

Cabinets of Natural History.

The Imp. Roy. Cabinet of Natural History, consists of three departments:

I. **The Museum of Zoology** (Josephsplatz), founded in 1795. It is a very complete collection which comprises:

- 800 species of mammiferous animals (2000 specimens).
- 8000 " birds (above 15,000 specimens).
- 900 " Reptiles and Amphibious animals (4000 specimens).
- 4000 " Fishes (14,000 specimens).
- 5000 " Molusca (30,000 specimens).
- 600 " Crustacea.
- 50000 " Insects (300,000 specimens).
- 500 " Star Fishes and Zoophytes.
- 1000 " Intestinal Worms.

This precious collection, which suffered much from the siege of Vienna in 1848, fills 24 halls and rooms. It possesses besides a very valuable library. Admission every thursday from 9 to 2.

II. **The Museum of Botany**, in the Botanic Garden of the University, Rennweg, comprises about 80,000 specimens of plants, chiefly obtained from herbaries be-

longing to some of the most celebrated scientific men. It likewise possesses a library.

III. **The Museum of Mineralogy**, at the Imp. Palace, entrance through the corridor of the Augustine Church. In its style one of the most complete and scientifically classed collection. It was founded by Emperor *Francis I* in 1748, who bought the collection of *Baillou* at Florence. Since that time, it has repeatedly been enriched with most valuable additions. This collection may be divided into 8 departments:

- 1) The Collection of Mineralogy and Oryctognosy (with beautiful specimens).
- 2) The Collection of Crystal Specimens (2800 wooden models).
- 3) The Terminological Collection, 1611 specimens.
- 4) The Technical Collection, 2506 specimens (comprising all sorts of precious stones).
- 5) The Collection of General Geology and Paleontology.
- 6) The Collection of Special Geology and Paleontology (lower Austria and corifines).
- 7) The Collection of Petrifications.
- 8) The Collection of Meteorolites and Aerolites.

There is besides one part of the museum, comprising, above 70,000 specimens, which is not accessible to the public. This museum is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 1.

Private Collections.

The Collections Coleoptera of Messrs. *Hampe, Lederer, Miller, Sartorius, Count Ferrari* and *Türk*.

Collections of Lepidoptera of Messrs. *Lederer, Machio, Mann, Felder, Hornig*.

Collections of Diptera, Hymenoptera etc. of Dr. *Schiner, Mr. Brauer*.

Collection of Orthoptera of Mr. *Brunner de Wattenwyl*.

Molusca, collection of Mr. *Parreys*.

Birds, collection of Mr. *Lenk, Finger, and Meissner*.

Amphibia, collection of Mr. *Erber*.

Botany, collections of Mr. *Neilreich, Baron Hohenbühel, Pockorny, and Leithner*.

Mineralogy, collections of count *Beroldingen, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Grunauer, Count Eugen Czernin, Lenoir*.