

the felt near the edge, forming a group; their plumes are worn away. Below the pegs are remnant stitches of a cord. At the lower edge a chin-cord is fastened with three stitches, the cord being made of the same wool as the felt. H. about 28 cm. Pl. 10:9.

5:158. Semicircular head-dress of dark greyish-brown felt with two red 4-ply strings round it. Small fragm. of a weasel skin fastened with red wool, inserted in the felt and wound round the skin. Remaining stitches at opposite parts of lower edge from chin-cords. Short string of same wool inserted at the middle of the rear edge and knotted. H. about 24 cm. Pl. 10:7.

5:159. Pointed head-dress of dark brown felt with elaborate cord ornamentation in dark red wool. A remaining feather peg is wound round with red wool all over. The top open, damaged. The lower part has been finished with scallop stitching in dark-purple yarn. The chin-cord has been made of similar yarn. H. about 27 cm. Pl. 10:3.

5:160. Small pointed head-dress of dark-brown felt with elaborate string ornamentation of red, 3-ply wool. Remnants of split weasel skin fastened with red woollen yarn inserted in the felt and knotted round the skin. The head-dress has one peg which has carried a plume. The lower edge is fragmentary and finished with scallop stitching in red. At the lower edge three rows of stitches for the chin-cord, which is missing. H. about 28 cm. Pl. 10:1.

5:161. Head-dress of dark-brown felt with elaborate string ornamentation of light reddish-yellow wool. Remnants of a split weasel skin fastened with the same kind of strings. The lower edge finished with thin scallop stitching of similar yellow wool. H. about 24 cm. Pl. 10:4.

5:162. Piece of dark-brown felt used as basket lid (Diam. about 10 cm.) fastened with brown woollen string, wound three times round the lid.

5:163-168. Six different strings or cords, partly with knots. —:166 of wool and plant-fibres, the rest of wool.

5:169. Piece of dark green chert (or jade) with two surfaces polished.

5:170. Bunch of sinew-fibres tightly bound together with light red, light green and beige wool. L. 10.5 cm.

5:171. Bunch of Ephedra twigs, grass and feathers, bound together with coarse twisted strings of one red and one dark-brown thread. L. 17 cm. Cf. 5.D:13-14.

5:172. Thin bunch of stiff grass bound together with dark brown strings. L. 38 cm. Pl. 9:13.

5:173. Small bunch of stiff grass joined to a similar smaller bunch, both bound together with grass or vegetable fibre. L. 16 cm.

5:174. Long black feather, wound round with yellow wool. Broken in two. Original L. about 50 cm.

5:175-178. Fragm. of four pegs and feathers bound together with wool.

5:179. Cord composed of brownish purple wool, fine and even, the core consisting of five threads, torn off at the ends, and tightly wound round with untwisted yarn. Probably handle of basket or suchlike. Compl. L. 13.5 cm.

5:180. Cord composed of nine greyish hemp (?) strings of different length, torn at the ends, the longest about 51 cm. Towards the middle tightly wound with brownish red wool. Probably the handle of a basket.

5:181. Woollen cord consisting of five strands, of which four are pale rose-coloured and two brown. In two places the cord is wound with dark brown wool. Compl. L. 45 cm. Th. 7-9 mm.

5:182. Two ends of coarse, dark-brown wool, of goat's hair? Th. 3-5.

G. WATCH-TOWER AT THE SMALL RIVER.¹

ÖRDEK also mentioned a burial place situated about 30 li to the east of Cemetery 5. We never made any attempt to find it, as we could not venture too far into the sand desert away from the water with our poor beasts of burden in such a swelteringly hot season.

¹ The description of this watch-tower ought to have been included in the chapter about the ruins, but as the ancient remains along The Small River have been treated in the order in which they were discovered I have found it convenient to retain it here.