

All come from the
South (Sussex) Downs,
the group above said
being from a certain spot
which is still my own
secret, although I think
I have exhausted the
mine, or nearly so.


I should be quite
happy to send it on
approval (with a view
to purchase) on condition
of carriage being paid both
ways if returned, and if
bought, that my name should
be recorded with the group,
which should remain intact.

Yours truly
M^r F. Michel B. Esq.
to General Pitt Rivers
Please excuse hurry and mistakes.

4 Bernard St. Russell Sq.
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Dear Sir

(L1041)

I came to London for
the express purpose of
disposing of a Flint &
Stone Collection. It includes
about 500 to 600 pieces.
First and most noteworthy
a group of some 30 exam-
ples of a large and heavy
type of hand battle clubs
and battle axes. The former
() shilleagh shape
measures from 7 to 14 ins
and weigh from 1/2 lb. to
near 4 lbs; the battle axes
are mitre shape and weigh
from 3 to 5 and even 6 lbs.

They were all clearly intended
for hand use, as there are
~~the~~ chippings, and hollows
adapted thereto. My 30
specimens include from the
crudest and least worked
to the best shaped and
finished; though all were
evidently used by warriors
who cared more for execution
than for show or polish.
I think I have been the
first to bring these types
to light and under notice,
and have succeeded in
securing the gradation of
examples necessary to place
~~any doubt about~~ their
authenticity and nature
beyond doubt or question.

I had spoken of
the above, last Novr,
to Mr (now Sir) Frazer,
who had expressed the desire
to see them. But in his
absence I find there is now
nothing worth troubling
much with, ^{at} the British
Museum. And yet not a
single specimen is to be
seen like it there or
anywhere else as far as
I know.

Mr Elliott advised me
to write to you. The
remainder of my collection
contains the usual run of
specimens, but a certain
number of rare subjects.