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THE GREENSAND COUNTRY

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This typical West Surrey landscape study was taken from the summit of the Stone Jump (300 O.D.) one of the Devil's Jump₃ at Churt, near Farnham. Part of the hill-top is seen in the right foreground and, in the distance, some seven miles away to the north-east, is the chalk ridge of the Hog's Back from which the Mesolithic hunters obtained their fint supplies. Implements of their making have been found on the Stone Jump itself and between it and the distant ridge numerous Mesolithic hunting camps have been located.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ant. Journ.-The Antiquaries Journal.

Arch. Journ.-The Archæological Journal.

Journ. Anthr. Inst.-Journal of the Anthropological Institute.

Proc. Preh. Soc .-- Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society.

P.P.S.E.A.-Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia.

Preh. Farnh.-Survey of the Prehistory of the Farnham District.

S.A.C.—Surrey Archæological Collections.

S.A.G.—Guide to the Antiquities of the Stone Age, British Museum, 2nd. Ed., 1926.

Sussex A.C.-Sussex Archæological Collections.