

of those present at the conversazione who did not closely examine Mr. Warren's specimens may have gone away with an erroneous idea of the flaking which can be produced by pressing one stone upon another, it seems desirable that this matter should be made public and all misunderstanding about it removed.

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#### HOME-MADE NATURAL EOLITHS, 'THE WARRENS.'

SIR,—At the London Geologists' Association Soirée, November 1, 1912, there was a most interesting display of the 'Warrens' as made by Mr. Hazzledine Warren, F.G.S. Mr. Warren's method seems to me a fallacious way to prove a natural origin for the Eolithic 'Cupid's bow' type, such as he showed on Friday night. Surely the proof, if any, is that they are 'Warrens' and nothing more. For, first, Mr. Warren selects a form of Eolith he deems as quite a natural one, the 'Cupid bow', and then sets to work to see how best he can produce this by a machine he has made. Second, he selects a suitable piece of flint and, further, two equal-sized pebbles, places them securely in position, and applies and so controls the pressure as to produce the best results to him. It seems to me quite impossible to compare any procedure of nature with all this carefully thought out and carefully controlled mechanical one. Nature, too, shows all her productions, and such as he might deem her successes and failures. Surely to be fair Mr. Warren should do the same. He, too, must be more successful now than he was. Let him, then, so improve his methods and his machine and make, say, palæoliths and neoliths. Would not this prove that nature made *these*? Mr. Reid Moir's show was the opposite, as he produced his home-made rostro-carinate forms, but sought to prove that *man* made those. Surely this seems far more logical. I see now that as photographs have been taken under water showing the hooked trout fighting with the angler, we may yet hope to see such taken under the sea, showing how water-driven stones really do their work upon each other. In the absence of any facts mere speculation seems useless.

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It is with deep regret we record the death of our old and valued friend and fellow-worker in palæontology for so many years, Dr. R. H. Traquair, lately Keeper of the Natural History Collections