

ir, -I take the liberty to request you to lay before the Society some
 flints found in the parish of Hoxne, in the county of Suffolk, which, if
 not particularly objects of curiosity in themselves, must, I think, be
 considered in that light, from the situation in which they were found.
 They are, I think, evidently weapons of war, fabricated and used by a
 people who had not the use of metals. They lay in great numbers at the
 depth of about 12 feet, in a stratified soil, which was dug into for the
 purpose of raising clay for bricks. The strata are as follows:-

- . Vegetable earth 1½ft.
- . Argill 7½ft.
- . Sand, mixed with shells and other marine substances 1 ft.
- . A gravelly soil, in which the flints are found generally at the rate of
 five or six in a square yard 2 ft.

In the same stratum are frequently found small fragments of wood,
 very perfect when first dug up, but which soon decompose on being exposed
 to the air; and in the stratum of sand (No.3) were found some extraordinary
 bones, particularly a jaw-bone of enormous size of some unknown animal,
 with the teeth remaining in it. I was very eager to obtain a sight of this;
 and finding it had been carried to a neighbouring gentleman, I inquired of
 him, but learned that he had presented it, together with a huge thigh-bone
 found in the same place, to Sir ASHTON LEVER, and it therefore is probably
 now in PARKINSON'S Museum.

The situation in which these weapons were found may tempt us to
 refer them to a very remote period indeed, even beyond that of the present
 world; but whatever our conjectures on that head may be, it will be difficult
 to account for the stratum in which they lie being covered with another
 stratum, which, on that supposition, may be conjectured to have been once
 the bottom or at least the shore of the sea. The manner in which they lie
 would lead to the persuasion that it was ~~th~~ a place of their manufacture,
 and not of their accidental deposit; and the numbers of them were ^{so} great,
 that the man who carried on the brick work told me that ~~he was never aware~~
 before he ~~was~~ aware of their being objects of curiosity, he had emptied
 baskets full of them into the ruts of the adjoining road. It may be
 conjectured that the different strata were formed by inundations happening
 at distant periods, and bringing down in succession the different materials
 of which they consist: to which I can only say, that the ground in question
 does not lie at the foot of any higher ground, but does itself overhang
 a tract of boggy earth, which extends under the fourth stratum; so that
 it should rather seem that torrents had washed away the incumbent strata
 and left the bog earth bare, than that the bog earth was covered by them,
 especially as the strata appear to be ~~horizontally~~ disposed horizontally,
 and present their edges to the abrupt termination of the high ground.

If you think the above worthy ~~of~~ notice of the Society, you will
 please to lay it before them.

I am, Sir, &c.,
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To the Rev. John Brand, Sec. S.A.