

D. "RUIN II" WITH GRAVE. (NO. 37).

On May 7th, Dr. HEDIN discovered what he calls Ruin II, not very far from the first mass-grave in the delta. There was a small wooden structure on a terrace 13.2 m. above the water level. HEDIN calls it a ruined house. Of course it may have been a house, but it may as easily have formed part of a tomb structure, because at a depth of 1 m. they came across a grave.

There was no proper coffin, only two horizontal logs placed parallel to each other. With the ends resting on the logs were nine irregular wooden boards 39—44 cm. long, and covering fragments of a skeleton.

Fragments of a pair of raw-hide slippers, and two baskets were taken from the site. One of them, Pl. 25:5, is of the same well-made type as those usually found in the graves of the autochthon Lou-lan people. The pattern is not exactly that found on the baskets from "ÖRDEK'S necropolis" but resemble the decoration of the small baskets found in the Lou-lan region. The other is a big flat shovel-shaped basketwork of a type that is still used for winnowing corn in China, Turkistan, India and so on, Pl. 25:11. In grave L. S. 3 STEIN found three of these basket "trays" covering the coffin (Stein 1928, Pl. XXVIII). That our specimen has been long in use is seen from the repair of the bottom.

LIST OF ANTIQUITIES FROM "RUIN II" OR GRAVE 37

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| 37:1. | Small basket, neatly plaited; small, nearly flat bottom surface, the wall widening upwards (though not so much as is seen in Pl. 25:5, which shows the basket in its present flattened shape). Decorated with horizontal zig-zag bands of glossy grass. Part of the rim damaged. Has had a handle of strings fastened on the outside of the wall with separate coils. Manufactured in the same way as the baskets found in Cemetery 5. H. 15.5. cm. Diam. about 12 cm. Pl. 25:5. | 37:2. | Shallow basket-work tray of long narrow shovel-shape, with upturned edge round one end, which is rounded. The other end is finished off flat and square. The basket-work is strongly woven. Damaged, partly mended with a piece from other basket-work of finer weave. Size about 60×40 cm. Pl. 25:11. |
| | | 37:3-4. | Two pieces of the same thin basket-work as 5.G:2. |
| | | 37:5-6. | Toe part from a pair of raw hide slippers, the hair turned inside. Sewn with the seams turned inwards. |

E. MASS-GRAVE 2. (NO. 38).

On May 19th Dr. HEDIN's men discovered another cemetery on a mesa situated a few hundred metres to the east of STEIN's locality L. F., which is a ruin and a cemetery. Across the mound there was a kind of palisade running from SE to NW, 3.9 m. long, the distance between the two lines of poles being from 0.86 to 1.04 m. Near this palisade four graves were found, one of which was examined.

It contained eight skulls as well as other human bones. Of the funeral deposits