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This volume of illustration, gathered from the Chinese collections of Europe and America, demonstrates in singularly graphic and concise form the path which investigation must take in the future when dealing with the art of seventh to tenth century China. It is so packed with significance to the student that it is best left independant of text for each one of us to theorize over and to wonder at.

Whatever the intrinsic beauty and value of these T' and collections gathered by western museums may be, their essential significance must always be measured by the standards of the Imperial Household collection in the Shosoin at Nara. Mr. Yamanka's forty years of experience have made him particularly sensitive to this fact, and scholars who miss the hints that he throws out by his choice of object must search his pages repeatedly, or the loss is theirs.

In the whole history of art in the ancient and mediaeval world there is scarcely a parallel to the situation here presented to the student.

For we have in Japan, which is foreign soil, a treasure house of Chinese culture preserved to us intact with its contents, and closely dateable. In addition there are elsewhere hundreds, even thousands of scattered objects from China which are comparable to that treasure and are significant largely because of their likeness to it.

The limitation of the Shosoin collection consists in the fact that it is by no means a full representation of Chinese culture. It was originally gathered in a foreign country and for palace and temple purposes. Much was ommitted that we now eagerly ask for and certain things are included which are puzzling (and doubly significant) because they were probably made in Japan. Thus the few ceramic examples remain to be adequately defined, the textiles in many cases seem to represent Chinese workmanship for contemporary colonial trade, the weapons are Japanese with Chinese decoration; and of the few paintings — what shall we say?

The Imperial Household Treasure is accessible to only the chosen few who are privileged to witness its annual examination and airing. This valume represents the first attempt to make a lesser "Shosoin" from scattered parallels more recently come to light. The lesson to scholars is obvious.

It is the greater pity that no scholar in the west - perhaps I should add in the orient as well - is yet entirely capable of using the book to its fullest significance. The compiler's purpose will be accomplished when his illustrations are studied in connection which the catalogue of the Shosoin and with the works of Sir Aurel Stein, Count Otani, von le Coq, Professor Sekino and other illustrious investigators.

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PREFACE

It scarcely needs to be reiterated here that the paintings, sculpture, and textiles belonging to the Emperor and preserved in the Shosoin under the Imperial seal, are regarded as authoritative examples of the fine and decorative arts in this country. Many of them were produced in China when the T'ang dynasty was at its zenith, and of these quite a number are not to be found today even in China, where they were first made. Nevertheless, specimens of the arts of the T'ang dynasty found their way to Europe many years ago, and not a few of these are numbered in the collections of art museums, colleges, and private individuals. On close inspection, it is plain that all these works have been derived from the same source and were made at the same period as those in the Imperial possession which are carefully stored in the Shosoin and which are unrivalled as the pride of our artistic possessions. Some indeed are precisely alike. I am of the opinion, therfore, that if an opportunity should present itself for comparing the collections in the West with those in Japen, there would come a gleam of hope for studying all thoroughly and fundamentally. On account of the regulations governing visits to the Imperial treasures of the Shosoin, the masses are not readily given a chance to appreciate deeply these invaluable works of art: apart from those who are especially qualified to see them, the majority must be contented with a mere glimpse of them in the photogravures reproduced in the "Toei Shuko" and other volumes. This is just as though one were forced to look at a beautiful women through a separating veil, and it is indeed a matter for extreme regret. While on the other hand in Europe and America, it is easy to see the works of art collected by the museums and rich people, the distance is for us so great that they are virtually out of our reach. In fact, even for those who want, through the simple means of comparing photographs, to study the conceptions, compositions and designs, there has been published no single pictorial work save the "Toei Shuko" wherein all the objects preserved in the Shosoin have been reproduced. From the viewpoint of the serious student this is a great pity. It is my humble wish, therefore, to make up for this defect to a certain extent, and so for some years I have been requesting the museums and collectors of Europe and America to permit me to photograph their most important as well as their most beautiful objects of this character. The result of my endevours is the appearance of the present volume.

At the present time, especially since the anniversary service held last year in praise of the virtues of Prince Shotoku, the study of Suiko and Tempyo cultures has become suddenly intensified and has gone forward in this country by leaps and bounds. There was organized this year, for example, a society for enhancing Tempyo culture, and other research bodies have come into being in verious parts of the country, principally aiming at the study of the Imperial art treasures in the Shosoin, whereby we seem to see the whole nation charmed with cultures of the Suiko and the Tempyo periods. That my desire, cherished for the past few years, should have materialized in the form of this picture album might to be more chance. Yet, when I come to think, there may possibly be a thread of connection with its appearance and the thread of current thought, and I cannot help but feel delighted thereby. It may be stated in conclusion that these impression of mine are here expressed to serve a preface to the present work.

Sadajiro Yamanaka

November, 1928.

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PLATE I. PREACHING A SERMON ON MT. GRDHRAKŪTA (Sacred Eagle Mountain).

"HOKKE MANDARA" (Japanese)

"SADDHARMA-PUNDARIKA MANDALA" (Sanskrit)

ON SILK. T'ANG DYNASTY.

BOSTON FINE ARTS MUSEUM.

On the whole Kakemono is depicted the Sacred Eagle Mountain, with Buddha Sâkyamuni preaching a sermon in the center, his two assistants (Bodhisattvas) on the both sides, and the transformed Buddhas in a circle at the rear part, while palaces and lofty trees are found in the mountain. From the present work, one can appreciate its artistic effect not only as a Buddhist painting but as that of scenery. This kind of drawing is occasionally recognized in the Taema Mandara and on the inside of the cover of the sutra-scroll of the Hokkeji Temple. The brush-work is vigorous and graceful, and it is perceivable that it was not produced later than in the Tang dynasty.

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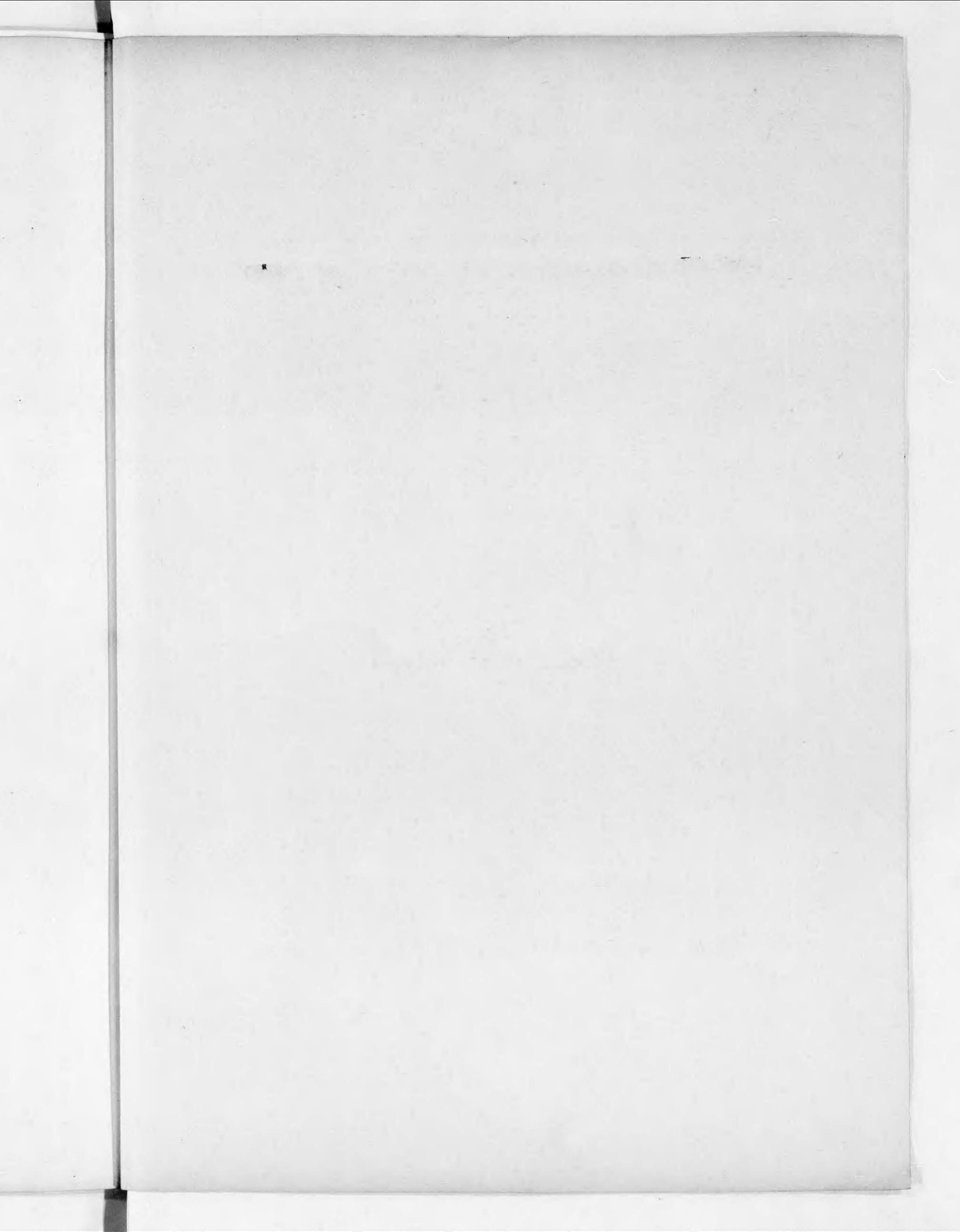
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PLATE II. PAINTING OF A STATUE OF KWANNON (Avalokitêsvara).

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ON SILK. SUNG DYNASTY.

BOSTON FINE ARTS MUSEUM.

A seated statue with six arms; the first two arms, raised high, are holding the Sun and the Moon; the second two arms, taking lotus-flowers, are bent on the chest; the third two arms are placed by the side of the waist. Upon the lotus-pedestal stand two boys representing the good and the bad, who are in full dress, respectively carrying a scroll. Outside the halo is depicted the calamities showing a huge sea drifting and the downfall of a mine, which reveal the volition to be saved by the merit of Kwannon. Under the lower part of the statue are painted the priests, facing each other, who hold a mass; in the middle of them is an eulogy praising the holy merit and immeasurable benevolence of the Bodhisattva. At the end of the eulogy is mentioned "Hereupon, July the 8th year of K'ai Pao (968-975 A. D.) which clearly proves that it was executed in the early part of the Sung dynasty."



