

permanency in the position of the individual hut was found to exist in other hut-bottoms. The huts, therefore, must have been re-built from time to time, and perhaps were deserted for a part of the year.

There seems, however, to have been sufficient permanency to these hut-bottoms to warrant the assumption made in a preceding page, that each saucer-shaped depression in the kitchen-middens of this village marks the site of a hut.

From the present aspect of the surface of the kitchen-middens at this village site, a rough approximation to the population of Bocabec River during this latter part of the Stone Age may be obtained. In that part of the higher portion of the main village site which still remains undisturbed by the plow, there are depressions marking the position of about thirty hut-bottoms. Allowing four individuals to each hut, there would be in this part of the village a population of about 120. But behind this part of the village, which has been ploughed over, there is an area of about equal extent covered by shells; and an additional tract of about the same size, more or less covered by kitchen-middens, lies to the east of the higher part of the village site. A population of 300 may, therefore, at times, on the basis above given, have lived at the main village at Bocabec.

But beside this site, there were the two other small villages, one at the upper beach, and the other on the point to the eastward of the entrance of the river. Including the subsidiary villages, there may, therefore, at times, have been a population of 400 souls on the Bocabec; though it seems more probable that half this number would be a sufficiently large estimate of the people of the Stone Age, permanently located on this river.

It appears to have been the practice of the women who dwelt in hut A, to stow away their needles, pins, and other articles of use or adornment, at the back of the hut, and here they would occasionally slip down and be lost between the couch and the poles and stones of the outer wall. Several of the bone implements taken from this hut bottom were found in such places.

#### MANUFACTURE OF POTTERY.

One of the occupations of the women living at Bocabec was the manufacture of pottery. On the western side of hut bottom