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Dear Dr Dawson

In case you should not see  
the Scientific American I send you a copy  
of the Eastern Chronicle containing a short  
article from it which may interest you.

I mentioned to you when I saw you ~~the~~  
discovery at Grand Lake of what appeared  
to be rude vessels, consisting of a <sup>flat</sup> stone round  
the edges of which was found what seemed to  
~~have~~ been intended as the side of the dish.  
The material of this seemed to be earthenware  
and it was in rings. An Analysis of it however  
has taken place, or at least a partial one,  
sufficient to show that ~~that~~ it consists of a  
composition of iron and silica, and to leave  
no doubt that it is a concretion. There is

Something curious about it, which has not yet  
been explained. How for example if it is  
formed by deposition in the water, does it not  
cover the stone, and how does it come to be built  
up from the edges in successive rings? At all  
events the discovery after exciting some attention  
has been transferred from the domain of Archae-  
ology to that of chemistry and Geology

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