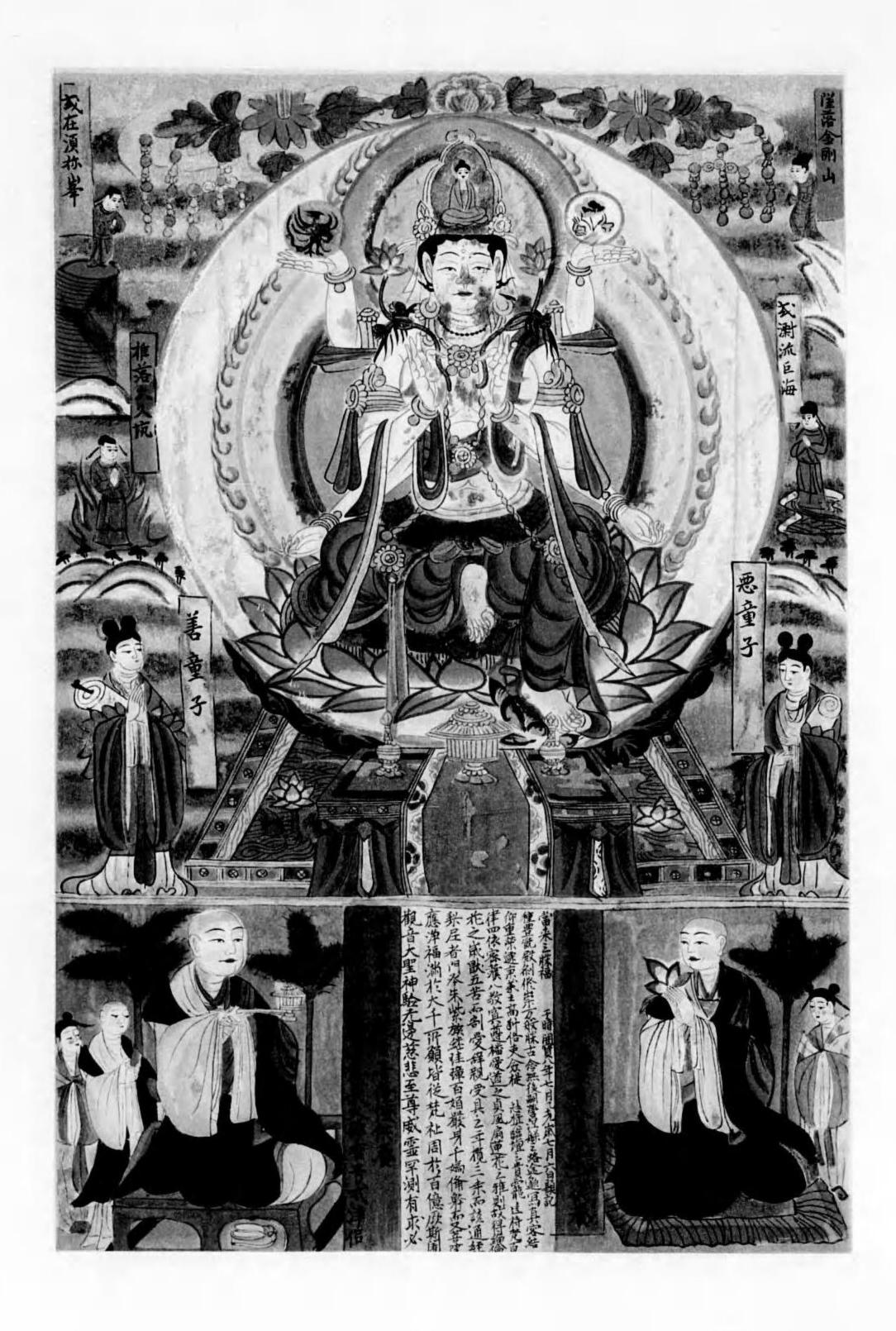


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PLATE III. CHINESE PAINTING. SECTION ONE.

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A BUDDHISTIC ILLUSTRATION IN COLOR AND GOLD, ON PAPER.

Size 11 × 21 inches (outside measurement)

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Buddha enthroned at right of center is facing the left, three-quarters front, in the attitude of instruction. Before him are attentive listeners, seated and standing, to the number of seven, while back of him are an equal number of disciples standing, and before them stands a peacock. Overhanging the throne is an elaborate canopy of varied Buddhistic design, while far at the left stand two attendants bearing inscribed fans. Inscriptions at extreme left and right.

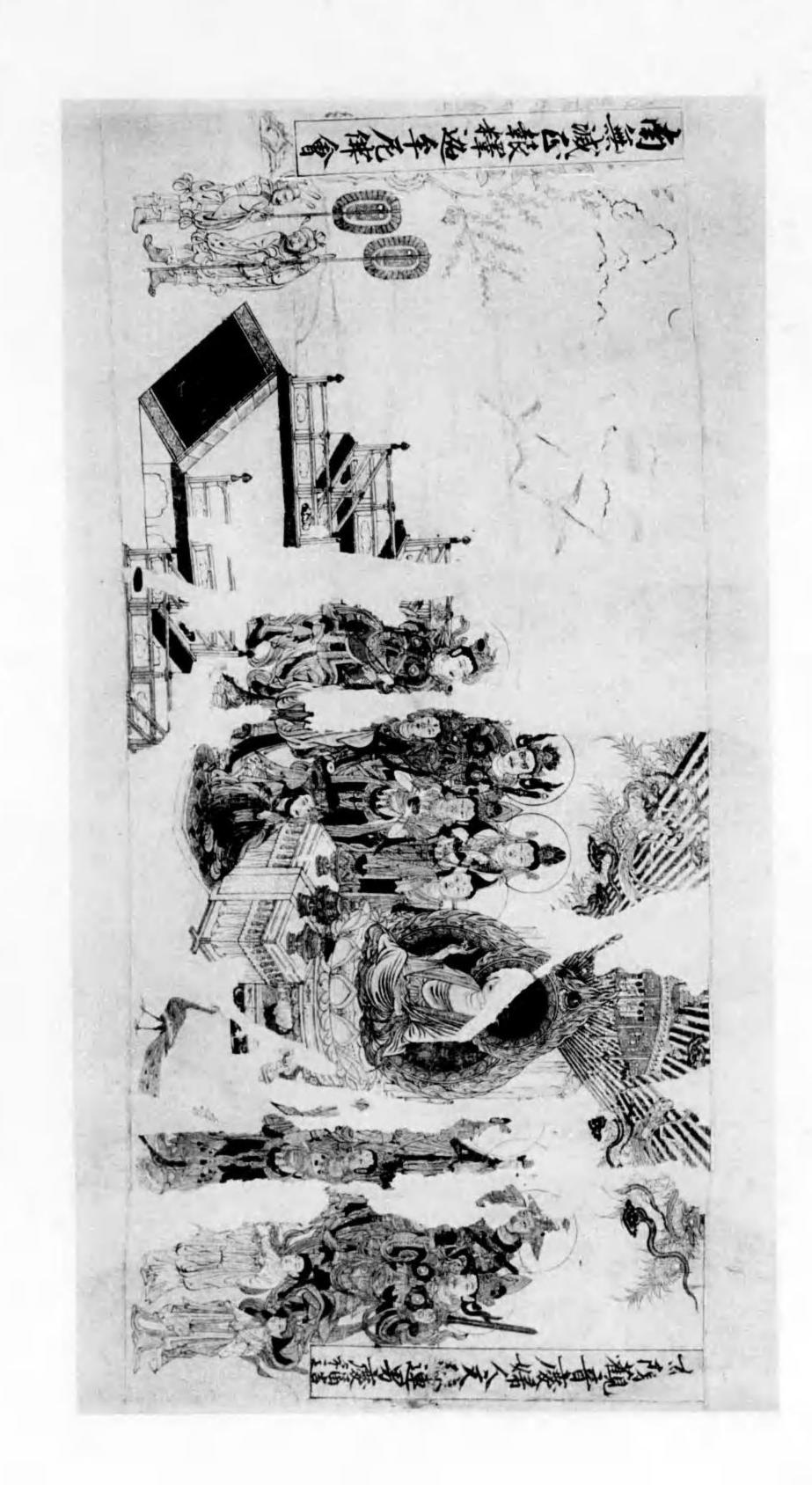


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THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

An illustration of Ts'ao Chili's poem "The Nymph of So River," after a fourth or fifth century design attributed to Ku K'ai-chih of the Chin dynasty. All across the foreground is a landscape of trees and flowers, with a graceful and eloquent figure standing near the right. In the middle distance are other figures, distributed across the composition, all together numbering five, while back of them a ferocious-looking being descends from the clouds.

CHINESE PAINTING. SECTION TWO. IN COLOR ON SILK.

An illustration of Ts'ao Chili's poem "The Nymph of the So River," after a fourth or fifth century design attributed to Ku K'ai-chih of the Chin dynasty. At left is a varied landscape bordering a stream, and at the centre is a thoughtful, contemplative figure facing the observer. Far at the right a group of four standing figures are beholding the scene, under the shelter of overhanging trees.

CHINESE PAINTING. SECTION FOUR. IN COLOR ON SILK.

From illustrations of Ts ao Chili's poem "The Nymph of the So River," after a fourth or fifth century design attributed to Ku K'ai-chih of the Chin dynasty. At left is a landscape of trees and knolls, which is continued at right and in the background, while in a cleared space toward the right appears a seated personage over whom an attendant holds an umbrella, and another person who stands near him.

At the left a long inscription of several columns, signed, and surrounded by five seals.







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PLATE V. CHINESE PAINTING. MAKIMONO. SECTION TWO.

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IN COLOR AND GOLD, ON SILK.

Size 75.4 × 12.2 inches.

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON. D. C.

Mongols, bringing tribute of horses. After an eighth century design attributed to Han Kan of the Tang dynasty. A file of horses moves toward the right, one in the lead just disappearing from sight. It is followed by a man who is leading another horse, a sturdy beast wearing an elaborate blanket. Back of this horse appear two men, one of them armed, and one bearded and leading another horse which wears a blanket embroidered with an active equestrian composition. At the top, to right, is an inscription with seal, and a large superimposed seal. At left is a two-column inscription with seal.

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Bodhisattva, or Bosatsu, with a raised chignon, the left knee erect, the head slightly lowered and the hands joined. It may be said that the face with full cheeks and the elegant posture display the ideal beauty of the fair sex in the T'ang dynasty. Mastering the extreme idealism, it is fascinating but not coquettish; it is beautiful but not vulgar, strictly retaining its own divinity. Therefore, the minute attention paid by the skilled artist can well be imagined.





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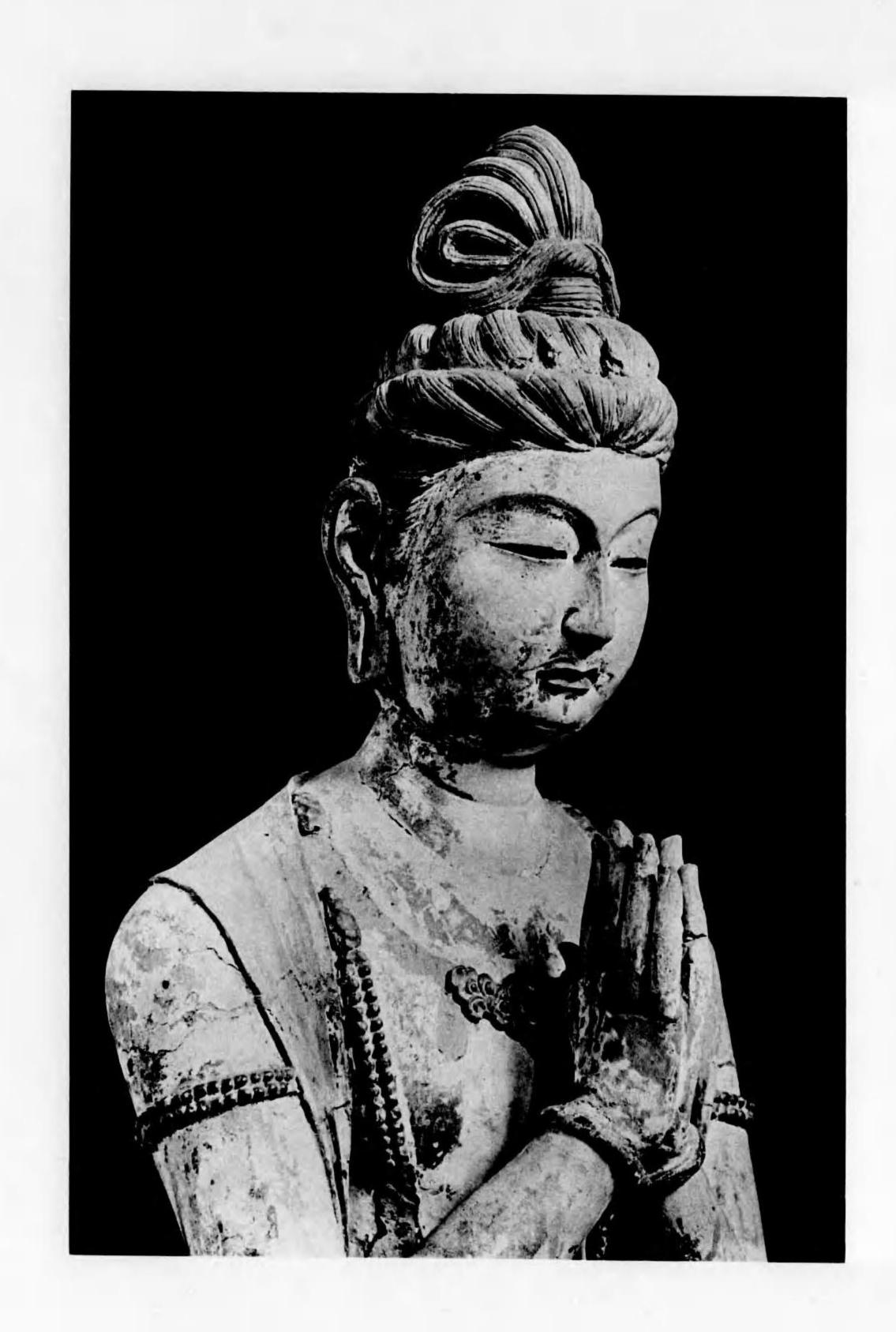


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PLATE IX. SÂKYAMUNI AND TWO ASSISTANTS (Bodhisattva), BRONZE.

