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Dear sis

We are 10 miles east of Poughkeepsie
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on a sidwell wood lot facing south
we have a Rockshelter Cave The most perfect
location, Albany menun people dug it out
and have about 300 things used by
people up to 6000 years ago. Modern
Indians used it to. There is a chimney
on one side to carry the smoke out,
There were lots of charade holes when they
must have saved fire for future,

Some of the arrow points were like
Bear island Pennsylvania,

Some points they named Sylvan Lake
points different from any others,

I let Albany people dig it because I
am not an expert.

There is more there I am sure.

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The thing that I noticed about the arrow points was that they had a needle point and shaped to revalve.

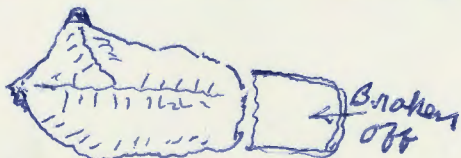
There were several with needle point I do not think this could be done with a hammer.

I think they finished them up with a blow pipe, If they used a reed and directed the flame on a spot a piece would break out.

The workman ship was so perfect The idea of using a blow pipe to direct the heat to a small spot. Is what I wanted to point out to an expert.

Ancient people used fire to crack stone.

I have a small piece of flint that is in the shape of a serrated knife much like some I have seen used today.



Two cutting edges

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3 Another piece could have been used
for careful cutting.



The center is definitely shaped
by a blow torch leaving it good
to hold in the fingers, for cutting.

I have never heard of anyone
mentioning this method.

If you ever had a welding
torch hit a cement floor you would
know what I mean.

Lots of deer bone and small animals
lots of charcoal and ashes

The chimney was up through the rock.

Yours

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