down a river up which Walter and the Kaffirs were going on that lion and elephant hunt. It will be remembered that when Walter reached out and got the little floating boat and charm, the Kaffirs were horror stricken, for they expected it would bring death to him sure.

A Zulu shield about 3x2 feet is a hide upon a stick with handles on it.

A beautiful pillow case worked in yellow, red and green was given to Walter by the sister of General Viljoen of the Boer army. There is a large collection of bracelets, anklets, necklaces, etc., gotten from natives. A Boer flag made of three strips of red, white and blue, with a green field is about eight feet long.

Eight feathers given by a Boer leader are very delicate. Shells and balls picked up on battle fields are in the collection, as are passports, permits, seeds, etc., galore.

Walter Richardson himself will shortly start on a trip around the world. The summer will be spent in Europe, arriving in England in September and then starting for China, Japan and the Philippine islands.