SUI DYNASTY.

Height of Group on the Stand; 125 inches Width of Base; 58 inches

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The central Buddha is sitting up on an extra lotus-pedestal installed on a square base, and the two assistants, Bodhisattva, are supported on lotus-stem stands separated from the base. The one holds a half-open lotus-flower in the left hand, while the other carries a full-bloomed lotus-flower in the right hand. That the perfect equilibrium of the position, right and left, is maintained shows that it observes the style handed down from the Six Dynasties. From an inscription, it is known that these statues were made in the 17th year of K'ai Huang (597 A. D.) of the Sui dynasty.



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PLATE X. GILT BRONZE STATUETTE.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

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Standing figure of Kuan-yin, mounted on a circular bronze base which contracts gently to its broad bottom. The goddess is represented in particularly graceful figure, slender and slightly sinuous. Her upper figure is nude, and she wears a flowing skirt that is also clinging. Necklaces are conspicuous on her breast, and streamers falling from her shoulders yield graceful decorative lines which adorn the whole composition. Her left arm is extended, downward at full length, swinging free of the body, the wrist is bent and the hand, turned outward, supports a vase at the level of her shoulders. The vase is in the form of a pitcher, with a high loop handle and a small cover. A tall headdress rises over her plump features, which have the everlasting bewildering smile. The bronze has a soft and agreeable patina, from centuries of handling.

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PLATE XI. BRONZE BUDDHISTIC ORNAMENT.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height of figure and base, 9 inches; diameter of base, 4½ inches; total height to top of halo, 11½ inches.

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Figure of Kuan-yin, seated cross-legged on a lotus flower. Behind her a tall halo, ornamented in openwork with floral designs based on the conventional lotus. The lotus flower on which the Kuan-yin is sitting is supported on a foliate base whose top is pierced in floral design. This rests on an attached or fixed base of expanding form which rests on six legs with foliated feet. The Kuan-yin is finely modeled with great care and fine expression. Her garments received aqual care. Coated with a greyish patina and dense earthy incrustations. There are evidences that the piece was once gilded, and there are some remnants of ancient color.

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PLATE XII.

GILT BRONZE STATUETTE OF THE T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 8 inches, without stand.

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Buddha, seated in posture of preaching, or expounding the law, on a circular and ovoidal base. He is sitting in the usual cross-legged fashion. His feet and breast are nude and robes are draped over his shoulders and their folds expressively modeled and incised. His hands meet, turned, the one outward and the other inward, the thumb of the right hand in juxtoposition with the little finger of the left hand, the finger of both being spread in symbolic gesture before his breast. His hair is wavy, its dress culminating in a mounded topknot. His expression is one of benignant assurance and a broad human sympathy. Portions of the statuette exhibit still a brilliant gold surface. Other portions are clothed with a dense patina of olive green, partly covered by grayish earth encrustments.

PLATE XIII.

CHINESE GILT BRONZE SEAL.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length: 31 inches Width: 24 inches

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A flat plinth with straight sides, the top exhibiting a very slightly raised platform which supports an arched handle, the upper surface of which is beveled and shaped. The seal proper is carved in relief on a sunken ground, and exhibits a haloed figure of Buddha surmounted by a crown with an incense burner beneath his feet. At either side of the Buddha is a pagoda in similar relief. This is one of a pair of seals which were used to impress on the costume or other possession of pilgrims a certificate that they had visited the shrine.

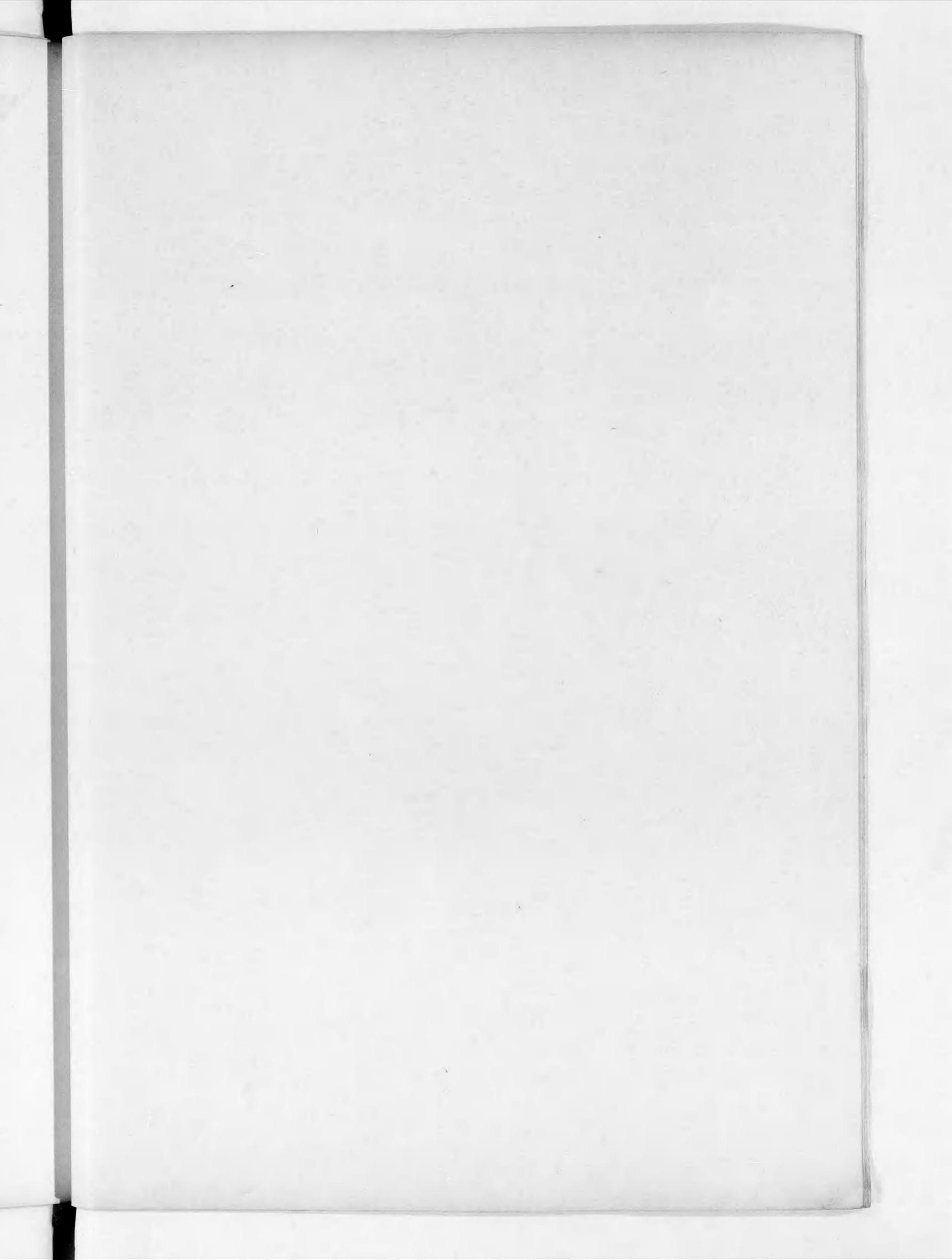








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T'ANG DYNASTY.

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Bosatsu or Bodhisattva is sitting up straight on a mortar-shaped lotus-pedestal placed on a square base; the left hand is stretched out; although the right hand is missing, the attitude of bending it upwards is discernible. The countenance is handsome and benevolent. The robes and the diadem are most elaborately carved. There is an inscription on the side of the base, which clearly mentions that it was executed in the 2nd year of Shên Lung (705-706 A.D.) in the reign of the Emperor Chung Tsung, the T'ang dynasty.

PLATE XV. SAKYAMUNI, OR BUDDHA. A SEATED STATUE.

STONE SCULPTURE.
SUI DYNASTY.
Height 42.3 inches

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

This statue has a correct poise of body, and its oval face assumes a classical smile. The robes, which are superposed, hang down the seat. The outer halo is boatshaped, and the head-halo is ornamented with lotus-petals encircled with honeysuckles, while the inner halo is decorated with lotus flowers and leaves, vis-a-vis, at the right and left sides. The flames are displayed all round the entire edge of the outer halo. A glance at this sculpture makes us think that it is an original specimen for our Buddhist carvings of the Asuka Period (circa 552-645 A.D.).





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PLATE XVI. SEATED STATUE OF MAITREYA

T'ANG DYNASTY.
SEATED FIGURE. STONE SCULPTURE.

Height; 12| inches. Width; 61 inches. Depth; 61 inches. THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

On a low lotus-pedestal made upon a square stone base with flowers carved in relief on the four sides, is seated the statue with the right hand softly touching the cheek and with the left hand placed on the knee. The halo is decorated with lotus-petals encircled with honeysuckles, to which are also added the "Ryuge" trees. It has a full face and figure, and its treatment is smooth, yet the traces of the Six Dynasties style are recognizable in the clothes. Perhaps, it was produced in the early Tang dynasty.

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PLATE XVII. BOSATSU OR BODHISATTVA.

STONE SCULPTURE.
T'ANG DYNASTY.

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The statue of Bosatsu stands on a mortar-formed lotus-pedestal, with the right foot somewhat drawn backwards and the body bent.

Through the robes, the lines of physical beauty are displayed. Its exquisite way of execution makes us involuntarily feel as if we were looking on the Grecian stone carving at the prime of its prosperity.

