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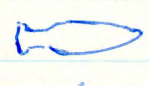
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Kimberly

Dear Don:

I'm the one that hasn't been writing since Christmas and I owe about everyone a letter. I haven't been doing a great deal with my flint work during this time either. I did put most of the points that you saw into a frame along with a few different pieces and I've made probably a dozen new pieces to add to my collection. I flaked out a large spear that is $2\frac{1}{2}$ " across and approx 12" long  last winter out of glass. This is getting close to my limits using pressure and supporting in the hand. I have been able to see flakes 2" long but by the time I have finished shaping the blade and flaking off all the original polished surface I'm lucky to have the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width. When working stone the best width I'm finished up with which was flaked completely across the face is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. If the blanks were of the very best material and had no bad irregularities on either face I feel I could flake out a blade width that is over 2 inches. I'm still working all my blades out of blocks by percussion and not slabbing the rock up with a diamond saw. This is putting myself at a disadvantage when it comes to big spear points or knives but I don't mind. I want to know how percussion works.

At the present time I'm out of stone blocks and I've worked up most all the large flakes or spalls and all that I have now are small ones of one to two inches in

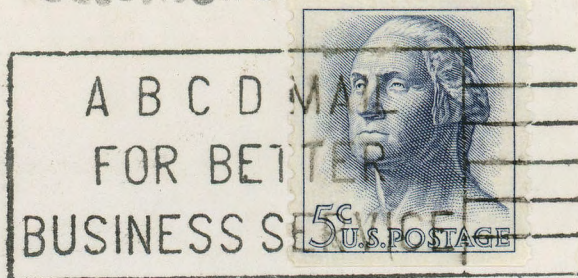
length and I've got boxes & boxes of those. What I want is spe~~alls~~alls of 3" to 5" in length or longer if possible. Some week end after my boy gets out of school I'm going rock hunting for a supply closer to home than Wyo.

You spoke about the possibility of coming up here this spring, maybe, — can you do it? I'd sure like to have you come. The pictures you sent show that you were better than I ^{was} twenty years ago.

Sincerely
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