

or higher side, stood their full height, each having all or part of its rim, three jars towards the west side, where the ground is more than a foot lower, had been exposed above the surface and were found with their tops irregularly broken off. Of the jars on the east side, also, several had lost parts of their rims, and all were badly cracked. To keep them from falling to pieces it was necessary to leave supporting ground, in some cases between the jars, in others against the weakest parts of their exposed sides; and this prevented the taking of full measurements. The measurements taken were:

Jar 1: Height 49 inches; diameter of rim, 32.5 inches (taken from the middle of the rim); thickness of rim, 2.5 inches; thickness of jar, 1.5 inches.

Jar 2: Height, 47.5 inches; diameter of rim, 31.25 inches.

Jar 3: Height 47 inches; diameter of rim, 34 inches; thickness of rim, 3 inches; thickness of jar, 1.5 inches.

Jar 4: Height 47.75 inches; diameter of rim, 33 inches; thickness of rim, 2.5 inches; thickness of jar, 1.375 inches; greatest circumference, 121.2 inches.

Jar 5: Height, 48 inches; greatest diameter, 40.25 inches; circumference at base, 94 inches.

Jar 7: Circumference at base, 96.75 inches.

Jar 8: Circumference at base, 94.5 inches.

Jar 9: Diameter at base, 13.5 inches.



Fig. 429.—Ornamentation of the Great Jars.

All the jars, except the one mentioned as tipped, stood upright or but slightly tilted; their bottoms, being convex, rested each on three wedge-shaped burnt bricks, set in a triangle, some of these slightly displaced; and in several cases the wedge-bricks rested in turn on square burnt bricks. A similar wedge-brick was found on the surface in the citadel.

The exterior surfaces of the jars bore incised designs, consisting of parallel rows of short arcs (scratched on the clay when wet) in two arrangements. In one kind (fig. 429) for 2 inches from the top, the jar is encircled by a band (12 to 14 inches broad) of three horizontal rows, from which vertical rows run to the base. The other arrangement is similar except that the lower rows are diagonal. Most