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Some Indian relics from Ontario were submitted for examination to an Irish Antiquarian several years ago. To my friend's surprise he stated that nearly all the so-called "Indian Wampum" was made by the whites, as also the more highly finished stone implements. The early adventurers and traders noticed the great value attached to these articles by "the Red Men," due perhaps to the difficulty of procuring a suitable sea shell and the tedious processes pursued in finishing. The Aborigines formed the shell money by breaking up the material into fragments and rounding these on heated stone. But "the whites" turned out such immense quantities by machinery that the Red Men ultimately purchased it by strings six feet long.

The Ossuaries opened in this portion of Ontario cannot be very ancient. As far as I can learn they all, like the ones at Lake Medad and the Beach, contained ornaments and utensils made by white people. We can produce no proof that man has existed for any long period at least in this part of the continent. However, wandering hunters, living chiefly by the chase, were not likely to leave behind them many permanent records of their existence. Had no-doubted implements of human make been found in the undisturbed gravel, etc., of Burlington Heights (the old Lake Ontario Beach), it would merely take us back to a time subsequent to the withdrawal of the great glacial ice sheet, for you may remark the Tile underlies it.

The United States Geological Survey and its able chief, Mayor Powell, are deserving of the highest praise for the thorough investigation of the Mounds all over the United States, and their contents. They certainly are entitled to very great credit for clearing up the mystery regarding the copper marks and ornaments so frequently discovered in burial places in the South. "They are ceremonial ornaments of various designs," remarks the Director of the States Survey. "I had several of them mounted on glass, and on studying them with a powerful magnifier I ascertained that they were made by machinery and struck with dies." Here we have what we may consider a truly original discovery. It is also satisfactory to find additional confirmation that the Mound-builders of Florida and the