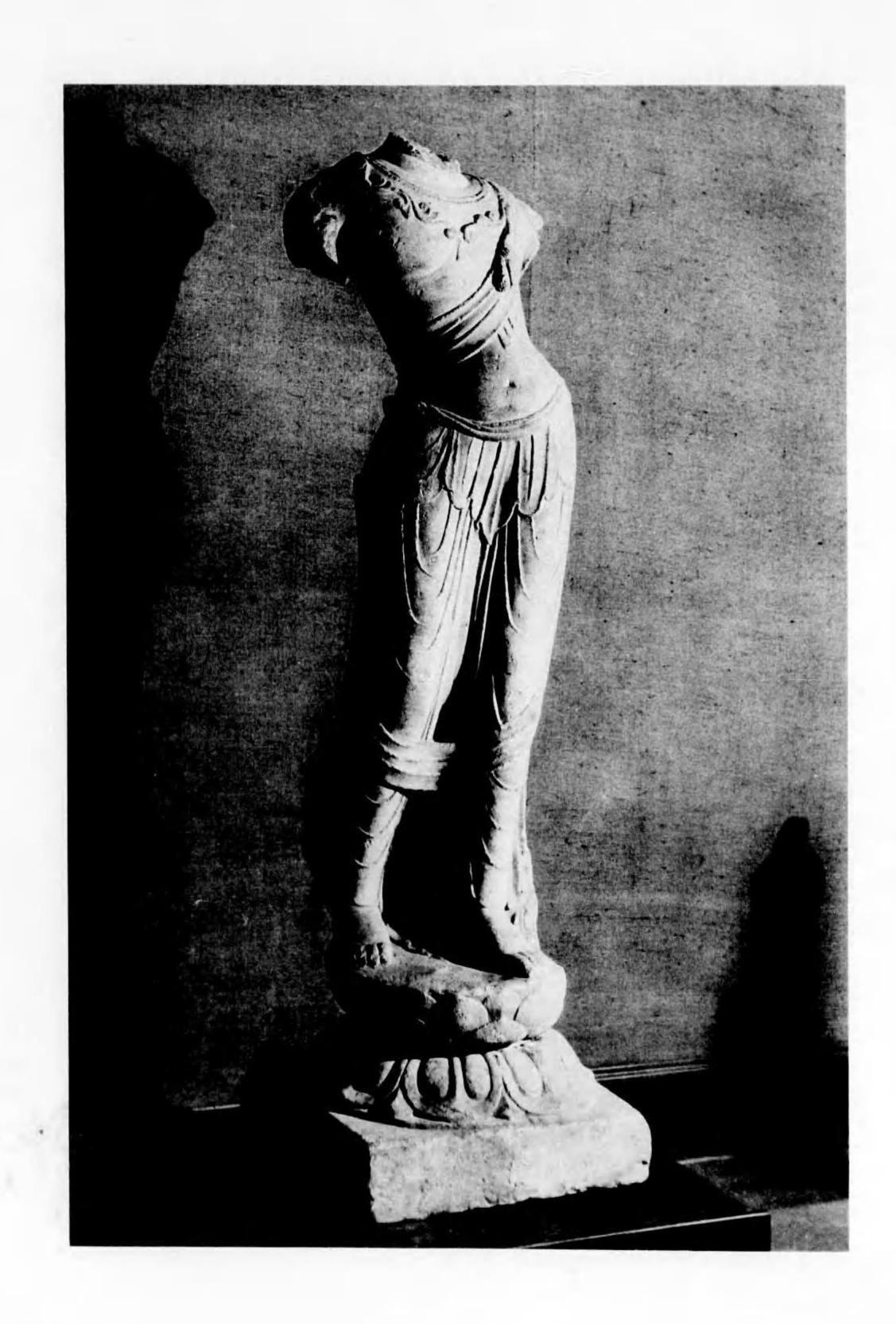


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PLATE XVIII. BOSATSU OR BODHISATTVA.

STONE SCULPTURE. T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height; 40½ inches.

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This figure shows the posture as follows:-

The upper part of the body is twisted; the left arm is stretched and the right arm is bent upwards. Though the head and the both arms are damaged, the spectator can not help but admiring the exquisite treatment of the work combined with the smooth beauty of stone.



PLATE XVIII.

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PLATE XIX. FOUR BOSATSU OR BODHISATTVA PLAYING MUSIC.

STONE SCULPTURE. T'ANG DYNASTY.

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PROCESSION OF THREE MUSICIANS AND ONE DANCER.

Height; 28% inches. Width; 26% inches. Depth; 6% inches.

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the wall are carved four Bodhisattva executed almost like a whole figure. The one Bodhisattva in the center is most perfect; the body is turned sideways; its head faces the front; a drum held in both hands is swung on the shoulder. The both arms of one of the two Bodhisattva in the rear are damaged, while the head and both arms of the other are also injured. Yet one can guess its posture playing a certain musical instrument. And the Bodhisattva at the left hand lacks the head and both arms; however, there is seen an apparent position of dancing, with the body bent and with the left foot raised. That they were produced in the prosperous T'ang dynasty can faintly be discerned from the full form and smooth as well as elegant robes.



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PLATE XX.

SÂKYAMUNI PREACHING A SERMON.

STONE CROSS-BEAM OF A GRAVE-ENTRANCE, CARVED IN FINE LINES.
T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height; 33 inches, Width; 52% inches, Depth; 6% inches.

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

A semicircle stone cross-beam of a grave-entrance, on the whole surface of which Sakyamuni preaching a sermon is finely carved. In the front is shown Sakyamuni; on the right and left sides are placed in order, in the Mandala style, the Four Maharajas of Heaven (represented by one), Brahman, Indra, all the Bodhisattvas and Arhats. The carving is so minutely executed that it looks as if painted with a brush.

PLATE XXI.

JÜICHIMEN KWANNON (Eleven-headed Kwannon),

EKADASMUKHA AVALOKITÊSVARA.

STONE SCULPTURE. TANG DYNASTY.

Height; 27% inches.

THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

This is a monument-formed figure representing Ekadasmukha Avalokitesvara, carved in high-relief, holding a lotus-flower in the right hand. The halo, appearing like a shrine, is carved with Chinese flowers and the flames, to which is also added a flying angel on the upper part of the right and left sides. That it is made in a dignified and elegant manner is sufficient to excite the thought of reverence.





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PLATE XXII.

FIGURES AND FLORAL DESIGN. CROSS-BEAM OF A GRAVE-ENTRANCE.

STONE SCULPTURE. T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height 281 inches, Width 631 inches, Depth 91 inches.

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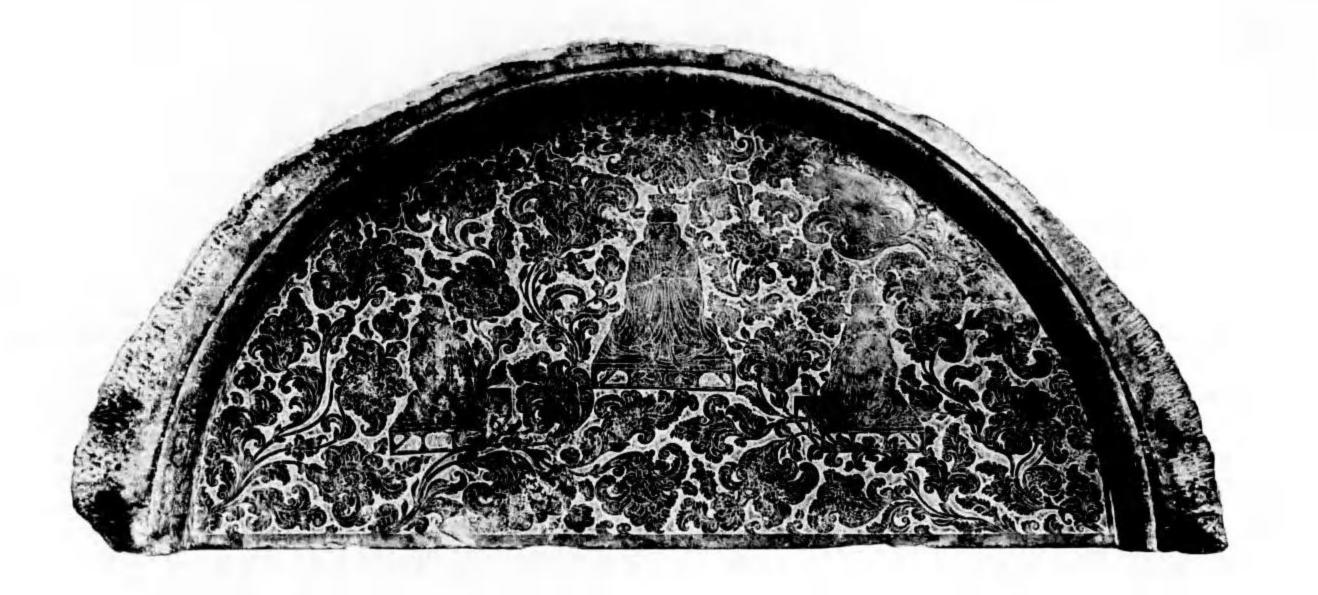
It is semicircular, and its permitter is jutted out high. The entire inner part is covered with a charming floral design; at the center and the right and left sides are shown three figures thought to be taoists seated on the floor. This kind of floral design is frequently recognized on the side of the grave-stones in the T'ang dynasty. This is no doubt a T'ang work too.

PLATE XXIII. KWANNON OR AVALOKITÉSVARA.

STONE SCULPTURE. T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height 191 inches, Width 201 inches, Depth 4 inches THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In a medallion or circle in the center of a square slab is carved in bas-relief Yōryū-Kwannon (Willow Avalokitesvara), under which are inscribed the Kwannon's charm and a history of the carving at the left side. According to the inscription, it is evident that the Emperor Hui-tsung had it carved by a stone-carver in the 2nd year of Chao Shêng (1095 A.D.) on obtaining a Kwannon painting by Wu-tao-tzu of T'ang. Although it is carved after a model, the traces of Buddhist paintings by Wu-tao-tzŭ may well be perceived.





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PLATE XXIV. POTTERY FIGURINE

T'ANG DYNASTY.

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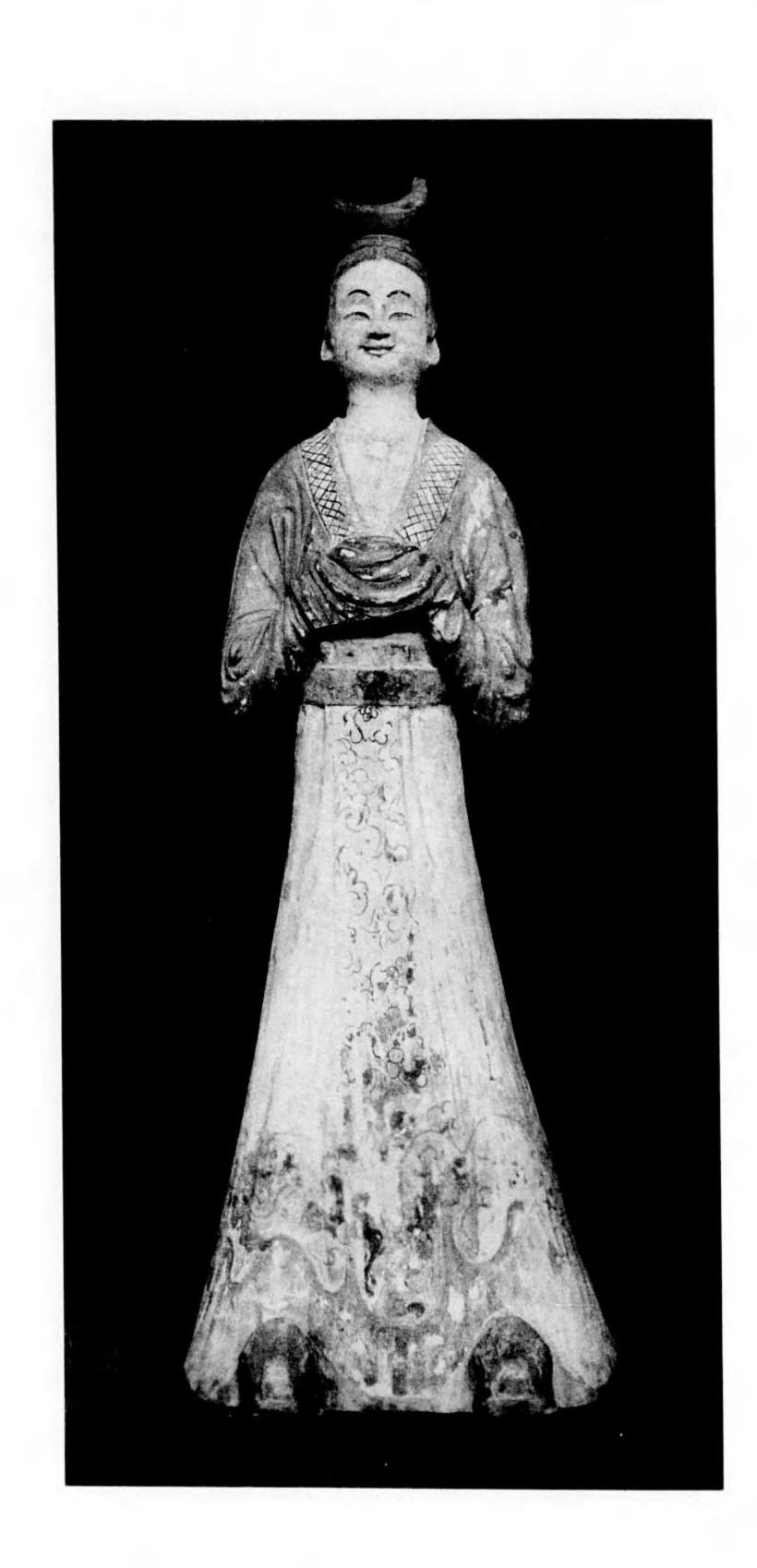
Slender figure of a standing and very modern-appearing young woman of smiling visage, wearing the traditional headdress. Her elbows close to her hips are sharply bent, and her hands raised to her breast are folded before it and concealed beneath folds. Her waist has a deep V-shaped opening at the neck, and a broad ornamental border marking it. Below a belt of moderate width her straight skirt exposes a moderate floral ornamentation. Unglazed, but exhibits soft coloring of red and greenish tones.

