

stones which form them of such size and weight, that considerable speculation has arisen as to how these primitive men with so small a knowledge of mechanics were able to put them in the positions in which they are formed. The large chambers formed the last resting place of numerous bodies, and the corpses, in order to occupy as small a space as possible, were deposited in a sitting or contracted position, surrounded by the articles their friends deemed necessary to bury with them.

Caves were also used as burying places. In 1862 Dr. Noulet visited the cave l'Herm, and along with the remains of about thirty human skeletons found amongst other things, polished axes of Jade, a few necklace beads and a ring of bronze.

In many of the dolmens have been found serpentine pendants, necklace beads of the same materials, of slate, chalk, alabaster, jet, amber, a kind of turquoise and several kinds of shells. Discs made of the upper part of the *Cardium* and perforated for stringing. The dolmens also contain funeral urns, drinking cups and vases of tolerably fine clay, occasionally elegant, though not very varied in form. M. Cartailhac discovered in some of the dolmans in the department of Gard and Aveyron, red amber. Carved flints have been found in Elba, where that mineral does not exist in a natural state; arrows made of the black obsidian of Sardinia have been found in the same island, and also in Pianosa. A jade axe was found at Pauilhac, in the department of Gers, augite of Anevergu has been found in Brittany, and the green turquoise of Brittany has been discovered in several dolmens in the south of France. All these articles, of which the rough material is foreign to the country where they are found, prove that the articles must have been carried to the positions in which they have been discovered, by the agency of man, and that the men of the period had widely spread commercial relations with each other.

II.—EVIDENCES IN AMERICA.

We now turn to the new world for further proof of man's agency in carrying articles of commercial value for long distances. In the new world as well as the old, we are indebted in a great measure to the ancient custom of burying with the dead man his arms, ornaments and other personalities. In the mounds of Scioto and through-