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to Light in west
VIrginia.
 The recent flood which swept throug
the valley frained by the sooth branch
of the Potomac was instrumental in of the Yotomac was to light what may prose to Le one of the most important archeoologi-
cal discoveries yet made in this coun cal discoveries yet made in this ect
try, being the uncovering by the art of the water of the bleached skeletons of trom three hundred to four hundred
of thanan beings, the remains being achuman beings, the remains being ac-
companied by many interesting relise companied by many interesting relies.
The location of these remains is on an island of about forty acres in extent, lsing in Hampehire County, about 20 miles from the town of Romney. The
island is seldom visited, no one having island is seldom visited, no one having
been upon it since the flood until on Friday, when P. D. Turley crossed and was horrified to find himself in wha: seemed to be a vast cemetery. Skele-
tons were to be seen in every direction some entirely exposed and others but partly uncopered by the washing of the Writing to the
discovery, he says : "In every case where the bones were undisturbed the sk sletons were lying
on their left sides, and in front of most of them was a rude earthen bowl, in
which $I$ found various small objects uch as arrow heads, rude fint knives,
bone beads, bits of shells and what seemed intended for pipes of crude cop-
per. A peculiarity of the skeletons
was their large size, most of them be
ing between six and seven feet. One
of the largest was distinguished by hav-
ankles.'
Ar. Turley took a number of strings
bithon, exceiting muel interest.
bhere they

the numerals.
Figure-Marks.
When the noble Roman of remote
antiquity waited to mark the number
one he drew a single straight line or
igit to represent the uplifted fore-fin-
or two ne drew two digits, or II;
three he wrote III, and four he repre-
sented, not by IV., which is a compar-
atively late innovation buit by the good
dd clock.dial symbol, IIII. These, in
ingers of one hand. than just the
ive? Why should it be represented by
the apparently meaningless symbol $V$ ?
Simply because $V$ is not $V$, but a rude
iieroglyphic of one hand, the broad
nited, while the narro
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othing more than a very degenerat
pictorial symbol, like the still used
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aragraph, As for X, that is usual)
cepresented as equivalent to two su
retation $I$ believe to be erroueous.
hink it much more likely
-that is to say, ten, with a people un
counted by fingers alone, or, in other
words, employed a decimal notation.
It this hypothesis be true, X represents
a double of the Indian man igure, wit
outstretched arms and legs like a
ossus, the hand having dis:ippeared en
irely by disuse, as often happens
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hieroglyphics.
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