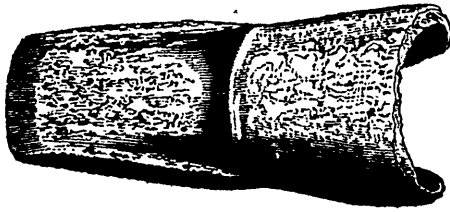


The following description of such of the relics as have come into my possession, will serve, with the aid of the accompanying illustrations, to convey some idea of their various forms and special characteristics.



The most massive of the copper implements, figured here, is an instrument in which will be observed a hollow or socket for a handle: the back, which is here represented, being convex, cor-

responding to the opposite concavity. The chisel-shaped termination is now blunt, but it retains sufficient indications of its having originally had a sharp edge. This instrument might perhaps answer the purpose of a chisel or gouge for hollowing out wood; but I was struck at first sight of it, with the resemblance it bears to the coulter, or point, of the old Jewish plough. The precise use for which it was designed can now only be surmised; and this might be an interesting matter for further inquiry, as one means calculated to throw light on questions in connexion with the origin of the native American tribes. The subject has been reverted to in relation to another discovery of copper relics found about the same time as those now described, at Penetanguishene, and the speculations thus originated, even if they lead to no very definite or practical results, are at least curious, and suggestive of interesting reflections.

The dimensions of this ancient implement are six inches in length, fully two inches in breadth at the edge, and two and four-fifths at the broadest part of the socket. A second object may be described as a copper knife, of full size, with the edge still tolerably sharp, and bearing marks of considerable use. The point was broken off when it was first discovered; and the handle, which must have been of wood or some other material less durable than the metal blade, had yielded to the ravages of time. In its present mutilated state this instrument measures five inches and three quarters long, and when the blade was perfect was probably not less than eight inches in length.



A third implement, figured here, may be described as a knife, or small dagger, nearly five inches long, and with a

hooked extremity, as represented in the annexed wood-cut, de-