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PLATE XXV. CLAY FEMALE FIGURE.

GREEN, BROWN AND YELLOW. T'ANG DYNASTY.

MR. HOYT COLLECTION, FOGG MUSEUM, HARVARD COLLEGE.

The figure represents a beautiful lady with a phenixshaped chignon, a long green skirt and a brown scarf over the left shoulder. Her undershirt, sleeve and shoes are yellow, while her head, face and hat are unglazed. She sits on a stool and holds a twig of flowers in her hand. It does not fail to be one of the excellent clay figures of the T'ang dynasty.



PLATE XXV. CLAY FEMALE FIGURE

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PLATE XXVI. HEN-HEADED CLAY "Hu P'ing" PITCHER.

THREE COLORS. T'ANG DYNASTY.

MR. HOYT COLLECTION, FOGG MUSEUM, HARVARD COLLEGE.

This pitcher is long-necked and hen-headed, supplied with a curved handle and a high base. It is called "Hu P'ing." Among the lacquer-wares preserved in the Shōsōin (Imperial Treasure House) and the gold-bronze wares handed down to the Hōryūji Temple, both of Nara, are found some articles of this kind. The present ware is of a graceful workmanship; those imitation designs and coarse glaze frequently noticed in the clay Hu P'ing are no match to it, deserving appreciation to a wide extent.

PLATE XXVII. BLUE CLAY JAR.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

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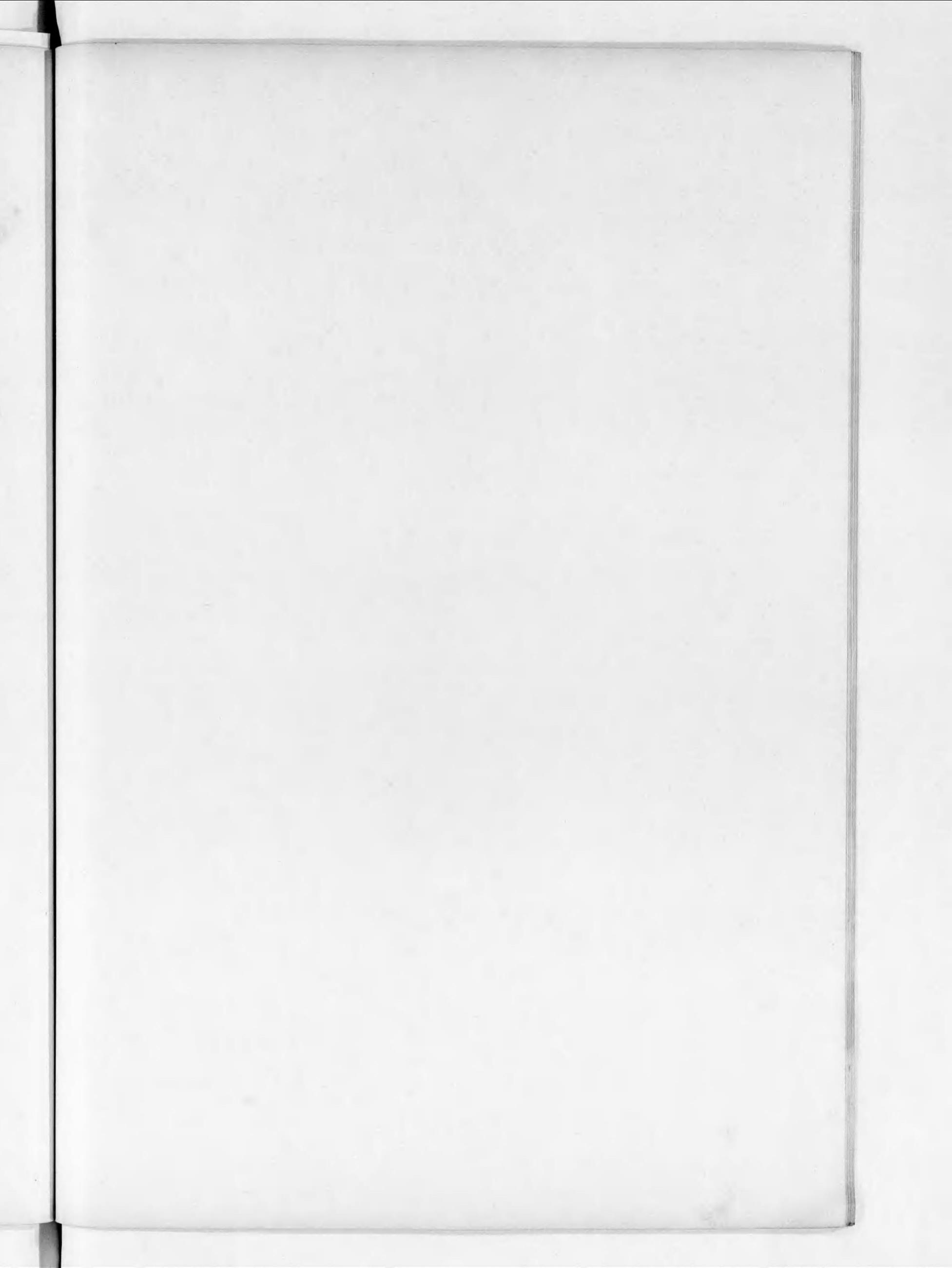
The lid and body of this ware are mottled of blue glaze, and its neat spiritedness outrivals the handsome carved decoration.

PLATE XXVIII. BLUE CLAY POWDER BOX.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

MR. HOYT COLLECTION, FOGG MUSEUM, HARVARD COLLEGE.

The body of this ware is encircled with corniced rings, and the cover as well as the body are glazed blue and white, one upon the other, while between the spaces of which mottled spots are spread by themselves.









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PLATE XXIX. POTTERY CUP

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 3 inches; diameter, 3\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches.

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

Inverted bell shape with expanding lip and short spreading foot. The embryonic neck encircled by a molded ring. Two other rings surround the body. The exterior coated with a soft greenish glaze and the interior with a mustard-yellow glaze, both glazes only slightly lustrous. Within the rim the yellow glaze exhibits a slight welter of darker hue.

PLATE XXX. SHALLOW POTTERY DISH

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 2 inches; diameter, 9^t inches.

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Circular, resting on the flat bottom without feet. Short ovoidal side and flat lip. Coated with a mottled glaze of soft brilliancy, exhibiting colors of emerald-green, a burnt tawny yellow and soft gray-white. Under the glaze an incised hexafoil figure enclosing a rosette of trefoils, at the centre of the bottom.





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PLATE XXXI. BLUE CLAY BASIN WITH FLORAL PATTERN.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

MR. E. B. DANE COLLECTION.

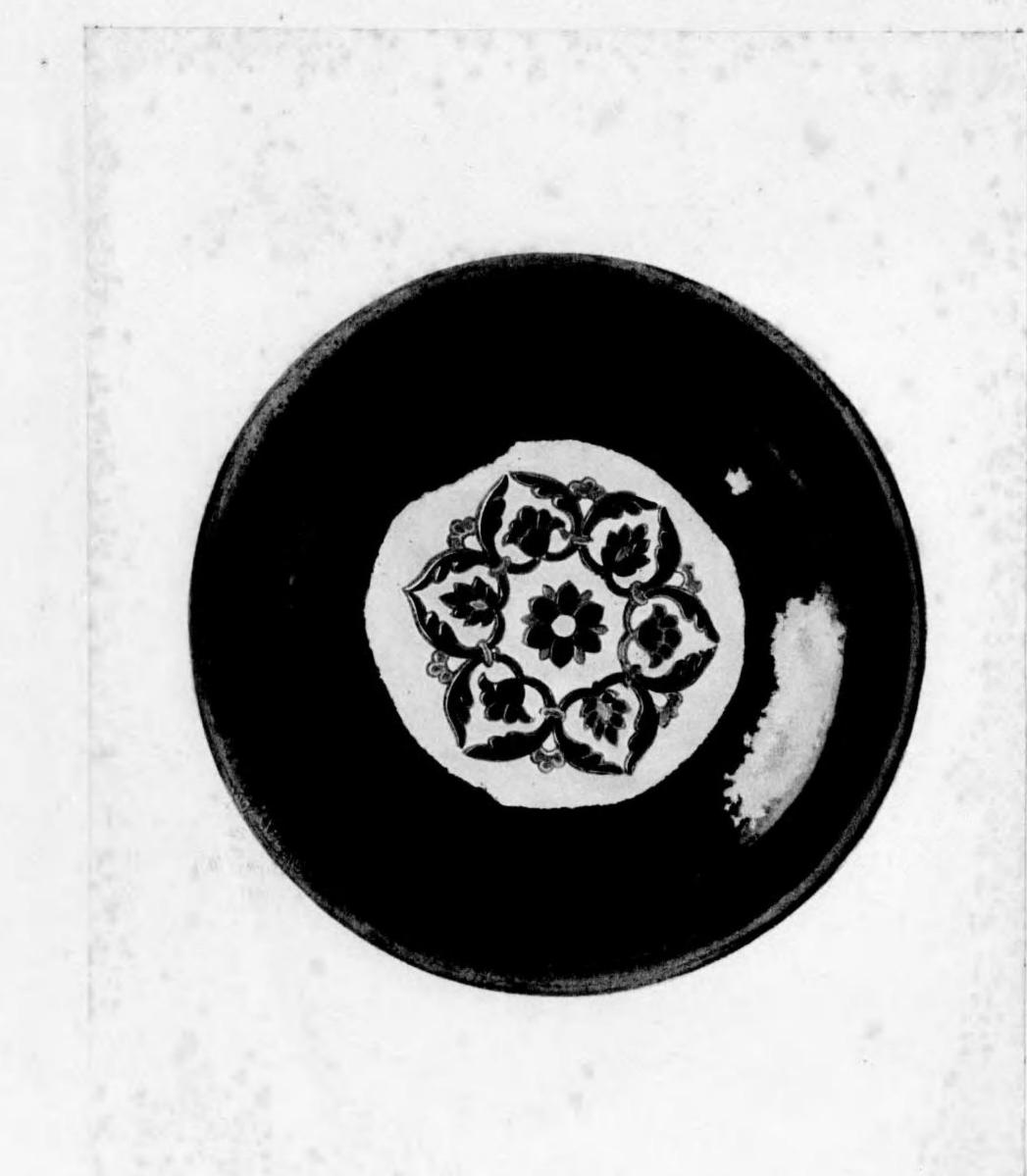
In the center of the basin are displayed charming flowers in blue and brown, the rest being covered all ovep with blue color. Therefore, the patterns look as if distinctly floated in the vessel, and the clever design of this basin has a close resemblance to a piece owned by Mr. G. Eumorfopoulos.

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PLATE XXXII. POTTERY TRIPOD DISH.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 13 inches; Diameter, 61 inches.

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

Tazza shape, the shallow bowl having a narrow flat brim, the dish being supported on three short and spreading feet. Coated with a marbleized glaze of yellow and dark brown notes which make flower motives.

PLATE XXXIII. POTTERY PLATE.

SUNG DYNASTY.

Height, 3 inches; Diameter, 83 inches.

FROM THE FREER GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Narrow rim and shallow cavetto, which exhibits decoration modeled in relief and displaying soft coloring of dark and light tones, yeilding a strong contrast. The design matters not, but displays floral forms and bird suggestions within a foliated medallion. The rim is plain. Zu-chow ware, with the characteristic glaze of red, green and yellow.





