

XXVIII.—*Account of some ancient Instruments found in quarrying Stone on the South Side of Rosebury Topping in 1826, in a Communication from JOHN HIXON, Esq., to JOHN ADAMSON, Esq., Sec. See Plate IV. Figs. a, b, c, d, e, f.*

THESE ancient Instruments were found in quarrying stone on the South side of Rosebury Topping, Yorkshire, in May, 1826, and are supposed to have been buried at some distant period, by the slipping down of some part of the higher stratum of stone.

Fig. *a*, has the appearance of a small copper axe much worn down and blunted by use.

Fig. *b*, is a clumsy sort of socket.

Fig. *c*, resembles a joiner's gouge.

Fig. *d*, several pieces were found about a quarter of an inch thick, but none of them join or fit the piece engraved, a small staple is inserted at one corner by which it has been attached to something, and the rebate of another staple is seen at the other corner.

Fig. *e*, the pipe has been ruptured or torn off something. This was the only one found.

Fig. *f*, both sides of this stone, which is polished and a species of quartz of a brownish green colour, are alike, and are bevelled. It is nearly two inches thick in the middle. The finders called it a whetstone, but it bears no marks of attrition upon it.

Several of each sort excepting *e* and *f* were found, and a mass of copper, or rather of a metal resembling copper, 3lb. weight, and very soft, was found at the same time.