



Fig. 27. Ideal corner construction of a coffin of the type Fig. 26. A) corner post, B) support of bottom, C) bottom, D) side board, E) end-board, F) lid.

Two silk ribbons were also found, one of which probably with the same lion pattern as Pl. 16:1 though now indistinct, the other with a red and white chess-board pattern, Pl. 18:2, both woven in warp-rib.

A trifling piece of patterned polychrome silk, No. 6. B:7, has an interwoven Chinese character.

The fragmentary embossed bronze plate Pl. 15:1 was, certainly, originally affixed to some soft material, probably the garment.

A bone handle with a remaining part of an iron knife, Pl. 16:3, and a wooden arrow-shaft, Pl. 18:11, were also found inside the coffin, the latter indicating the male sex of the corpse. From the size of the coat one infers that he was rather heavily built. The arrow-shaft has a marked notch for the bow-string, and in the front end the tang of an iron arrow-point is still sticking.

A small bundle of dark brown hair might be an offering, as in many other Lop-nor graves (cf. Grave 36, etc.).

#### *Grave 6 C.*

10 m. SSW of coffin 6 A there was a third coffin, situated in S 70° W—N 70° E, a half hollowed-out trunk that was split and worn by weather. It measured 2.15 m. in length. As in the other two coffins the head was lying in the eastern end, and the coffin was lined with felt. Only parts of the skeleton and of the garment remained. The latter in certain features reminds one of the dress in Grave 6 A, for instance a lower edge of a skirt (?) with nearly the same arrangement of different-coloured stripes as the big skirt Fig. 24, and in addition, vertical pleats after the same model as that represented on a most beautiful tomb statuette of immediate post-Han date in the EUMORFOPOULOS collection (Sirén 1930, Pl. 111). It had some small traces of beaten gold on it, which had apparently been glued on to the silk. The painted spots on the garment of the clay statuette referred to above are possibly meant to represent such applied ornaments of metal.

A sleeve, 6. C:4, is 40—45 cm. wide.

Besides the textile fragments no funeral deposit was discovered.

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