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T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 13 inches; diameter, 6 inches

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Traditional shape, with slender cylindrical body expanding at the ends.

Painted in soft white and glazed over the white, with underglaze decoration of conventional floral forms reserved in the white within a ground of rich and deep seal-brown. Over parts of the glaze an incipient iridescence, with grayish earthy incrustations. At one extremity parts of the biscuit exposed.



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PLATE XXXV. TEA BOWL, CHIEN WARE.

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The base of this tea-bowl is small and low. Except the outside portion near the bottom, the whole is glazed in brownish-black and is spotted with iron-powder flecks. It is a so-called wine-cup mentioned in the records entitled the "Kundaikwansayūchōki". Compared with the dark-purple kind, this style is much more tasteful; especially, the present example makes us think that it is an excellent piece at a glance.

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PLATE XXXVI. POTTERY INCENSE BURNER WITH COVER

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, with cover, 53 inches; diameter, 35 inches

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

Wide cylindrical body, on a short thin neck supported on a deep, broad and spreading foot. Cover in accord, with a flattened pointed-knob finial. Both box and cover coated with a marbleized glaze of light tawny yellow, with straitions of a kindred brownish note.

PLATE XXXVII. SAWARI BRONZE SACRIFICIAL DISH

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 23 inches; diameter, 65 inches; diameter with spout, 75 inches.

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

Short, robust body with recurving sides, on a short and lightly spreading foot; expanding lip. From the lip at one point extends a short and open, trough-like. The whole encased in a soft grayish and greenish patina, intermingled with a smooth gray patina of quiet lustre.







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PLATE XXXVIII. SILVER STANDING CUP

T'ANG DYNASTY. Diameter, 23 inches; height, 12 inches METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Recurving sides and expanding rim; short and slender stem with wide expanding foot. Engraved decoration of conventional floral scroll, occupying one-half of the depth of the sides.

PLATE XXXIX. SILVER WINE CUP

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 21 inches; height 11 inches METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Sides recurving from a hexafoil foot, and modeled in accord, and short expanding lip. Decoration hammered out from within and lightly incised, its design a floral scroll on a tooled ground. Encircling the body midway of the sides is a bold molding forced out from within.

PLATE XL. SMALL SILVER BOWL

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diamteer, 3\frac{3}{4} inches; height 1\frac{1}{4} inches

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

The sides expand in recurving petal-form from a short spreading foot, the petals carefully modeled and their outlinegiving a wavy or scalloped rim. Hammered and incised decoration of the interior, its feautures also visible on the exterior, the designs conventional floral scrolls, and a five-petal medallion centred by a blossom in relief.



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PLATE XLI. SILVER LADLE

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 131 inches; diameter of bowl, 38 inches

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Bowl modeled in the form of a deeply cupped leaf, its various petals boldly indicated. The long curving handle starts flat from the bowl, becomes narrower as it extends, and takes on a slightly swelled upper surface, finishing in the conventional dragon's-head, boldly modeled.

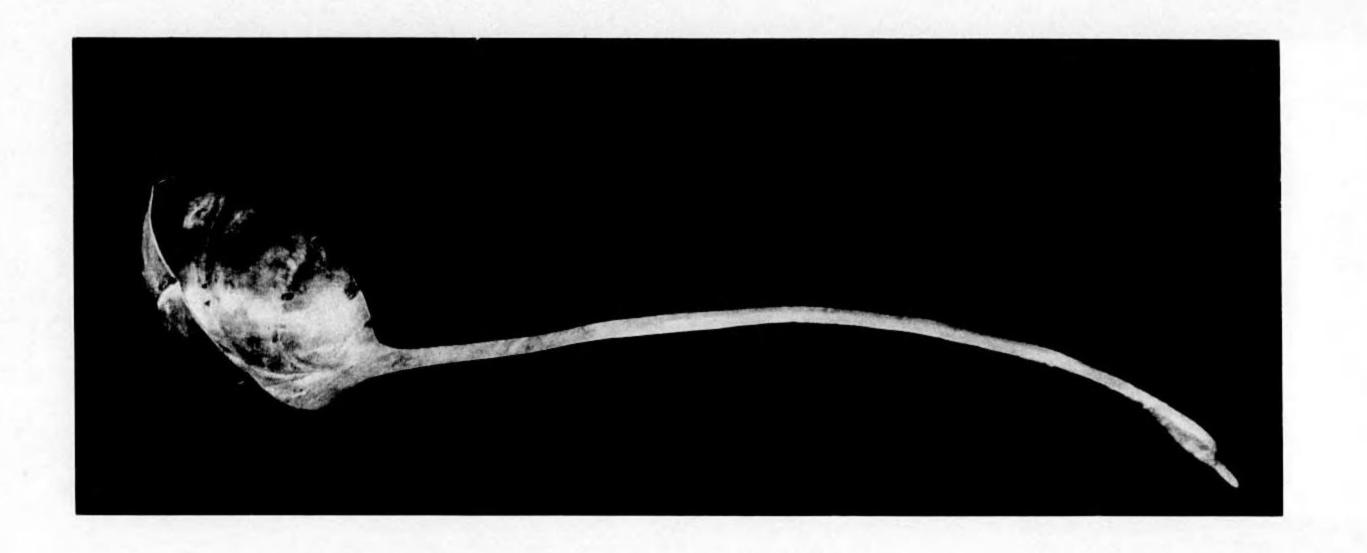
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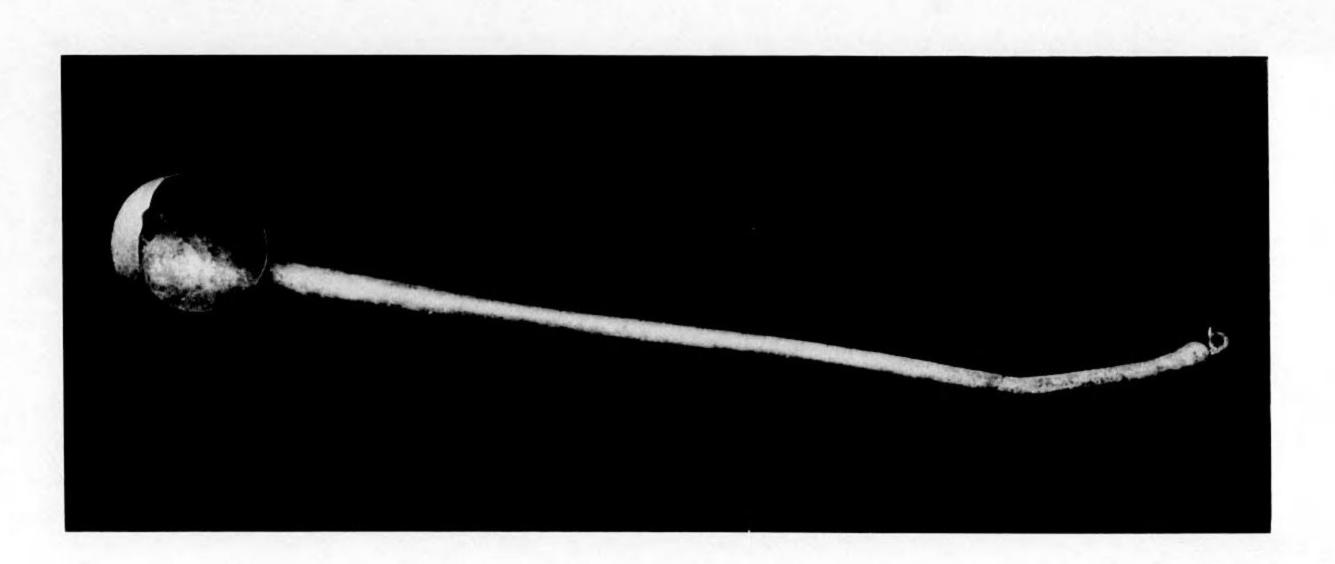
T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 16½ inches; diameter of bowl, 2 inches

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Silver covered with white metal. A most unusual production. Small globular bowl, the rim at the opposite extremity from the handle being drawn out to a very slight degree and bent downwards in a pointed tip. Long, hollow handle, attenuating slightly and curving downward or outward to an expanding bulbous end from which springs a tendril of a gourd vine resembling the curls of a pig's tail.





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PLATE XLIII. SAWARI BRONZE INCENSE BURNER WITH HANDLE.

TANG DYNASTY.

Length, with handle, 103 inches; Diameter of bowl, 3 inches; Height of bowl, 2 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

The incense burner a small bowl, circular, with recurving sides and narrow flat rim, standing on an expanding circular foot with short post. The bowl is ornamented only with its dense greenish patina. The under edge of the foot is scalloped. The long wavy handle is in the form of an archaic dragon and is partly flat and partly half-round, with the form of the body conventionally modeled, and its head slightly bulbous. The patina covers the whole dragon.

PLATE XLIV. SILVER LADLE.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 101 inches; Diameter of bowl, 21 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Oval bowl or spoon almost flat, the handle leaving it flat and narrow and being drawn out to slender proportions with its upper surface slightly rounded. Ending with the slightly conventional archaic dragon-head.

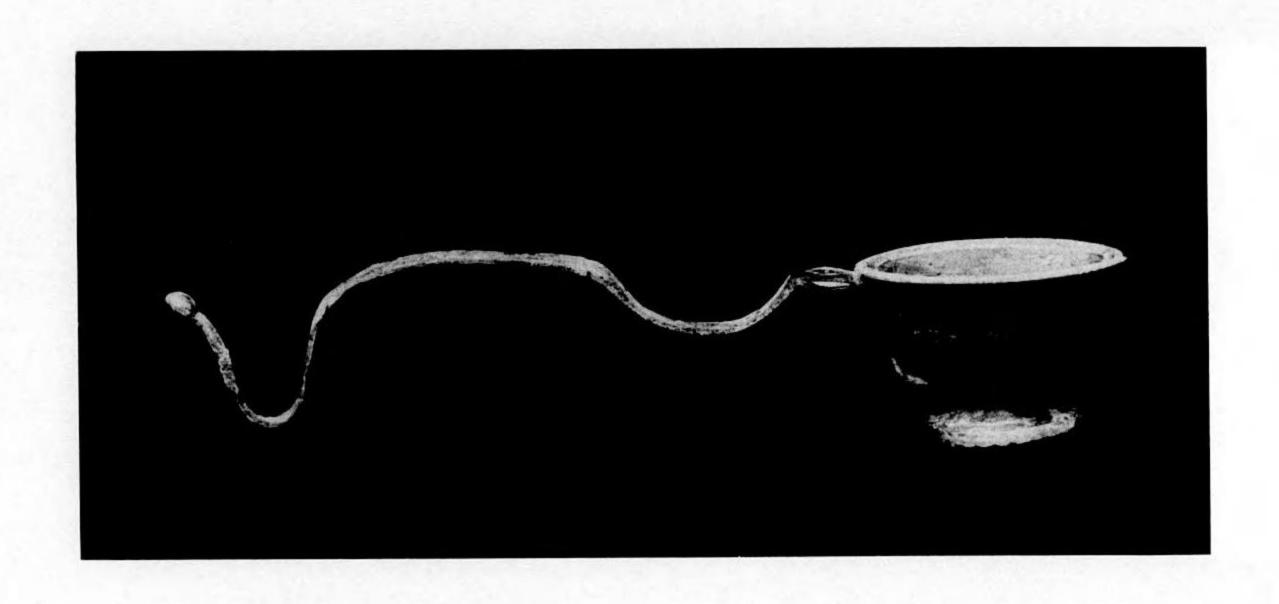
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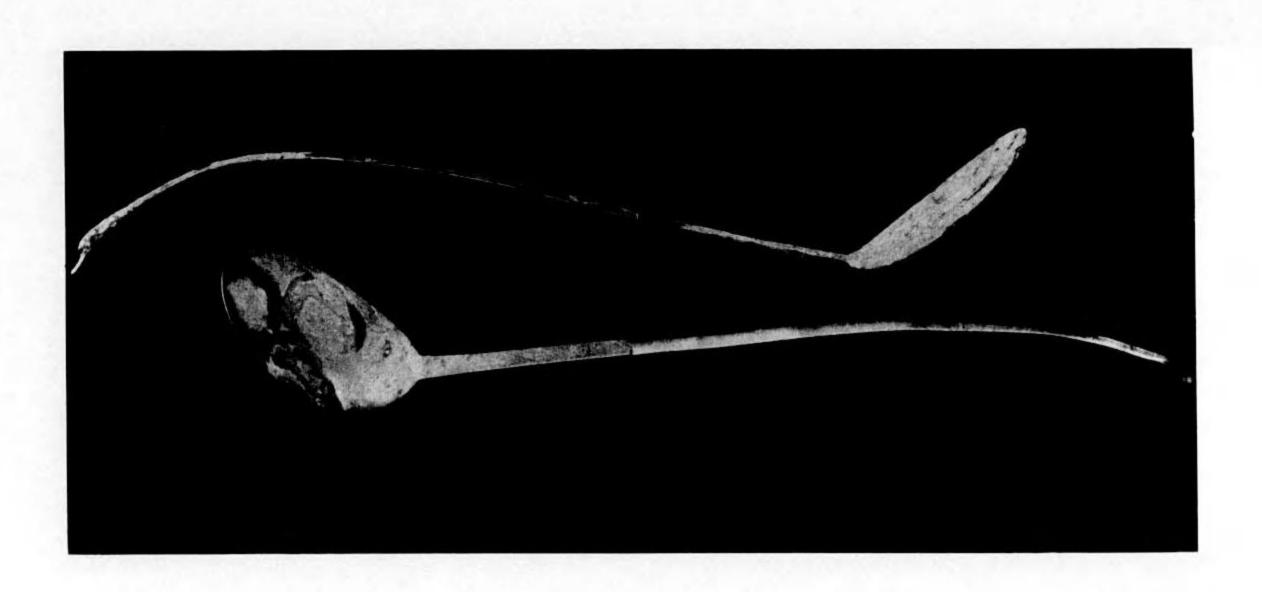
T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 10[‡] inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

