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My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday would not involve my troubling you with an answer but that I do not seem to have made myself understood respecting the Lamp(?) about which I wrote the other day.

In the first place not only have I looked at your valuable essay on 'Chevron' in Geom. & Optics but it was entirely in illustration of that essay that I thought that an example of your "No. 3. Straight line Diaper"

on pottery of apparently Roman date would interest you.

Gradually from your writing a "handle" as a possible designation of the article in question I gather that you must have thought that my slight drawing is a portrait, whereas it is a section. The little vessel is like two saucers stuck together base to base - <sup>the</sup> hollows

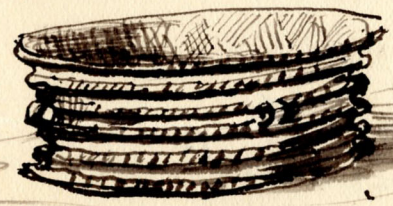


Fig. 1.

are like each other in contour & ornamentation with very delicate straight line diaper round the sides ~~with~~. Outside the vessel has 5 hollow mouldings, hand-made. Attached to the

center moulding are two (out of originally three) eyelets. In case you have not examined my rough section I repeat it below. I may add that one of the hollows is coated with sediment, perhaps of oil, which makes one think that it was used as a lamp, hung up with wires fastened to the eyelets.

I am yours truly  
H. J. Moule.

Lt. Col. Pitt Rivers. R.G. F.S.A.

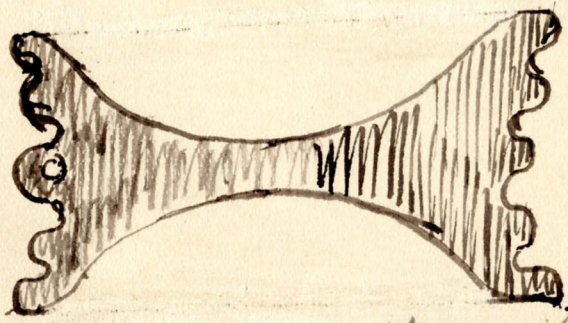


Fig. 2.  
Section (full size) of vessel depicted in Fig. 1.

Showing one out of three eyelets.