



AN ALGONKIN BIRCHBARK CRADLE

obtained is the size of the operation and the skill with which the work is being carried on."

5. *A Collection of Algonkin Ethnology*

**A** COLLECTION of ninety-nine specimens illustrative of the ethnology of the Algonkin Indians has been recently purchased. These were gathered by Mr. Frederick Johnson on the Indian reservation near Maniwaki, Quebec, Canada, during the past summer and are representative of the culture of this nation, with the exception of those objects which are made in the winter only. At Maniwaki is found the largest surviving group of this formerly large tribe, the aboriginal culture of which is rapidly being overwhelmed by modern civilization.

The collection includes boxes and other containers of birch bark, many of them decorated with incised designs; baskets of ash splints, many ornamented with simple stamped designs in colour; bags and moccasins of deer and moose hide; implements, tools and weapons of wood, stone, rawhide and other materials; religious and ceremonial objects; games and many other specimens. A birch bark cradle is illustrated in Plate IV.

6. *A New Collection from Central Europe*

**T**HE collection of prehistoric objects recently acquired in Bohemia by the Museum contains select series ranging in age from the Neolithic period to the dawn of history.

All the material was found in central Bohemia, namely in the Slaný and Kladno countries, and is thor-