

II. THE FOSSIL BONE.

No. 13. *Portion of Ziphius Beak from Red Crag, Suffolk.*

A thin plate cut out of the beak, highly polished on one side. The specimen was wholly petrified and homogeneous. It was completely soluble in hydrochloric acid.

A complete analysis gave the following results:—

	P.	$\frac{P.}{E.}$	
Moisture,	1.67		
Combined water (H_2O),	2.31	0.2566	} 1.8647
Phosphoric acid (P_2O_5),	33.83	1.4294	
Carbonic acid (CO_2),	7.50	0.3409	
Fluorine 1.50 = ($F_2 - O$),	0.87	0.0789	
Sulphuric acid (SO_3),	0.62	0.0155	
Chlorine and silica,	<i>nil.</i>		
Lime (CaO),	48.81	1.7431	
Magnesia (MgO),	1.08	0.0540	
Ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3),	2.00	0.0577	
Alumina (Al_2O_3),	0.18	0.0105	} 1.9399
Potash (K_2O),	0.52	0.0111	
Soda (Na_2O),	1.97	0.0635	
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Ratio of equivalents—

$(\frac{1}{2}P_2O_5)$	(CO_2)	(F_2)
1	0.239	0.055

In recent *Ziphius* bone, No. 11, they were—

1	:	0.197	:	<i>nil.</i>
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III. THE DEEP-SEA BONES.

No. 1. *Portion of a large piece of Whale's Bone.*

Station 286; 2335 fathoms, South Pacific.

The specimen was brown in colour, very porous, and readily reducible to a powder.

	P.	$\frac{P.}{E.}$	
Moisture,	3.06		
Combined water (H_2O),	3.66		
Phosphoric acid (P_2O_5),	27.49	1.162	} 1.387
Carbonic acid (CO_2),	4.14	0.188	
Fluorine 0.71 = ($F_2 - O$),	0.41	0.037	
Lime (CaO),	39.00	1.392	
Magnesia (MgO),	2.01		
Ferrous oxide (FeO),*	1.04		
Ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3),*	4.83		
Binoxide of manganese (MnO_2),*	1.61		
Alumina (Al_2O_3),	2.70		
Silica and substances insoluble in hydrochloric acid,	9.08		
Alkalies and loss,	0.97		
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	100.00		

* Direct result of analysis—

Manganous oxide (MnO),	1.31
Ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3),	5.98
Loose oxygen (O),	0.18