



Fig. 17. *Mesa* island south of T'u-ken

the river with any current; but they had found the ruins of a fair-sized house on the mainland to the north-west. CHEN suspected at once that this was the fort T'u-ken, discovered by the archaeologist HUANG WEN-PI during our expedition in 1930. About nine o'clock we got into a double canoe and paddled over to the spot over open water free of reeds. It took scarcely half an hour to reach.

The posts of the house rose from a low mound situated on a peninsula, surrounded by water on the west, south and east sides. CHEN had been there in the early

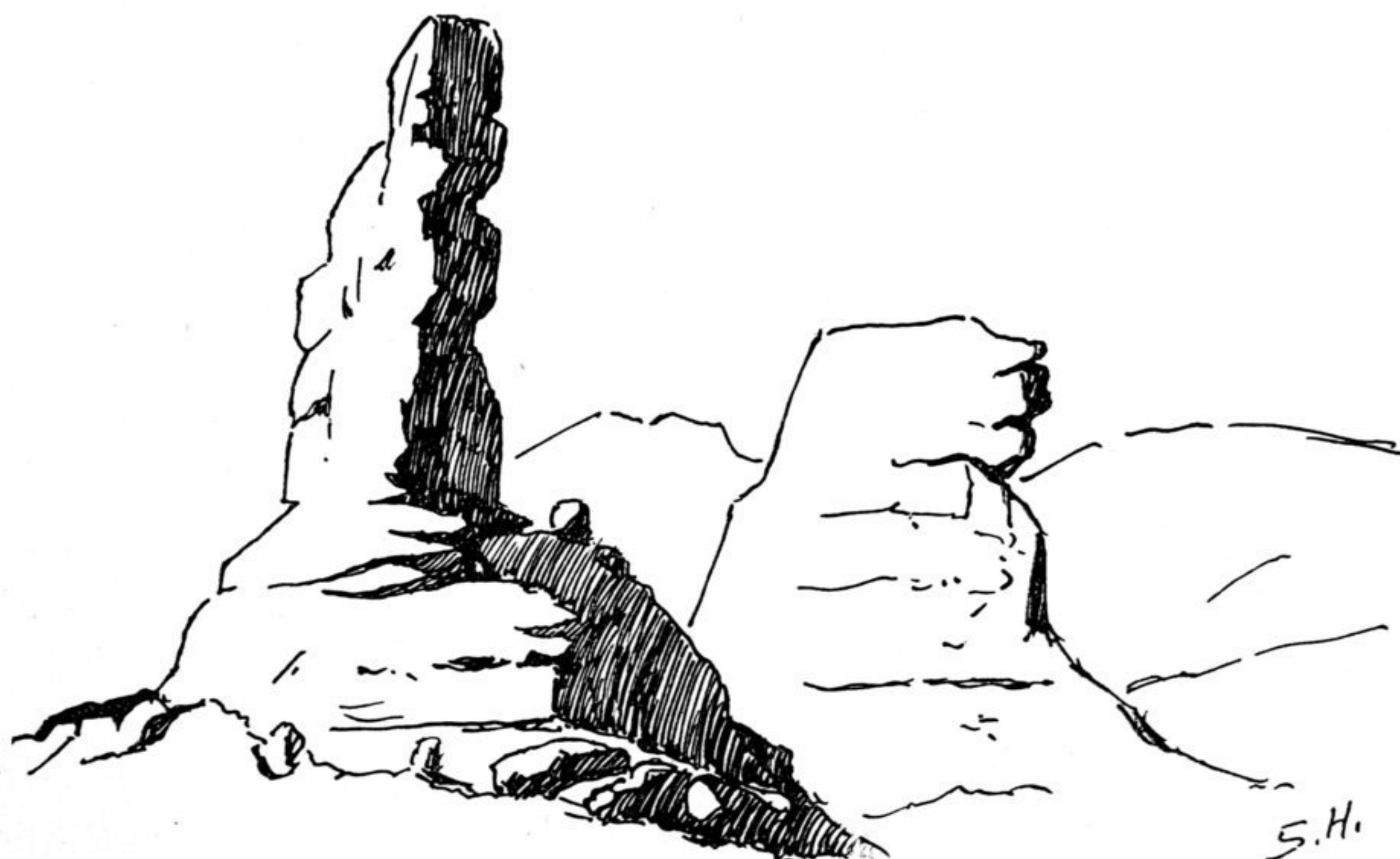


Fig. 18. Slender *mesa* columns, May 8th