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While out in the colored section of Opelika, Ala., hunting ex-slaves I entered East Street and went into Lou Lyman's home, thinking Lou had been a slave but she was younger than I thought.

While we talked, a colored man was sitting on the end of the porch and had rheumatism so badly, he couldn't walk so he told Lou to show me his collection and it really is a show and especially to those not living near a museum.

These animals and birds were stuffed and in perfect condition, they looked like the real animal. He had one large room in the house just for them, and Lou has a nice home.

In there were horned owls, a coyote, an eagle, from the golden eagle family, wings stretching about a yard, a deer head, bear head, hawk, antelope horns, Bob-cat, whooping crane, fox and just a number of stuffed birds, looking as if just ready to fly off their perches. Several other skins, beside one or two that were made into rugs, having the heads still on them and looking as if you might step on the living, sleeping animals.

These belong to Charles Moore, at the intersection of East and Auburn Streets, on the right-hand side of the street entering Opelika, Ala., going north.

He says he has never had a worm nor bug in them, for he guards against them and packs them in moth balls when not using. He got several pieces of his collection from Wisconsin, as he lives there part of the time.

He also makes hooked rugs and had a number of such pretty ones and takes orders for them.