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NEAR CLAYMONT, DELAWARE.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

IN the Twenty-second Report of the Museum for the year 1887-8, a brief notice is given of a collection of stone implements, potsherds and other objects, taken from the mud near the mouth of Naaman's creek, Claymont, Delaware, presented by Mr. Hilborne T. Cresson, with a few others from the same place presented by Mr. A. B. Huey, and Mr. W. R. Thompson. The statement is there made that these objects were found in the mud of the creek at three localities, designated Stations A, B and C, which were near together. The fact that these objects were in close association with the decayed remains of stakes or piles (several of which have been carefully taken up and sent to the Museum), indicating some aboriginal structure of an unknown character, made the collection one of considerable interest and importance. Since then, Mr. Cresson has sent to the Museum other specimens from this interesting locality and has furnished a Report giving a detailed account of his long-continued and careful researches at this place. This Report is here published and is commended as a clear and simple account of the facts observed during the research. From this statement archæologists can draw such conclusions as seem to them most likely to account for the presence of the piles and the associated objects which to Mr. (now Dr.) Cresson seem to indicate an aboriginal fish-weir.

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