



Fig. 35. Sections of rims of vessels from the Lop desert. 1—10 earthenware, 11 bronze. 1) 33:1. 2) 9:7. 3) 33:4. 4) 16:1. 5) 18:1. 6) 33:9. 7) 33:7. 8) 33:13. 9) 7.C:1. 10) 33:15. 11) K.13382. All 1/3.

pose. It is grouped together with the Kurghan I culture, dated somewhat previous to B. C. 500.

All the objects enumerated were collected from the surface of the ground in and around the ruined house. Like the two ruined houses found by Mr. CHEN in this same region it awaits future excavation.

LIST OF ANTIQUITIES FROM RUIN I.

- 33:1-15. Fifteen potsherds from the rim of thirteen or fourteen vessels, mainly large ones, with rather short neck and projecting rim. Hard-burnt ware, the colours ranging from reddish-brown to grey. —:1 Fig. 35:1, —:4 Fig. 35:3, —:7 Fig. 35:7, —:9 Fig. 35:6, —:13 Fig. 35:8, —:15 Fig. 35:10.
- 33:16. Potsherd from the rim of a vessel with slightly marked neck and decorated with a coarse incised zig-zag line on the shoulder. Reddish-brown ware like the preceding ones.
- 33:17. Lug from big earthenware vessel, 62 mm. broad, projecting 40 mm. from wall of vessel.
- 33:18. Potsherd from the flat bottom of a large bulky vessel. The ware is blue-grey on the outer surface, reddish-brown within.
- 33:19. Iron knife with slightly convex back. L. 15 cm. Pl. 25:12.
- 33:20-21. Two fragm. of an iron cauldron, one of which has two raised mouldings.
- 33:22. Heavy wooden comb for pressing down threads in weaving. The lower edge wedge-shaped, the short blunt teeth being at the thin end. The upper part rounded to a shape to fit into the palm of the hand, and furnished with a projecting knob. The edges slightly fragmentary. L. 155 mm. Br. 77 mm. Th. 35 mm. Pl. 27:12.
- 33:23. Fragm. of signet ring of black material, resembling bitumen. Very little remains of the impressed bezel. Pl. 27:9.
- 33:24. Rectangular piece of dark reddish-brown, tight warp rep of fine wool. The yarn firmly spun, similar in warp and weft, th. 0.6 mm. The warp 250 threads to 10 cm., the weft 90 to 10 cm. Selvages at the short sides, folds at the long sides. Full width of fabric = L. of piece, 20 cm. W. 8.7 cm. Stitches of bright rose-