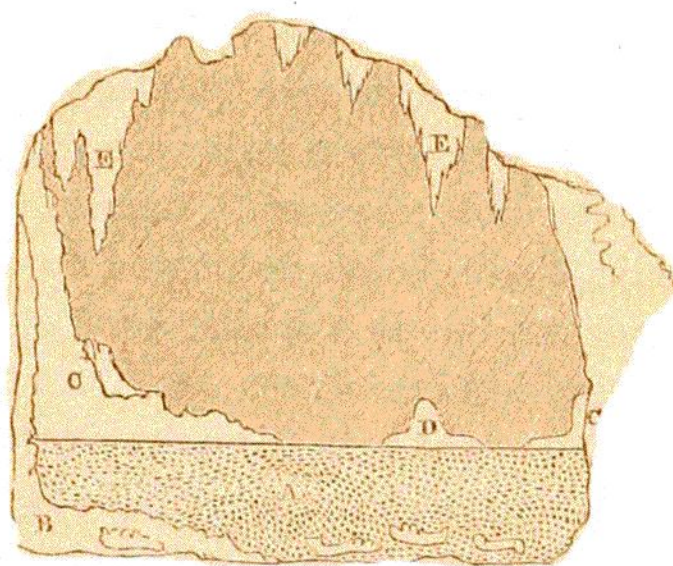


who were quarrying stone, cut across the narrow mouth of a chasm, which had been choked up with rubbish, and overgrown with grass and bushes; and which from this cause, as well as from its inaccessible situation, had hitherto escaped observation, the entrance being so small that it was only possible for a person to enter in a bent position.



4 feet.

TAB. 29.—SECTION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE OF KIRKDALE.\*

- A. Mud covering the floor of the cave to the depth of one foot, and concealing the bones.
- B. Stalagmite incrusting some of the bones, and formed before the mud was introduced.
- C. C. Stalagmite formed over the mud.
- D. Insulated stalagmite on the surface of the mud.
- E. E. Stalactites dependent from the roof.

The passage is exceedingly irregular in its dimensions, varying from two to seven feet in breadth, and from two to fourteen feet in height; its greatest length is 245 feet. It divides into several smaller

\* From Dr. Buckland's Reliq. Diluv.