

2nd September,

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C. A. Parker, Esq.,
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Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26th August has been handed to me by the Director. The specimen you refer to has now been chemically examined and found to be a piece of shell. In all probability it is a fragment of the Melo diadema found along our northern coasts and much used by the aborigines; the object is much worn and if not found by you on the sea coast, where it would become rubbed by the wave action, etc., has been utilised by the natives at some time or other.

The place where you found it was probably a native camping ground years ago.

If you have no use for the object I would like to add it to the Ethnological Collection and place it on view in the Ethnological Gallery along with our other exhibits.

I regret that a misunderstanding has arisen.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



ETHNOLOGIST.