

Dorchester. Mar. 13. 1897.

My dear Sir,

Ans'd.
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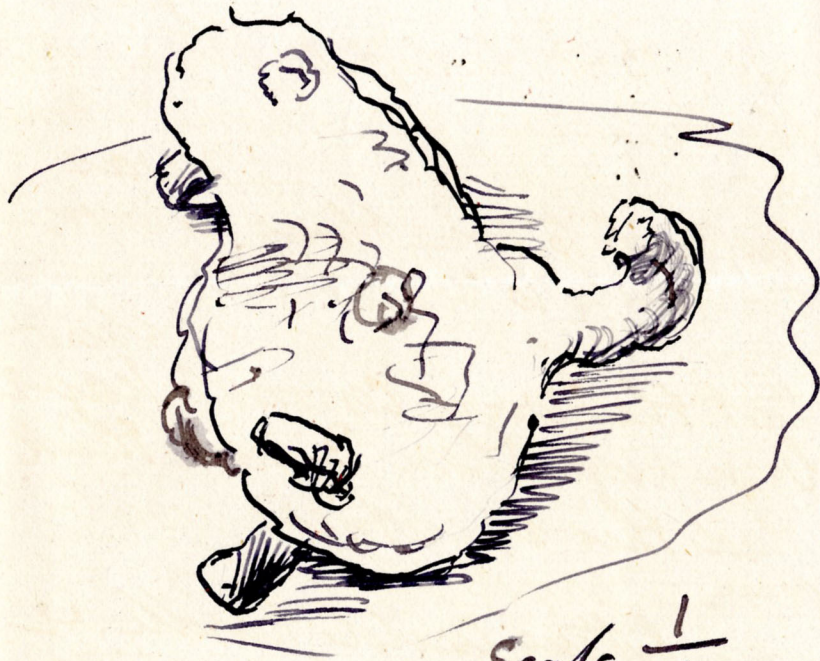
Among a number of things
from a Roman house - site
at Fifehead Neville, given
to the Dorset Museum by the
late W. C. Cornup & discovered
by his uncle W. W. Cornup, is
one which I cannot refrain
from bringing to your notice.

It is so like, and yet so
unlike, to the hippo-sandal
described & figured in "Excavations
in Cranborne Chase," i. 77, and
of which we, too, have a speci-
men. I annex a rough sketch.
The hook is just like that
of the hippo-sandal, so much

so that I cannot help thinking
that the two contrivances would
have been for the same sort of
use. But the difficulty is that
the Fishhead specimen retains
3 nails with which it was
fastened to something, almost
certainly to something made of
wood. Now these nails show
that that wood cannot have
been more than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick.

And this slowness would
seem to prove that this fish-
head fitting could hardly be
the shooring of a sledge like
that figured in "Excavations".
Yet, as I said, this fishhead
specimen & our "hippo-sandal"
have to my eye the look of being
for the same use as one
another.

By the bye we have from the



Scale $\frac{1}{2}$.

same find as capitab fitting
for a wooden spade. Capt.
Williams of Herringston tells
me that such spades are used
in Iceland at this day.

I am yours truly

H. J. Moule.
Major Genl. Pitt Rivers,
R. E. F. S. A. & Co.