

(3) The peculiar and original fashion of chipping the flint *perpendicularly through the thickness* so as to remove the natural edge (sharp and rough) of the stone, and the general absence of work on the sides of the tool. (4) The collective facies of the mass, unembarrassed by admixture of forms known as Palæolithic. And lastly to (5) a very decided declaration that after many years' study of stone implements from various countries and ages, he had never seen an eolith amongst palæoliths, or a palæolith amongst eoliths.

In conclusion, he declared his unhesitating concurrence with those more learned and skilful observers who believed that in the so-called Eolithic remains Mr. Harrison had revealed the fossil indications of the mind and purpose of a race of men long anterior to that of the Palæolithic record, and confirmed a precedent geological era for the habitation in this country of Man, actually qualified by invention, design, skill, purpose, and perseverance—still the fundamental characteristics of the race—which with the great development and inheritance of civilization, the arts, and literature, is now possessing the earth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FAXE OR FAXOE.

SIR,—I recently saw it stated in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE* that Faxe is the correct name of the well-known locality for fossils in Zealand, and that the name Faxoe used by Darwin and others is impossible, as the place is not an island. This is not conclusive. May not the place have formerly been an island, and may not Faxe be a modern corruption of an older name Faxoe? It is well known to philologists, and to all who have paid any attention to place-names, that there are many places which are proved by their names to have once been islands, though they are no longer so. The late Isaac Taylor, in his interesting book, "Words and Places," mentions several such names in the Valley of the Thames and in the Eastern Counties, as well as elsewhere.

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FOSSILS WITH GARNETS.

SIR,—*Verbum sapientibus* contains in itself no proposition: it may equally be either *sat sap.* or sat upon *insip.*; in this style, "Words are worth nothing, therefore take mine." But certainly, in a case like the present, where statements of opposite import are both alike quotations from the "traditions of the elders," the old motto of the Royal Society, for those in a position to adopt it, *Nullius in verba*, is the best

VERBUM SAP.

THE CIRCULATION OF SALT.

SIR,—In connection with recent questions concerning the circulation of salt I would like to call attention to a curious phenomenon described by Messrs. F. W. and W. O. Crosby in the *Technology Quarterly* (U.S.A.), vol. ix, No. 1, March, 1896. I refer to the