

of which are unknown to our modern Indian, but even the races or peoples by whom they were made; all of which gives rise to numberless speculations?

There are certain other large stone implements of leaf-shaped form resembling Class B, and from description and drawing might be assigned to it. These are the so-called hoes or agricultural implements. Their locality is extensive, but nevertheless, is limited to the interior, say from Ohio to Georgia, and from the Virginia mountains to the western Mississippi Valley. The implements are large, being from 6 to 16 inches in length, with corresponding width and thickness. They are of quartzite, novaculite, chert, and similar material, and are always chipped. Although resembling in form the ordinary leaf-shaped implement, they have no other or further relation to it. While they are more or less pointed at both ends, yet they are not sufficiently so for thrusting or piercing, and were evidently never intended for such purposes. They may have been inserted in a handle, though no traces of it have ever been found, or they may have been held in the hands. An inspection shows them to have been used as an implement for digging in the earth. The point is frequently worn smooth and dull for several inches up the blade, showing striae and even notches, the result of friction in the earth by digging.

These implements are sometimes found en cache. The collection of the Missouri Historical Society displayed at the World's Fair held in Chicago, in 1893, under the direction of Mr. William J. Seever, contained many of these implements, chiefly from the neighborhood of St. Louis, some of which were from caches. See Appendix A (quarries), Illinois, p. 966, and Appendix B (caches), p. 974.

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