that inquiry be continued to determine whether this difference is correlated to salt- and fresh-water shell-heaps, to heaps of certain geographical areas, or is due to change in customs. The determination of the distribution of shell-heaps of both varieties is also necessary. Many of the specimens discovered in this work are known to be of considerable antiquity; and, on the whole, the culture shown by the archæological finds is similar to that of the present Indians. It is consequently known that this culture has continued practically unchanged during recent times. This being settled, it is desirable to learn of its development, for which it is imperative to search out older deposits. These may possibly be found in shell-heaps, under cave-floors, or in post-glacial gravels.

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