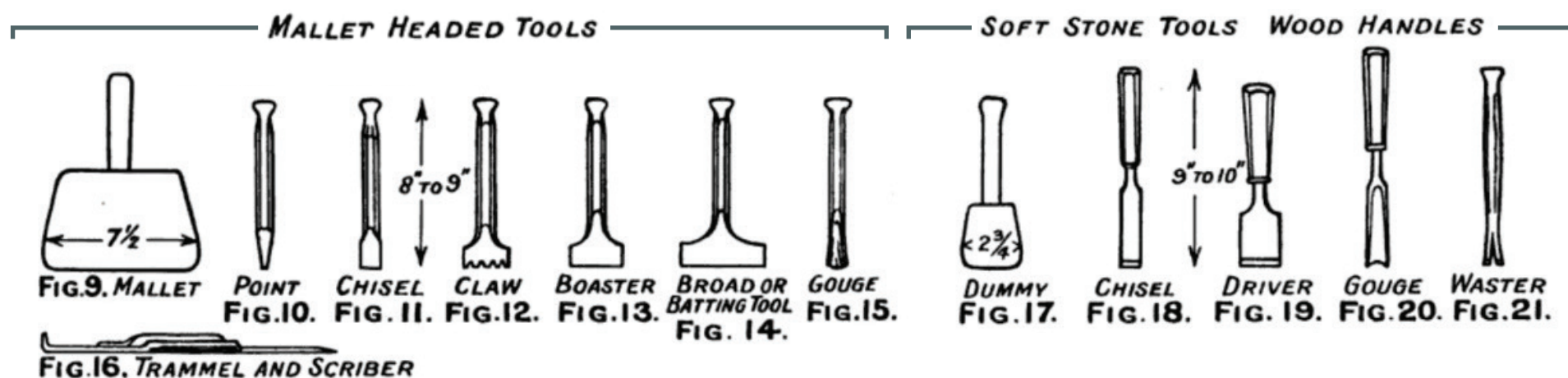


# Did You Know?....

Apparently, when the Castle was being constructed, a mason dropped a chisel while working on a basement wall and couldn't recover it. The antique chisel was found a century later in 2013 when restoration work was being done on that part of the building. The chisel is on display here, as well as a diagram showing the type of mallet the mason might have used to strike the chisel and shape the stone (see figure 9).

Diagram showing mason's tools from "Masonry: An Elementary Textbook" published in 1914.



**Mallet** (Fig. 9).—Of beech, hickory, or other hard wood, circular in shape, and of varying sizes, used for striking mallet-headed tools when working freestone.

**Dummy** (Fig. 17).—A tool made of zinc or pewter, three to 4 lbs. in weight and used for striking wood-handled chisels in working soft limestones.

Image of the basement's south wall, where the chisel was found.

