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'I ALSO ENCLOSE A STONE LABOURERS FOUND ON MY LAND. IT IS KNOWN AS A 'CROWN STONE' AND IS A CURIO. I THINK IT MAY BE A FOSCILISED FRUIT OR SOME ANCIENT CHESTNUT'
SIZE : 18CM HIGH X 18 CM WIDE X 14 CM DEEP
7 INS HIGH X 7 INS WIDE X 5 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

COMMONLY FOUND IN THE CHALK AND LIMESTONE OF WESTERN EUROPE, FLINT AND CHERT ARE OPAQUE CHALCEDONY, USUALLY DULL GREY TO GREY BLACK IN COLOUR WHICH BREAK WITH A PRONOUNCED CONCHOIDAL FRACTURE GIVING SHARP EDGES, A PROPERTY THAT WAS EXPLOITED BY PRE-HISTORIC MAN IN MAKING FLINT AXES AND OTHER IMPLEMENTS. FLINT FREQUENTLY CONTAINS FOSSILS.