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Prof. J. B. Hatcher, of Princeton University, has just returned from his geographical expedition to Patagonia. The primary object of the expedition was to make the most extensive collections possible of Patagonian fossils. He also devoted considerable attention to gathering ethnological, botanical and zoological specimens. The first Mesozoic mammals ever discovered were found in Patagonia on this expedition, and upward of thirty cases of Mesozoic vertebrates were shipped north. Naturally Prof. Hatcher gathered much valual-le material illustrating the life and customs of the Patagonian Indian tribes, and he has obtained an important series of photographic neg-

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