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After briefly referring to the three periods into which the primitive antiquities of a country are divided, and to the two classes of implements - Neolithic and Palaeolithic - belonging to the "Stone Age", said, that regarding the methods which the ancient inhabitants adopted in making their implements we have no records, but judging from the manner in which savage nations of the present day fabricate their tools, it may safely be inferred that ~~those~~ ^{the more} of prehistoric times used methods somewhat similar. One of the simplest forms into which flakes are easily converted has received the name of "Scraper" which, besides being used for scraping the inside of hides of animals, as among the Esquimaux of the present day, must doubtless have served various other purposes. From the specimens here exhibited it will be seen that all the different varieties mentioned by Mr. Evans in his valuable work, are represented, many of them formed from external flakes, and all chipped more or less with great care. They are by far the most numerous of the implements found at the Little Ferry, no less than fifty having been picked up on one occasion. I have in all about 200.

Of Arrow-heads, I have 40 complete and 60 broken or unfinished. Of the various forms of these pretty little tools I have as yet only the two, "leaf-shaped"

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and "lozenge-shaped"; of which the former is most numerous. The peculiarities common to these are well represented in the specimens before you. Of the fifteen complete lozenge-shaped arrows, one ~~is~~ is of great beauty, and was found by my son as was also the largest of the imperfect specimens, which, had it been complete, would have been a very beautiful one of the leaf-shaped variety.

Of Trimmed Flakes, I have about 40 specimens several of which are chipped on both edges of their convex surface, and occasionally all over the same face, while others are trimmed on one edge only. These have doubtless served as knives, Saws, &c. There are a few whose edges are so sharp as not to require chipping. There is one of chert which has probably been used as a circular cutting tool as both its surfaces are trimmed ~~with~~^{to} a sharp cutting edge.

The Material of which these implements are made consists entirely of Chert and Flint in all their various shades of colour. It is well known that Flint does not occur in this district; the probability therefore is that this material had been imported, - perhaps from Aberdeenshire.

I have as yet found none of the other implements classes of implements, but am not without hopes of doing so, as the field is evidently a rich one; and as some of you may wish to search for them, the Arrow marks on this rude map of the Ferry Links will show you the different localities where the greatest number of specimens was found.

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It may be added that at this date, Mr. Stevenson's

collection consists of: -

Arrow heads. leaf-shaped (Perfect)	64	(Imperfect)	89
Do. lozenge — (Do.)	30	(Do.)	79
Barbed	11	Triangular	1.
Scrapers, various forms.	1020	Grained Flakes	146
Spear-heads	3	Saws, Knives,	36
Bows	18	Bolas	12
Supposed Ornaments	3		