

Fig. 1. ANTLER FROM WESTWARD HO!

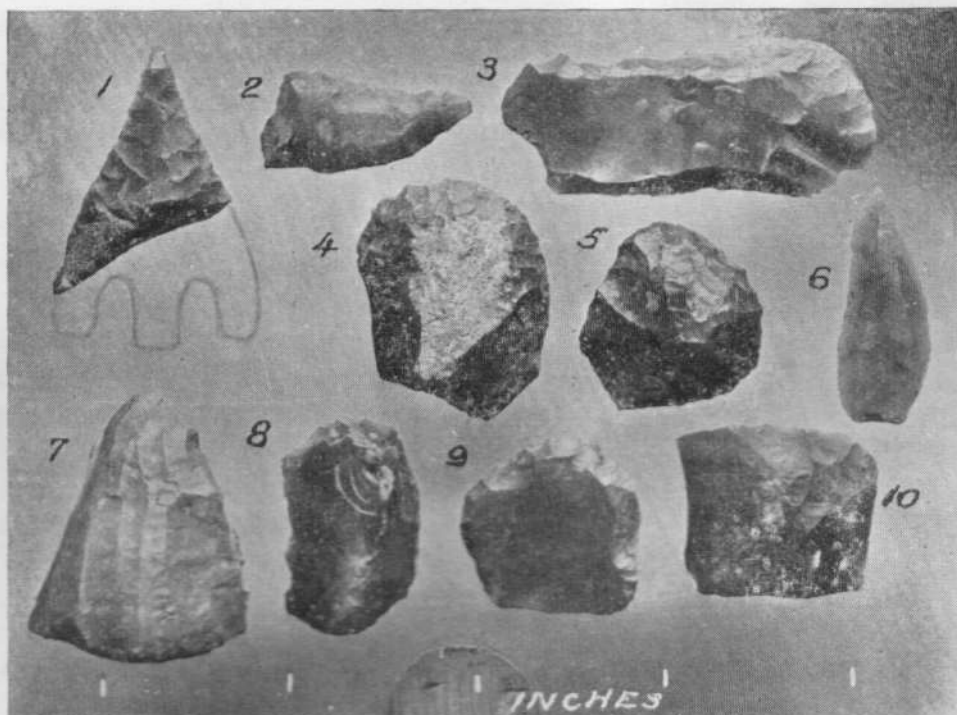


Fig. 2. FLINTS FROM NEAR TORRINGTON.

seen in a clearing in Ivybridge Woods which, with the exception of isolated records from Yelverton and Plympton, he considers is the most westerly appearance of the insect.

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FIELD CRICKET (*Gryllus Campestris*).

There has been some correspondence in the *Western Morning News* of January of the present year as to whether certain insects found at Heavitree last summer were Field Crickets; but the fact of that insect being an actual native of Devon still appears to be an open question.

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AN ANTLER FROM THE SUBMERGED FOREST AT WESTWARD HO !

This is a fragment of a Red Deer antler, the extreme length of the fragment being exactly one foot. I can find no trace of human handiwork, or that it has been used as a tool of any sort.

From the stain on the perfect point which remains it would appear that the antler had been buried in the peat, and that this point was the last part to be exposed as the old forest-bed eroded under the action of the sea. It was found at Westward Ho ! by Miss Barbara Webber, of Great Torrington, in the beginning of the present year. The fragment is illustrated on fig. 1, Plate VII.

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FLINTS FROM NEAR TORRINGTON.

From the same site which was mentioned in last year's Report, Mr. Sparks has now obtained a further collection of flints. The best of these I have seen, and I have selected ten for illustration.

The most interesting example is No. 1 on fig. 2, Plate VII. This is the point broken off an ogival arrowhead, and I have indicated in light outline the restoration of the complete head. Dartmoor has returned some of the best worked flints of this type, and it is interesting to find it present in North Devon also. The material is grey flint, slightly tinted brown, the workmanship is excellent, and the contour perfect.

No. 2 is an interesting implement, in pale brown flint. It shows much secondary chipping on both edges of the face illustrated; on the reverse there is no secondary chipping, but only two faces meeting at approximately a right-angle. It is probably a borer, and the point has been worn smooth and blunted by use.

No. 3 is a piece of translucent brown flint. The upper and right-hand edges, as illustrated, show much secondary chip-

ping ; the reverse face is a plane, and no secondary work has been given to it. The long edge has the appearance of a saw, and the short edge, although scraper shaped, is too thin to have been used as a scraper.

No. 4 is a characteristic "thumb" scraper, in brown flint, with a portion of the crust of the original nodule still showing.

No. 5 is also a scraper, but in grey flint.

No. 6 can not with certainty be placed ; it is in translucent brown flint. The side which shows in the illustration has five longitudinal facets ; the reverse is a single, unworked surface as flaked from the core. This may well have been an arrow point.

No. 7 is a core of translucent buff flint. As in many cores from this place, it bears evidence that the flakes struck from it can hardly have yielded more than "pigmy" flints.

No. 8, in slightly ochreous flint, is a scraper, the making of which would appear not to have been completed.

No. 9, also in slightly ochreous flint, is a scraper which would appear to have seen some use.

No. 10, a brown-grey flake, has been worked along the top and right-hand edges from both faces. The other two edges are clean fractures. It has interest since the obvious intent was to obtain two cutting edges at right angles. The flake is thin, and has none of the characteristics of a scraper ; nor has it the character of gun-flint, which its size and shape might suggest.

It is very desirable that this site should be kept under observation. It would appear to be of Early Bronze date.

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A MUSEUM.

A local museum has been started by Mr. G. E. L. Carter in the old Coast Guard Station, Budleigh Salterton, primarily for the study of local problems of archaeology and geology, and for the safe custody of objects found locally or of local interest. The Museum is affiliated to the South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries. It is open by appointment to visitors and members of the Devonshire Association are cordially invited to see the collections when in the town.

Mr. Carter would be glad to receive as gifts or on loan any objects which could be considered as properly to be received, especially botanical papers and pamphlets of the Victorian period.

The most recent extension of work here has been to ascertain that the tiny nodules of the Keuper marls (from near Jacob's Ladder, Sidmouth) are radio-active, like the large vanadiferous nodules of Budleigh Salterton.

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