

NOTES.

1. SOME UNFINISHED FLINT ARTIFACTS.

Besides illustrating the unfinished leaf-shaped neolithic arrowhead (fig. 1) of red Buchan flint from Broomhill, Aberdeenshire, for which the Museum is indebted to the finder, Mr Fenton (p. 260), this note is simply intended to draw



Figs. 1-3. Unfinished artifacts from Aberdeenshire and Dumfriesshire. (†).

attention to several flints that share a feature with it. This is a projection left by the maker for gripping in his fingers, to be trimmed off in the final stage of manufacture, which was never reached in these cases. A close parallel to the Broomhill arrowhead, but probably intended to be tanged-and-barbed as it occurred in a little cairn near a beaker, was published in *Arch. J.*, 1942, 7, from Talbenny, Pembrokeshire. Fig. 2 is also of red flint and was bought in Aberdeenshire by Miss E. J. Begg, F.S.A.Scot., who has given it to the Museum. It is one of a class of leaf-shaped implements, known particularly from Aberdeenshire, perhaps used as knives. The side not drawn is in this case an unworked flake surface with slight "trimming" on parts of the edge due to subsequent utilisation. Fig. 3, a thick, steep-sided "knife" of blue-grey chert made on a broad flake, was recently given to Dumfries Museum as part of a collection, mainly of flakes and chips of microlithic aspect, from near Twiglees, Eskdalemuir. The centre of the upper surface has been recently damaged.

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