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CRINOIDS VARIED IN COLOR AT LE GRAND, IOWA

(ABSTRACT)

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In the Le Grand quarries there is an unusual occurrence of multicolored crinoids. Some of these crinoids are almost black, some are almost white, some are dark brown, some are light brown and some are cream colored. Each species is found always to have the same color. One familiar with the fossils can classify them accurately by the color. *Platycrinus symmetricus* is a dark brown. *Diocrinus inornatus* is a chocolate brown and *Rhodocrinus kirbyi* is almost black. Most of the inadunate species are white. One species with unusual coloring is *Rhodocrinus watersianus* with a mottled brown calyx and light colored arems.

These different colored crinoids are found closely associated, one with the other. In fact, sometimes the light colored ones are found lying across the dark colored ones, which means that there are many colors on one slab.

This peculiar condition exists at no other place at which I have collected. I have no knowledge of any other place where the crinoids are of different colors.

In the Le Grand quarries there are two distinct horizons where the crinoids are found. These two beds are separated by about forty feet of limestone. It is evident that a great period of time elapsed between the imbedding of the first and the last colonies. Yet, where the same species are found in both horizons the colors remain constant. Therefore, the same condition of petrification and coloring must have existed in both horizons.

LE GRAND, IOWA.

PERMIAN NAUTILOIDS FROM WESTERN AND
SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES

(ABSTRACT)

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Representatives of several genera of nautiloids are described from the Permian of western and southwestern United States. Among these are the first cephalopods to be reported from the