Mounds & Earthworks.

Mention has been made in my former report of a circular work on the Takama River, the construction of which those Indians disclaimed. That was the first of the kind which had ever fallen under my observation, or been able to hear of, within this Territory or Oregon. Since then Dr Newell has informed me that in some parts of the Willamette Valley, as on the Tualatty plains for instance, there are undubitable earthworks, some of them of various forms, of which he instanced the letter L. None of them to his knowledge presented the figures of animals. I am aware of none on the lower Columbia or Puget Sound, which deserves the name. Enclosures for garden patches were sometimes made, by banking up around them with refuse thrown out in clearing the ground, which after a long while come to resemble a low wall, and in some cases as at the old Snohomish fort on Kwultschoa Creek they made external ditches, which were filled with pointed stakes and covered over, but these do not belong to the class spoken of. Near the house of Mr Cameron at Esquimalt, Vancouver's Island, I noticed a trench cutting off a small point of rock near the shore, which seemed to have been about six feet deep and eight wide. Governor Douglass informed me that these were not