

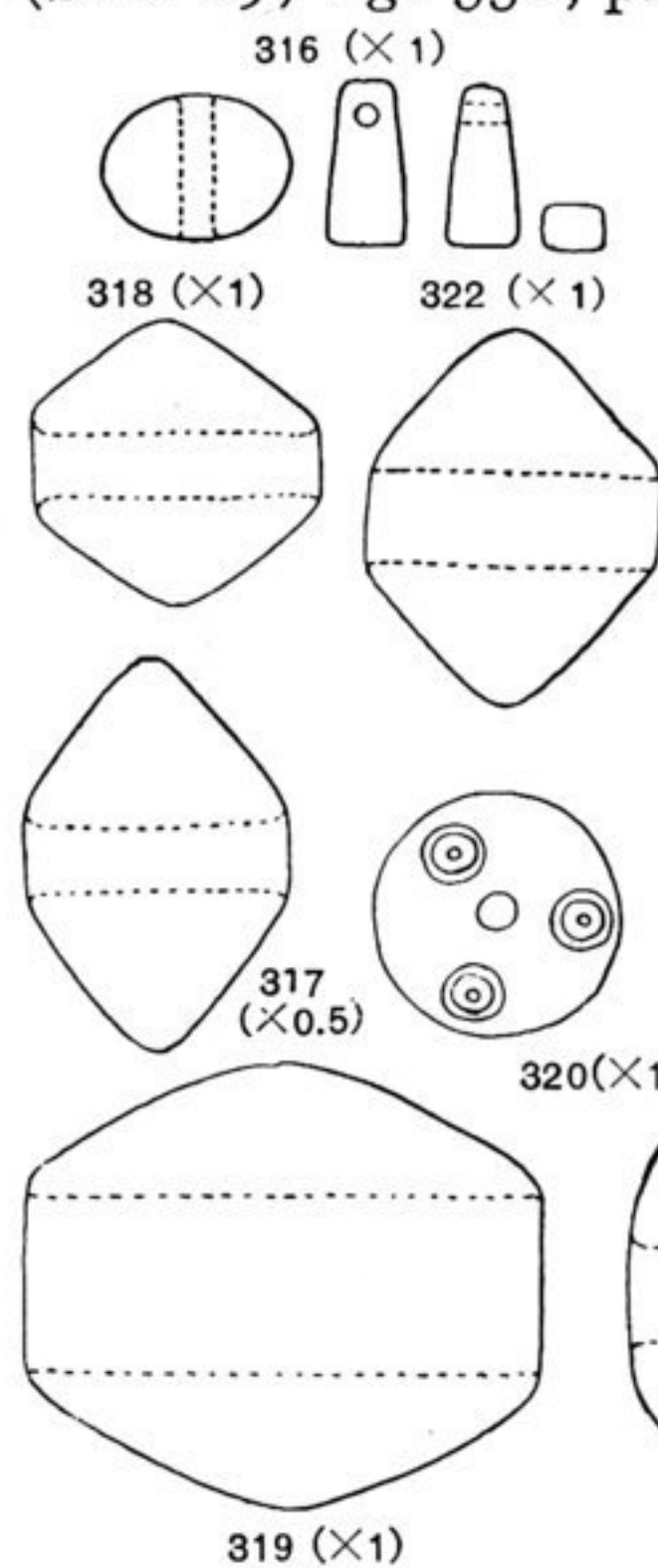
color and well polished (S.K. 32; fig. 328; plate 42, fig. 2), came from the upper digging, between +45 feet 11 inches and +47 feet. It has a peculiar perforation, which tapers toward the interior.

*Miscellaneous.*—Ornamental disks with central perforation served the same purpose as the beads. S.K. 15, fig. 329 (plate 41, fig. 23), shows half of one of lenticular shape, consisting of milk-white, finely polished material (shell?). It is from the upper digging, between +47 and +50 feet. The fragments of another lenticular disk of polished marble (S.K. 45; fig. 330; plate 41, fig. 24) were found in the upper digging, somewhat deeper, between +43 and +45 feet.

