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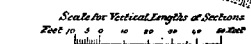
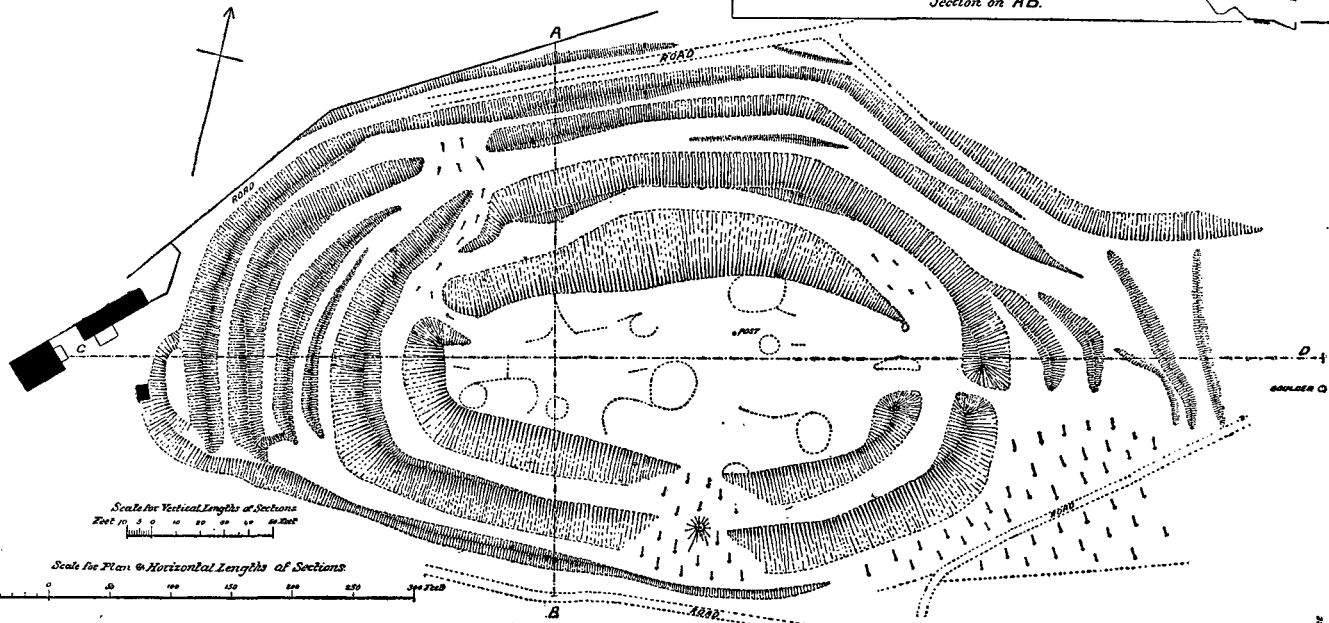
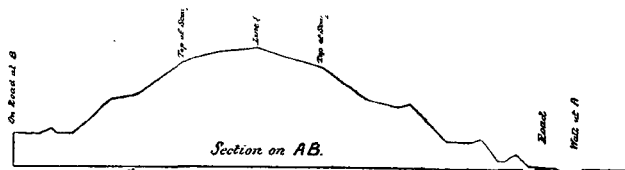
NOTES ON THE "CHESTERS," A FORT NEAR DREM. By J. H. CUNNINGHAM, F.S.A. Scot.

This fort is situated on the property of the Earl of Hopetoun, about 3 miles to the north of Haddington, and 1 mile to the south of Drem Junction. It stands on the southern edge of the plain which forms the northern extremity of East Lothianshire. The area enclosed by defensive earthworks is somewhat oval in shape, and is about 130 yards in length when measured along the major axis (which lies approximately east and west), and about 55 yards in breadth at the widest part. It is fairly level throughout, and occupies the top of a knoll which rises to a height of nearly 40 feet above the level of the adjacent flat ground. On the sloping sides and ends of the knoll a series of earthworks have been constructed, whose form and arrangement are shown on the plan p. 268. The slopes of the north and south sides are quite steep, but those of the east and west ends run gradually down to the plain. A well defined roadway leads into the fort on the east side, and another runs out of it northwards at the western end. On the south, a narrow valley separates the fort from a steep bank, covered with trees. The top of this bank is fully 50 feet above the level of the enclosed area of the fort, and about 160 yards from the centre of it. The level of the fort may be taken as 250 feet above Ordnance datum.

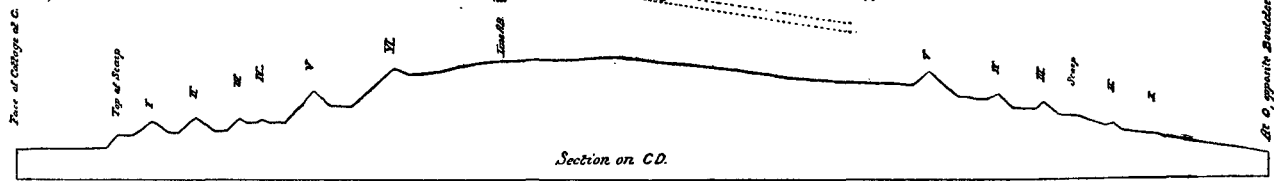
There are no visible remains of stone buildings, but there are several indications that such might be found by excavation. In some places the surface of the sides of the ramparts has been accidentally broken, and this has disclosed loose stones in quantities which are sufficient to warrant the belief that stone was largely used in the construction of the defensive works. Inside the fort several "hut circles" may be noticed, and there are also numerous low mounds, which may fairly be supposed to cover the remains of walls. But these mounds are too vague and irregular to give any definite indications as to the forms or dimensions of any masonry which may now be concealed beneath the turf.

THE CHESTERS, NEAR DREM.

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Scale for Plan & Horizontal Lengths of Sections



Top of Cottage at C.

Top of opposite Boulders

On the Garleton Hills, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the south-west, another and larger fort occupies a strong position on the edge of a tableland.

The writer made the drawings from which the plan has been prepared in the early part of the summer of 1893, with the assistance of Mr F. R. Coles, Corr. Mem. S.A. Scot.