THE WORK AND FINDS AT THE SEPARATE LOCALITIES. THE EXCAVATIONS AT THE TERRACES.

Terrace Ia, b (see figs. 23 and 24).—Soon after the débris of Komorof's trench had been removed from the top of the hill, the excavation in the undisturbed layers exposed a wall of unburnt bricks (A), which extended across the trench with a thickness of about 2.5 feet. The top of this wall lay at +37 feet and on its northern side, at the height of 31.5 feet, was a floor marked by two fire-reddened places. Each place surrounds the top of an earthenware pot sunk to the lip in the floor, the top diameters of the pots being 9 and 8.8 inches, respectively. The assumption that this floor and its clay vessels were contemporaneous with the wall just mentioned proved to be wrong; the wall proved to be younger.

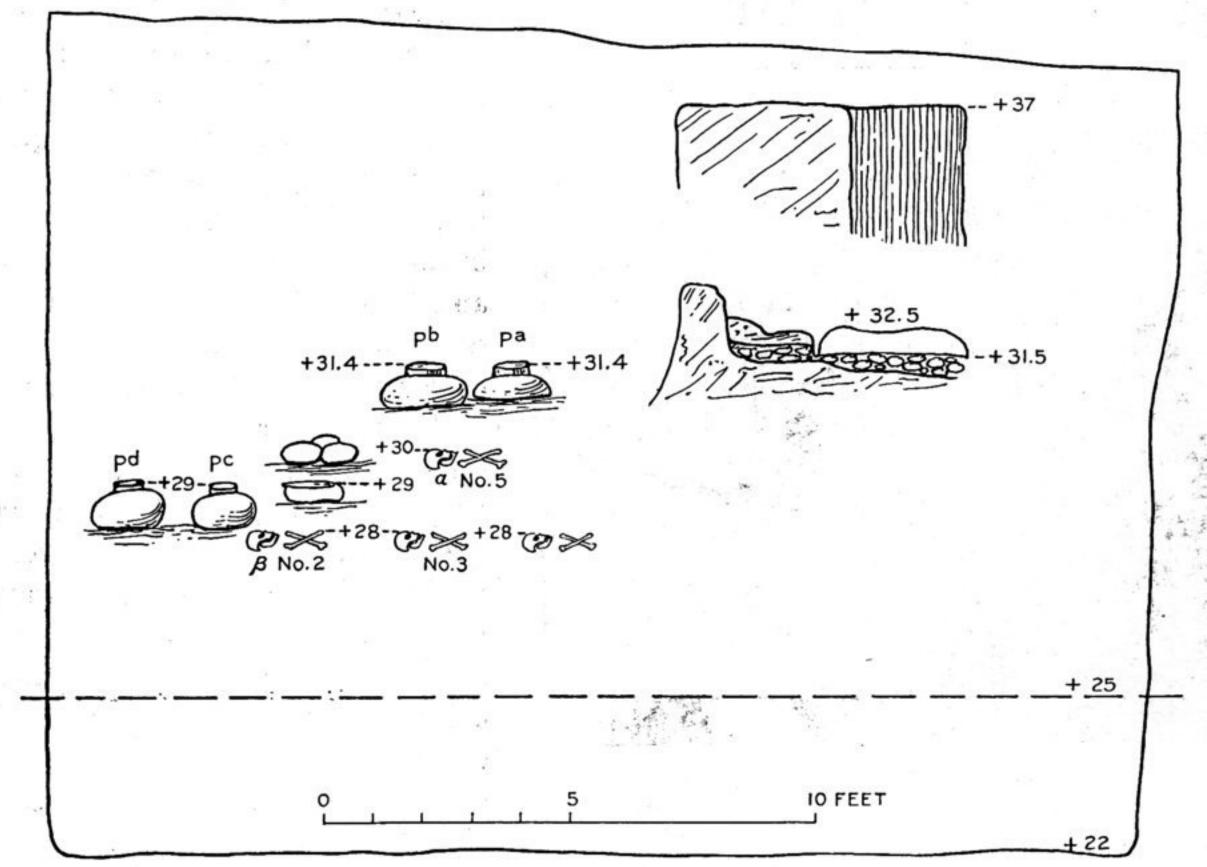


Fig. 24.—Vertical Section and Projection of Finds, Terrace I.

Under it were found older and narrower walls (B), running in a different direction; and adjoining it on the north there was exposed a peculiar quadrangle of irregular form (2.8 and 2.6 feet), of which one corner was destroyed. The floor of this quadrangle was paved with small flat pebbles and the inner walls of its lower part were incrusted with fragments of pottery. The quadrangle, with thin walls running towards the west, is shown in fig. 25. In following the walls towards the west a similar small room was found, also incrusted with small fragments of pottery. Further examination of these rooms was not practicable under our general scheme of work, on account of the overlying mass of earth. However, since the floor of the quadrangle stood at the same level with the fireplaces and