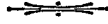


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THE GROVE,
COOKHAM, BERKS,
July 12th, 1894.

DEAR SIR,

In your April number of last year you published a note of a discovery here of indications of an Ancient Pile Building, and I now send you a cutting from the *Maidenhead Advertiser* in which Mr. Rutland describes a still more interesting discovery of a similar character lately made some 500 or 600 yards higher up the river on the opposite or Buckinghamshire side.

The bronze dagger knife referred to by Mr. Rutland should, according to Dr. Stevens, be more accurately described as an iron javelin-head, and its perfect condition may be probably attributed to a coating of black oxide formed in the peat.

I am glad to say that Lord Boston has intimated his intention of making further investigations as to the extent of the platform on his return home in the autumn, which will doubtless lead to further discoveries of great interest.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. GOOLDEN.

INTERESTING FIND AT HEDSOR.—Mr. Jas. Rutland, F.G.S., of Taplow, writes: "In digging a cesspool 7ft. in diameter and 12ft. deep at Hedsor wharf, some 20 yards from the Blessing Ditch, and about 100 yards from the bank of the Thames, the workmen (Mr. R. Lacey's), after digging through 2ft. 6in of alluvial and about 6ft. of peaty soil, containing much decayed wood, leaves, &c., came upon an oak floor about four inches in thickness, supported upon oaken and beechen piles, varying from 5 to 9 inches in diameter. The principal and larger piles were about 5 feet apart, and in the space between these the smaller were thickly studded about. One oak pile they drew up was pointed, having a long draft about three feet, which would give easy driving. Unfortunately, the extent of the floor was not ascertained, but hopes are entertained that Lord Boston will cause further research to be made. Just beneath the floor a bronze dagger-knife was found, 6in. in length, with an open socket and two rivet or pin holes on each side of the opening, to secure it to the haft; the neck between the socket and blade is ornamented with three bead-like bands. The blade is slightly hollow, with a raised rim running round and edge about 3-16th in width. It is in perfect condition. There was also a horn of a small ox (*Bos Longifrons*), and some bones of the red deer. A small piece of pottery of bright grey colour was picked out of the soil after it had been thrown up, which may have been in the upper or alluvial soil."