EARLY MAN AND THE ASSOCIATED FAUNAS IN THE OLD WORLD1

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The correlation of Pleistocene and later geological formations is always difficult, but the relative ages of the sporadic and isolated deposits which contain the remains and handiwork of fossil man are especially hard to determine. Cave deposits can only be dated by their contained fossils, unless they are clearly associated with some wide-spread incursion of the sea, a pluvial period, or a glacial episode. River terraces, lake terraces, and raised sea beaches can also often be correlated by their relative height above the present level of the water in which they were formed. In neither case, however, is it easy to correlate the past sequence of events revealed by the deposits in one region with those of a distant region. There can be little success unless similar fossiliferous deposits have been traced at intervals through the intervening land.

An interesting illustration of the means of deter-

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