The oval spoon a scoop almost flat. From this the slender flat handle extends, being attenuated as it is drawn out from the bowl or spoon, and finishes in an archaic dragon-head. The whole is covered with dense grayish and greenish aerugo, save for a few patches of the surface where the silver comes to view.





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PLATE XLVI. SILVER PEAR-SHAPED VASE.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 103 inches; Diameter of mouth, 12 inches; Diameter of foot, 3 inches;

Diameter of body, 6 inches.

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

The short tapering neck ending in a straight lip, at the beginning of a new expansion. Short foot. The entire surface of the vase tooled, the ornamentation appearing in slight relief and incised. At its root the neck is encircled by a plain band, and by another a little higher up. Between them is a band of floral diaper exhibiting hexagonal figures, and on the upper part of the neck is conventional scrolled ornamentation. The body of the vase is modeled and engraved in designs of flowers and scrolls, executed at once with boldness and modesty and great attractiveness. Around the fullness of the body is a band of blossom scroll of chrysanthemum pattern, and the lower body shows a deep border of lotus petals. Encircling the short foot is a narrow border of angular scroll.



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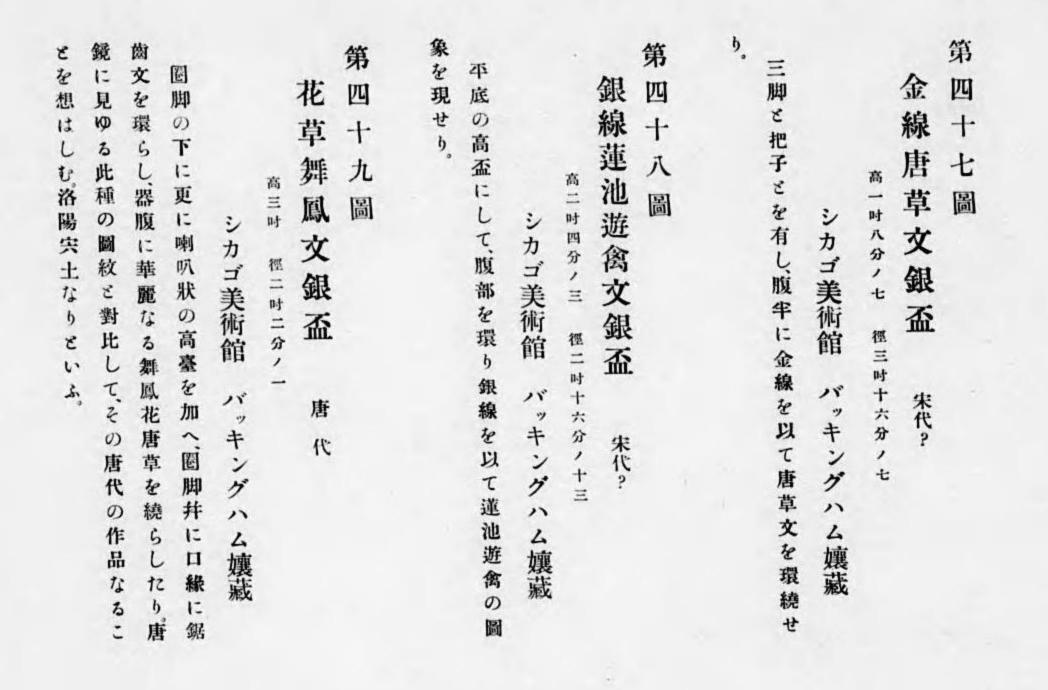


PLATE XLVII. TRIPOD SILVER CUP; GOLD FILIGREED FLOWERS.

T'ANG DYNASTY?

Height 17 inches, Diameter 37 inches.

MISS K. S. BUCKINGHAM, THE CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE.

It has three legs and a handle, and the central part of its body is encircled with gold-filigreed flowers.

PLATE XLVIII. SILVER CUP; SILVER FILIGREED DUCKS PLAYING IN A LOTUS POND. SUNG DYNASTY?

Height 27 inches, Diameter. 218 inches.

MISS K. S. BUCKINGHAM, THE CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE.

The cup is tall and flat-bottomed; around the center of the body is shown a design of ducks playing in a lotus-pond in silver filigree.

PLATE XLIX. SILVER GOBLET; FLOWERS AND PHENIX.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height 3 inches, Diameter 21 inches.

MISS K. S. BUCKINGHAM. THE CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE.

It is supported on a trumpet-shaped stand which is added under its round base. The lip and the base are decorated with saw-teethed patterns and the body with a handsome phenix. Compared wtih these kinds of design found on T'ang mirrors, we should take it for a work of the T'ang dynasty, and it is said to have come from Loyang.









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PLATE L. SILVER WINE CUP; DESIGN, FLOWERS AND PHENIX.

ACTUAL SIZE. T'ANG DYNASTY.

MRS. HOLMES COLLECTION.

The Wine Cup is elongated, somewhat spread at the upper part, making an octagonal form. It has a round base and a handle. That the harmony of the straight and the curved lines is extremely good may rightly be said. The patterns are very elegantly incised, showing the handsome flowers and grass, besides a flying phenix in the front.

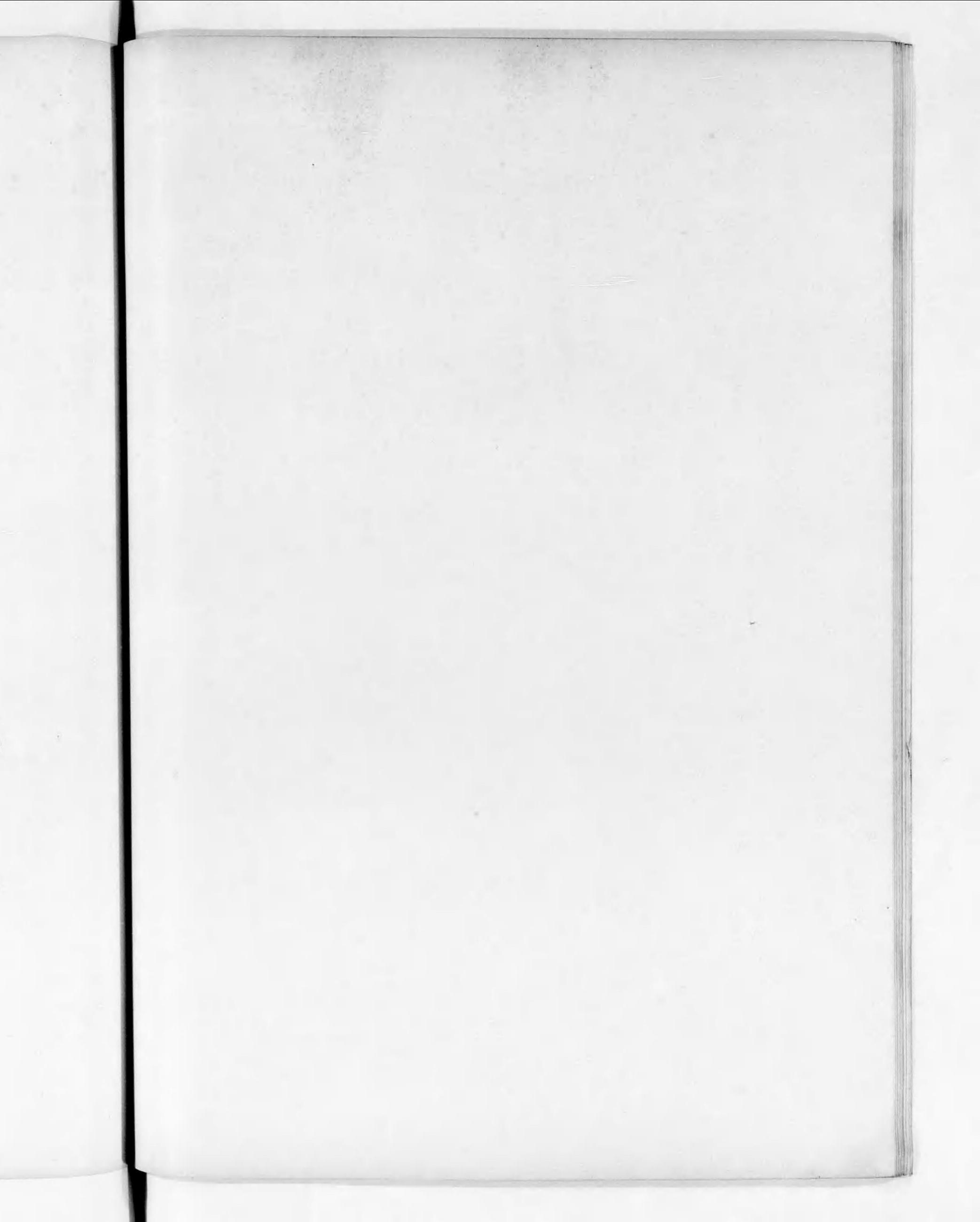
PLATE LI. SILVER HEIDATSU SHELL DISH.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 4 inches.

MR. C. B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

A natural clamshell, one-half, the exterior encased in silver openwork, the design of the openwork ornamentation exhibiting two figures in sprightly postures, and floral scrolls.





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PLATE LII. BEATEN GOLD CUP.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 23 inches; Diameter, 3 inches; Length with handle, 35 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM,

Globular on a short expanding foot; heavily molded lip. On one side a handle in the form of an exquisitely molded lion, ascending, which is biting the lip of the cup. There are indications that a similar handle adorned the opposite side and the model of the cup is perfect for a two-handled cup. Under the lip is a narrow band of molding in floral scroll design, hammered out from the inner side.

