

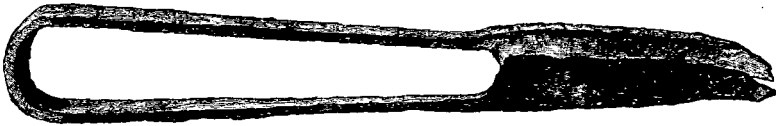
## IV.

NOTE ON A PAIR OF IRON SHEARS AND A HONE STONE, FOUND ON THE SITE OF THE CRANNOG OF LOCHLEA, NEAR KILMARNOCK.

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Having been in Ayrshire for the last five months, and within a short distance of "Lochlea Farm," I have had several opportunities of visiting the site of the "Crannog" which was discovered there in 1878, and has since proved so rich in relics. I obtained the account of the excavations from Dr Munro, Kilmarnock, to whom I am indebted for much information regarding the "Crannog," and who kindly showed me the collection of the various articles discovered.

Although the "Crannog" had been filled up, I determined to visit the site in the hope of finding some stray relic which might have escaped the eye of former explorers. In February 1881, Mr Drummond, farmer,



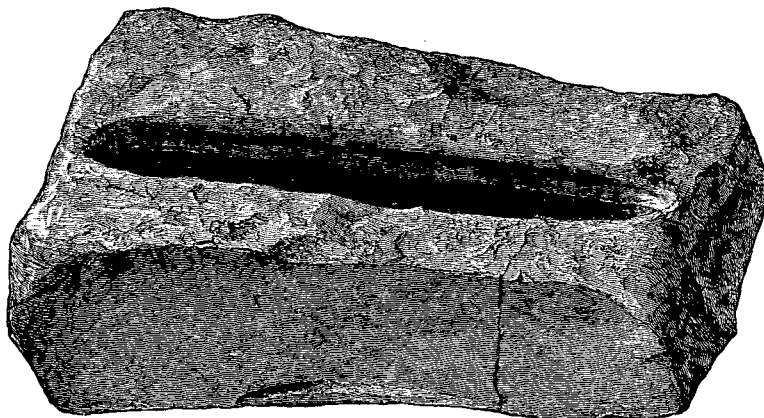
Iron Shears from Lochlea Crannog ( $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length).

Pockenave, went with me, and as he had been present at the previous excavations, he showed me the most likely places for a "find."

After looking about for half an hour, I was lucky enough to find the "Shears," which I forwarded to Professor Duns for examination, as I did not observe any articles similar to this in the "Museum" at Kilmarnock.

On a subsequent occasion I found the "hone stone." I did not notice any "hone stones" with a like groove in the Kilmarnock Museum, but on driving out to the "Crannog" which is being excavated at Buiston, near Kilmaurs, Dr Munro showed me one which was of the same nature as the one I had found, only the groove was shorter and across the

stone, and it had, in addition, a "cupped hollow" in the centre, while this one has the groove lengthways. I should have liked extremely to have been present at the meeting to have rendered a more lucid ex-



Hone Stone from Lochlea Crannog (6 inches in length).

planation, but circumstances will not permit, and I have asked Professor Duns to read this note. I have great pleasure in presenting the Shears and Hone Stone to the "National Collection," and trust they may prove of some value.

Captain Gillon also forwarded a polished stone celt, found, in 1875, by Mr James Gall, farmer, Mountgarswood, Sorn, Ayrshire, in the Burn of Need close to the farm house, and now presented by him to the Museum. The celt measures 6 inches in length, 3 inches in breadth at the cutting edge, and  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inch at the butt. In cross section it is oval. Its thickness, where the bevel of the cutting edge begins, is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch, and  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch near the end of the butt.