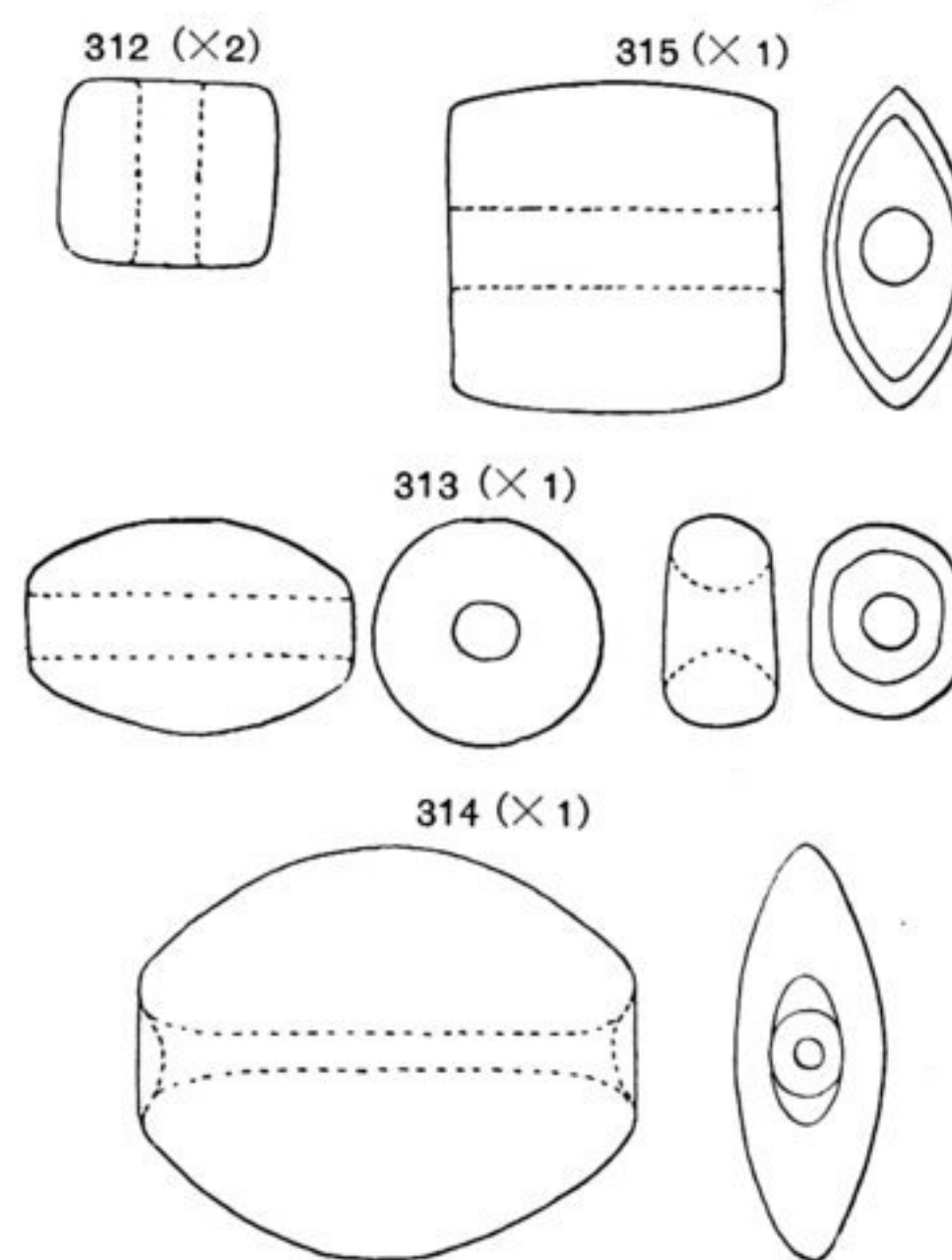
UNCERTAIN WHETHER FROM OLDER OR YOUNGER CULTURE, SOUTH KURGAN.

In addition to the ornamental objects just enumerated there is a series of beads and similar ornaments, but the conditions of their occurrence do not permit us to say to which of the two culture epochs of the South Kurgan they belong.

First of all, delicate turquoise beads, in the same class with the one mentioned above, are shown in fig. 326. One of these, barrel-shaped in longitudinal section, lenticular in cross-section (S.K. 69; fig. 331; plate 41, fig. 20), is from terrace A, between +25 and +27 feet; *i. e.*, from the layers with "mixed" pottery. Another, cylindrical in longitudinal section, elliptical in cross-section (S.K. 89; fig. 332; plate 41, fig. 18) is also from terrace A, between



+23 feet 4 inches and +25 feet. Now, a turquoise bead of the same form as that last mentioned was found April 22, in terrace C, between +19 feet 5 inches and +21 feet 2 inches (S. K. 245); but the terrace was dug outward on that day and it is not impossible that the bead may have fallen in from the mixed layers containing younger pottery on the outer edge. One would assign a turquoise bead of this form to the younger rather than to the older culture of the South Kurgan.



The "mixed" layers of terrace A, between +23 feet 4 inches and +25 feet, furnished also a three-sided slide made of greenish-white glass of faience-like material, with two perforations and two notches on the edge (S.K. 86; fig. 333; plate 41, fig. 7). A very striking bead is shown in S.K. 246 (fig. 334; plate 41, fig. 9). It is large and barrel-shaped, made of milk-white agate, striped with