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then a sword ~~or~~ bayonet
are powerless. During
the Peninsula war
the French were astonished
by the Regiment of Canada
discarding the bayonet
fixing their muskets
as they would do their
staves. Here are still
matches with these staves,
& contests like those which
Robin Hood & Little
John once rejoiced in.
Is not this weapon a
~~successor~~ ^{to the old}
English "Quarter Staff"
& its diminutive cousin
the Irish "Shillelagh"?

I need hardly ~~re-~~
remind you that the
story of Plato's Atlantis,
though discredited
by geologists, every now
& then meets with
fresh advocates, &
confirmations.
If these Islands were
settled by a maritime
people, the memory of
vessels, boats, or rafts,
would have been preserved.
But strange to say though
these ^{several} Islands are in
sight of each other,
& one can be seen
from the African coast,
the natives have always
apparently been isolated
from each other by

not knowing that the
sea may be traversed
by boats or rafts. So long
has this isolation
continued, that the natives
of the Canaries were almost
devoid ^{from each other} in languages
religion &c.

It is possible that by an
odd accident, in one Island
the natives may have
forgotten the use of boats
(as also of bows & arrows);
but how can this have
occurred in all the
Islands?

It seems to me (in my
judgment) a strong
proof that these people
are the survivors of
a very ancient agricultu-
ral race, that at a very
remote period were

isolated from each other by being forced to take shelter on the summits of mountains by a submergence, probably more or less rapid. The point is a new one, & may be of interest."

They represent probably "the rude fathers" of the light haired Berbers, & perhaps of the ancient Egyptians, at least of the light haired Shephard race that ruled Egypt.

If these specimens are likely to be ^{of} interest, w^d. be kindly drop me a line at ~~the~~ ^{the} Ottawa
I am my dear
Yrs very truly
J. H. Huxley