

ART. XLI.—*Note upon the occurrence of fossil remains of the Tapir in California*; by WM. P. BLAKE.

The remains of Tapir occur in the auriferous gravel of Wood's creek, near Sonora in Tuolumne county, California. They were found by gold miners at a depth of about forty feet below the surface, and were presented to me by Dr. Snell of Sonora. A specimen submitted to Prof. Owen at the British Museum was recognized as the "crown of the left lower molar tooth of a tapir, and another specimen as the posterior epiphysis of the cervical vertebra of a hoofed animal, probably a young tapir." Numerous teeth of the Mastodon have been found in the same region, together with stone implements of various forms. Some of the latter, according to the statements of Dr. Snell, were taken from the deep placer deposits which underlie the lava of Table Mountain.