

Note on a Human Mandible from Aveline's Hole.

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The mandible, photographs of which appear on Plate VIII, was found in Aveline's Hole as described in the last number of the Proceedings. It is of somewhat small size, but mature in age, as evidenced by the wear of the teeth. Although of small size it is massive, especially in regard to the strong buttress or pilaster which runs down from the anterior border of the coronoid process lateral to the last and second molar teeth. The rami are somewhat thin, and the posterior border of each ramus runs much in the same direction as the anterior border of the symphysis. The condyle had been broken away on both sides; the coronoid processes were also incomplete. The chin was pointed and prominent. There is a somewhat strong resemblance in the mandible as a whole to the Cro-Magnon type, especially the female example reproduced by Damon. However, it is almost equally like many modern jaws. The following teeth were present on the right side, three molars and two tricuspid; on the left side, the first and second molars alone were present. The remainder had been lost after death. All the teeth were much worn at the crowns. In general form and proportion they in no way differed from the average modern type.

PLATE VIII.

1. Mandible from Aveline's Hole.
2. Cro-Magnon Mandible.
3. Mandible from Aveline's Hole.
4. (a) Cro-Magnon Mandible (above).
(b) Aveline's Hole Mandible (below).

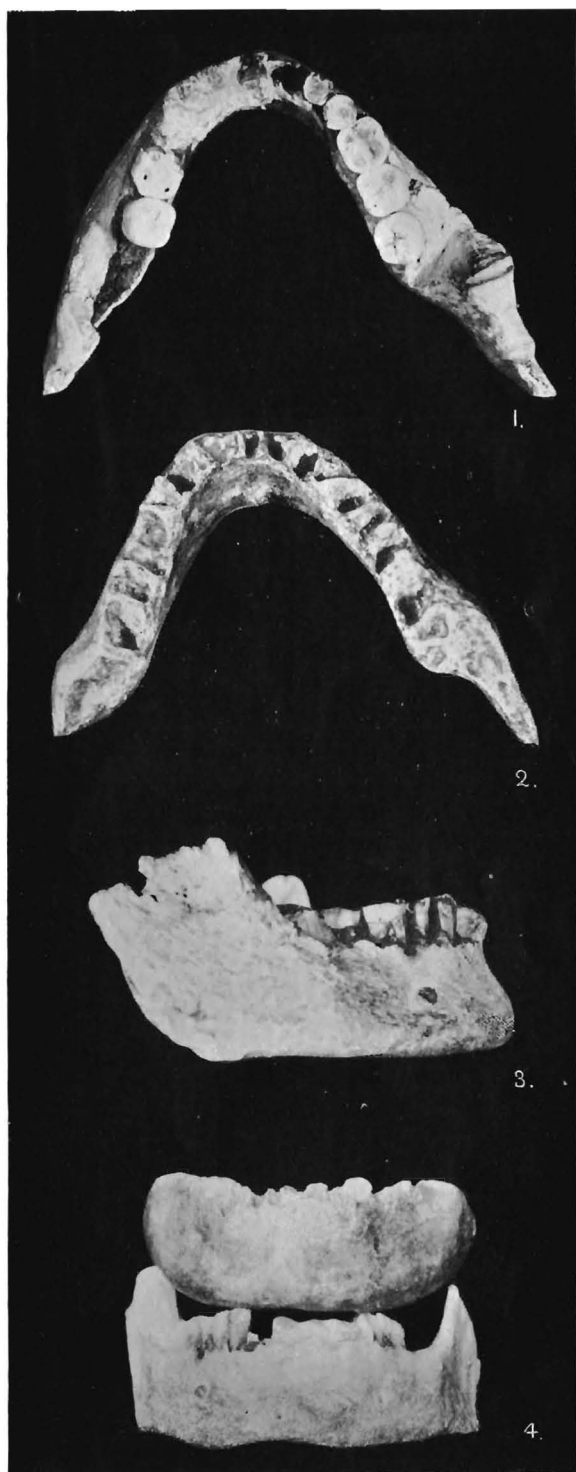


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