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FROM LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Framed butterflies, \$575; lolofrenchantiques.com. • Natural bamboo coral, \$3,820; klaus-dupont.com. • Galapagos brass ant, \$195; bluecarreon.com. • Gecko paperweight, \$145; bluecarreon.com. • Faux tortoise boxes, from \$70; haydenpaints.com. • English Grand Tour neoclassical Romanesque intaglio in walnut frame, \$225; chairish.com. • Natural mineral specimen on sterling silver base, \$2,100 per set; 1stdibs.com. • Malachite specimen and Malachite pyramid, \$300 each; creelandgow.com. • Butterfly in round reliquary, \$650; creelandgow.com. • Mounted ostrich egg, \$450; creelandgow.com. • Feather crown, \$3,820; klaus-dupont.com. • Mosasaur fossil, \$15; architecturalheritage.com.

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