very agreeable letter. But I must answer you briefly and go at my committee before its wit is dry.

I suppose the "fossil man" to be a modern piece of handwork, though I really know nothing about it.

"Praeterium hen, praeterium then;
I mind the biggin' ot." You remember the "Antiquary"

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These wonderful hieroglyphics or something like them, you also remember. I think some such story will prove the true solution of the stone man.

As to the "Dorchester Giant" I am interested and amused at what you tell me about the Indian legend. I most assuredly did not borrow the story from them — I rather think they may have borrowed it from. They would take the scalp from the outside of my head in a minute, and I don't see why they should not steal an idea or a fancy from the inside of it. — No, it was a boyish suggestion when I was about twenty and natural as was the word "pudding stone."

I remember the Swiss walking well Dr George Bethune and Dr Herman Fischer were my companions. Ehen fug. etc etc!

Very truly Yours
O W Holmes.