

Nineteenth-century Persia in the Photographs of Albert Hotz

Images from the Hotz Photograph Collection
of Leiden University Library, the Netherlands

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From 1875 onwards Dutch businessman Albertus Paulus Hermanus Hotz (Rotterdam 1855-Cologne 1930) not only pursued a commercial career in Persia, he also became an ardent collector of items related to Persian culture and daily life and publicist on Persian-Dutch history.

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