## Uncovered by Waves.

**AnUnknownBurialGroundBrought** to Light in West Virginia.

[Wheeling (W. Va.) Special.] The recent flood which swept through the valley drained by the south branch of the Potomac was instrumental in bringing to light what may prove to Le one of the most important archaeological discoveries yet made in this coun try, being the uncovering by the action of the water of the bleached skeletons of from three hundred to four hundred human beings, the remains being accompanied by many interesting relics.

The location of these remains is on an island of about forty acres in extent, lying in Hampshire County, about 20 miles from the town of Romney. The 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 what seemed to be a vast cemetery. Skeletons were to be seen in every direction. some entirely exposed and others but partly uncovered by the washing of the waves.

Writing to the county paper of the discovery, he says :

"In every case where the bones were undisturbed the skeletons 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 such as arrow heads, rude flint knives, bone beads, bits of shells and what seemed intended for pipes of crude copper. 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 having copper bands about the wrists and ankles.'

Mr. Turley took a number of strings of beads and other articles to Moore. field, where they were placed on exhibitton, exciting much interest. ----

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## THE NUMERALS.

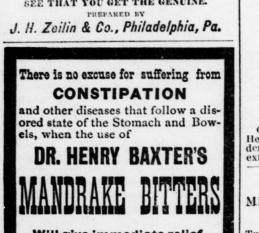
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