

## LIST OF ANTIQUITIES FROM VARIOUS RUINS

Find made inside the walls of Stein's Fort L. K. 6/1—31.

K. 13369. Polished miniature axe or chisel of green chert. Thin and neatly made. The sharp cutting edge has rounded corners. 50×34×8 mm. Pl. 5:11.

Finds from a ruin, probably Stein's L. B. II. 14/1—31.

K. 13377:1. Spindle whorl of dark-blue limestone, wind-eroded on one side. Diam. 3 cm. Pl. 29:13.

K. 13377:2. Thin bronze fitting or suchlike with two holes.

K. 13377:3-5. Three small bronze fragments.

Ruined house 401 on N side of Qum-darya near the head of the delta.

K. 13401:1. Oblong wooden die, square section. One side blank, the second has three carved lines perpendicular to the length of the peg, the third side is covered with six crosses, the fourth side has a figure shaped like an hour-glass or the Chinese seal-character "Wu" carved on the middle. The ends are blank. 140×15×16 mm. Pl. 31:8.

K. 13401:2. Fragmentary net-work of twisted hemp(?) thread, 0.9—1.2 mm. thick. Side of mesh 4.5 cm. Ordinary knot.

K. 13401:3. Fragm. of woven shoe, torn all round. Coarse weave of hair, brown and grey, brittle. Warp: th. 1.5—2 mm., 6 threads to 2 cm. Weft: th. 1—1.5 mm. 20 threads to 2 cm. L. about 16 cm. W. about 7 cm.

K. 13401:4. Bunch of black feathers with the butts cut off.

Ruined house 3 km. ENE of the ruin that contained the finds K. 13401.

K. 13404. Bronze dress-hook of uniform thickness, clumsy. Nearly round section. L. 118 mm. Pl. 30:7.

The ruined fort T'u-ken. 26/2—31.

K. 13430:1. Fragm. of bronze tube with globular knob; mounting for the end of a canopy rib of wood. Below the knob a raised ribbon with elevated middle line. Present L. 37 mm. Pl. 30:5.

K. 13430:2. Fragm. of iron knife. The upper part of the handle shaped into an oval ring. Very rusty. Present L. 121 mm. Pl. 30:10.

### Ruin I. (No. 33).

Very near the head of Qum-darya's delta SVEN HEDIN's party discovered a ruined house on May 5th 1934. It was situated on the left side of the river, 210 m. from the shore on a 2 m. high terrace.<sup>1</sup> The ground plan shows a rectangle lying ENE—WSW about 12.5×7 m., containing four rooms, and with an enclosure or yard about 13×15 m. at the south-western end.

The walls of the house were marked by eighteen standing posts, among these the jambs of two doors. Between there had been a wattle of tamarisk branches and reeds filled out with plastered-on clay. The lowest part of this wattle was preserved, showing that the tamarisk branches were arranged vertically. In a corner there was a fireplace with traces of charcoal. In the NW room there were some sheep droppings, probably from a time when the house had been abandoned by the last proper occupants. STEIN has also observed that one of the Lou-lan ruins (the once beautifully decorated residence L. B. IV) had served as shelter for the flocks of shepherds for a considerable number of years.

<sup>1</sup> It is not marked on the map Fig. 37 but it must be situated in the neighbourhood of 401.