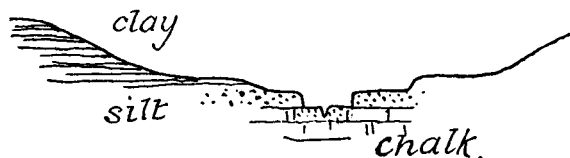


a. dried-up river-valley that I have yet seen. The terraces were distinct, the last level of deposition of silt being very pronounced. The layer of chalk exposed was only 4 inches thick, being covered elsewhere by silt at the bed of the river and with clay higher up.



This is the way I amuse myself in odd moments when dodging Hun shells and encouraging destruction on the part of our own.

E. W. H.

SIEGE BATTERY,  
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.  
*June 7, 1917.*

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OBITUARY.

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PROFESSOR WILLIAM BULLOCK CLARK,  
A.B., PH.D., LL.D., FOR. CORR. GEOL. SOC. LOND.

BORN DECEMBER 15, 1860. DIED JULY 27, 1917.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM BULLOCK CLARK, A.B., PH.D., LL.D., head of the Department of Geology in the Johns Hopkins University and Director of the Maryland Geological Survey from its organization in 1896, died suddenly on July 27, 1917.

Professor Clark was born in Vermont on December 15, 1860. In his earlier years he was an active student of invertebrate palæontology, especially of the Echinoidea. In later years he attained his great influence largely as an organizer of research. He was a Foreign Correspondent of the Geological Society of London, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, Treasurer of the Geological Society of America, President of the Association of American State Geologists, and a member of many other learned societies both at home and abroad. At the time of his death he was actively engaged as chairman of the Committee on Highways and Natural Resources of the Maryland Council of Defence, and of two sub-committees of the National Council of Defence.

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GEOLOGICAL CHAIR IN LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—We are glad to learn that Dr. P. G. H. Boswell, F.G.S., Assoc. R.C.S., D.I.C., of the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington, London, S.W., has been selected as Professor to fill the recently founded Herdman Chair of Geology in the Liverpool University.

EARTHQUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE, SAMOA.—A dispatch received at Melbourne from Suva states that a severe earthquake and a tidal wave have caused damage to the Samoa group of islands. An earthquake has been experienced in the Friendly Islands.