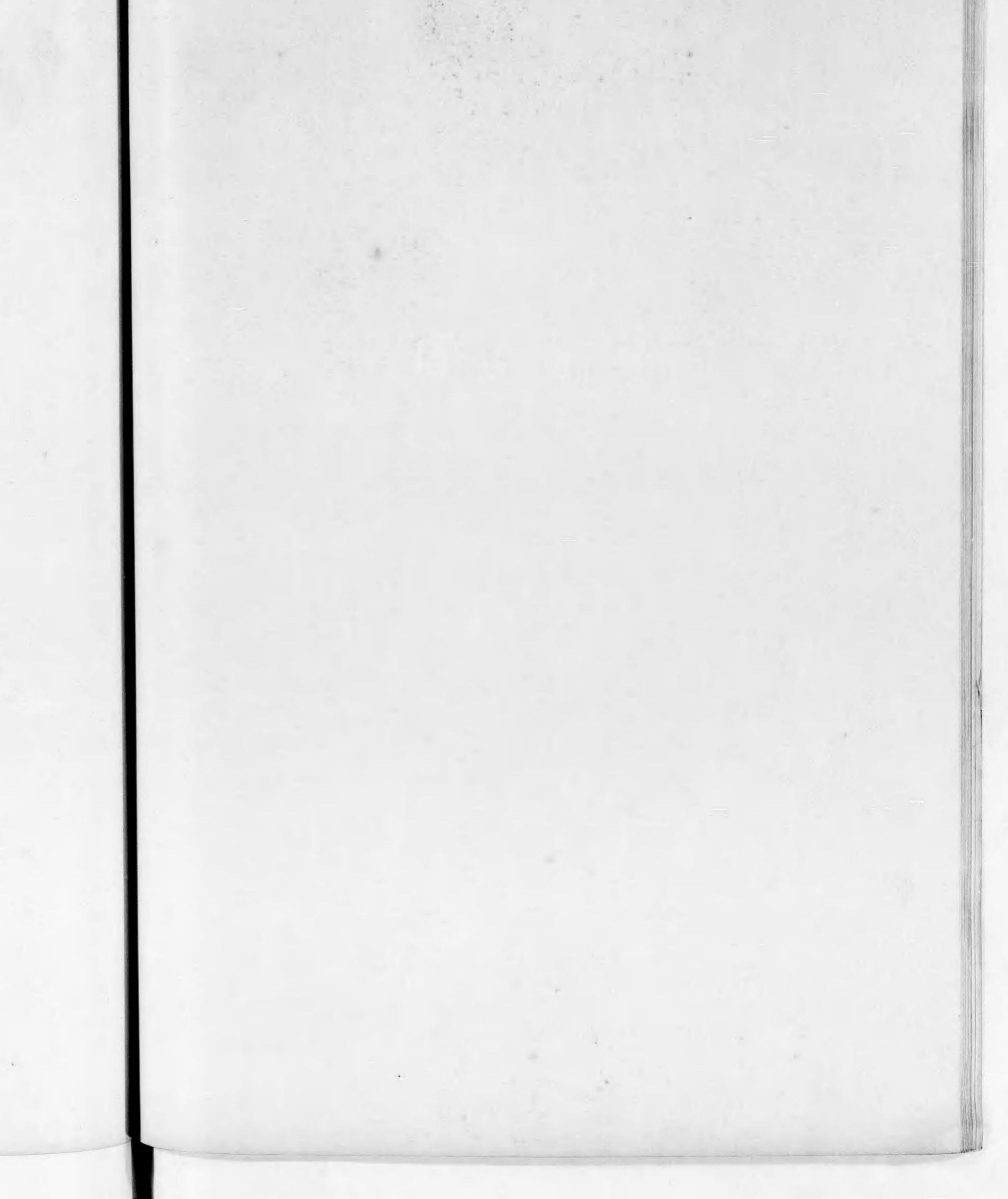
PLATE LIII. GILT BRONZE ORNAMENT.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height of flower, 3% inches; With stem, 6 inches; Total Height, 7% inches; Diameter of flower, 41 inches.

METROPOLIAN MUSEUM.

Lotus flower mounted on a gilt bronze stem which rests on a square wooden base. The flower is formed in individual petals, one side of which was originally painted vermilion, vestiges of the painting still remaining. The stem is hexagonal, the top spreading in four sections.







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PLATE LIV. GILT BROZE POWDER BOX AND COVER.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Height, 18 inches: diameter, 21 inches.

MR. CHARLES B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

The box, circular and shallow, with ovoidal sides, box and cover of equivalent proportions. The ornamentation is of gilt and stands out in flat relief, exhibiting the patterns of flowers and leaves, and conventional designs. Partly coated with a dense dark patina, which is relieved by bright patches where handling has kept the gold polished. In the interior, patches of greenish patina.

PLATE LV. GOLD HEIDATSU SHELL DISH.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 31 inches.

MR. CHARLES B. HOYT'S COLLECTION.

A natural shell, of one-half clam shape, the exterior ornamented with gold. The decoration is in the manner of blossoms, and stands out in low relief.

PLATE LVI. GILT BRONZ RULER.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 121 inches; width, 1 of one inch.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM MR. G. L. WINTHROPE COLLECTION.

Flat, straight strip of metal, both upper and lower surfaces lightly etched with conventional floral designs, into which the gold has been forced. Now largely overladen with gray, brownish and green patina from which the areas which retain their gold stand boldly cut.

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PLATE LVII. SILVER BALL.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 27 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

At top a small loop for suspension. Divided equatorially and hinged, with clasp opposite the hinge. The entire surface in cut-work, the designs being flowers and birds. For use as an incense ball.

PLATE LVIII. SMALL SILVER BOX AND COVER.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 25 inches; height, 5 of one inch.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Circular and cylindrical, the box and cover joined by a short chain of four links. Both upper and lower surfaces slightly mounded and exhibiting repoussé ornamentation of conventional floral designs. Rude ornamentation hammered about the circumference. The box exhibits remnants of gold plating, and on one surface patches of greenish aerugo.

PLATE LIX. SILVER ROUGE BOX WITH COVER

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 25 inches; height, 13 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Circular, with dome cover and equivalent lower section, which meet a short cylindrical midsection. All-over decoration, incised and reserved in a diapered ground, the design a blossom and floral scroll.

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PLATE LX. MIRROR; MARINE ANIMALS AND GRAPES PATTERNS.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

MRS. C. R. HOLMES COLLECTION.

In the inner section, six animals are encircling an animal knob, while in the outer section birds are flying and horses are running like a revolving lantern. The edge is decorated with a floral band, and all over the rest of the spaces grapes are scattered. The carving is clear and detailed, impressing us that it was produced in the prosperous days of ehe T'ang.

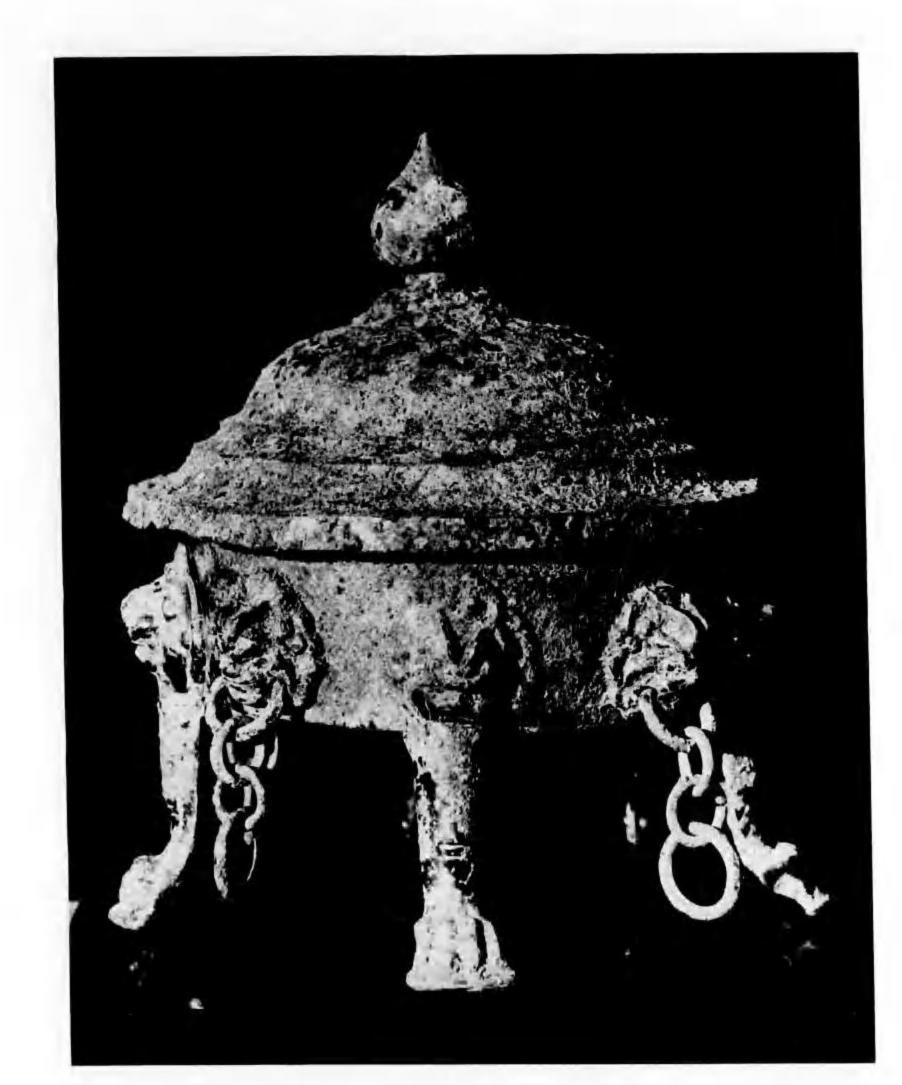
PLATE LXI. GILT BRONZE INCENSE BURNER WITH COVER.

TANG DYNASTY.

MRS. C. R. HOLMES COLLECTION.

A circular and shallow basin supported on five legs with lion-heads, and sustaining. besides, four lion-masks worked in high relief and each supporting a chain of four links. The cover is dome-shaped, of graceful model, and its rim projects a considerable distance beyond the bowl. It is surmounted by a pointed-knob finial on a base worked in relief. Bright gold surface with greenish patina and earthy incrustations.





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PLATE LXII. BRONZE MIRROR.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

MRS. C. R. HOLMES COLLECTION.

Circular, the back adorned in a circular centre, surrounded by a band of other ornamentation, all wrought in high relief. The outer circle displays plump birds and butterflies, and bunches of grapes, and the inner circle lions and the flying phoenix, similarly worked, with more bunches of grapes. The whole has a fine soft and variegated patina, with incidental earthy incrustation.

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PLATE LXIII. BRONZE MIRROR

T'ANG DYNASTY.

MRS. C. R. HOLMES COLLECTION.

Polyfoliate, with points directed outward and alternate points directed inward. The broad flat rim decorated in relief with floral scrolls and butterflies. This band of ornamentation encloses a central circular field adorned in relief with quadrupeds, rampant, and flying phoenixes, together with floral scrolls.



PLATE LXIV. BRONZE MIRROR.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 5% inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Ornamentation in bold relief picturing the hare pounding out the elixir of life in the moon, and on the opposite side of a tall tree the human lady who tricked the gods into giving her immortality, which they then could not take away.

PLATE LXV. BRONZE MIRROR.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 8½ inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Circular, of polyfoliate perimeter and molded edge. Decorated in bold relief with figures of mounted bowmen, both their horses headed toward the right, and with figures of flying geese and long-tailed birds. These appear in a large medallion, which is encompassed by a border of flowers and birds on the wing. Silvery and dense greenish patina.





PLATE LXVI. GOLD ORNAMENTS.

MRS. C. R. HOLMES COLLECTION.

Four gold ornaments applique from royal garments, excavated from the tomb of the Empress-wife of the Emperor Kuang Wu Ti (A. D. 25-27) at Ma Po Tsun, at the foot of Mang Shan, the Dragon Mountain, six Chinese miles north of Lo Yang in the Province of Honan, on the 29th of June in the 14th year of the Republic (1925).

The applique ornaments, all of fine sheet gold, are figures of a man, a bear, a phoenix and an archaic dragon, precisely cut out, with some conventionality.









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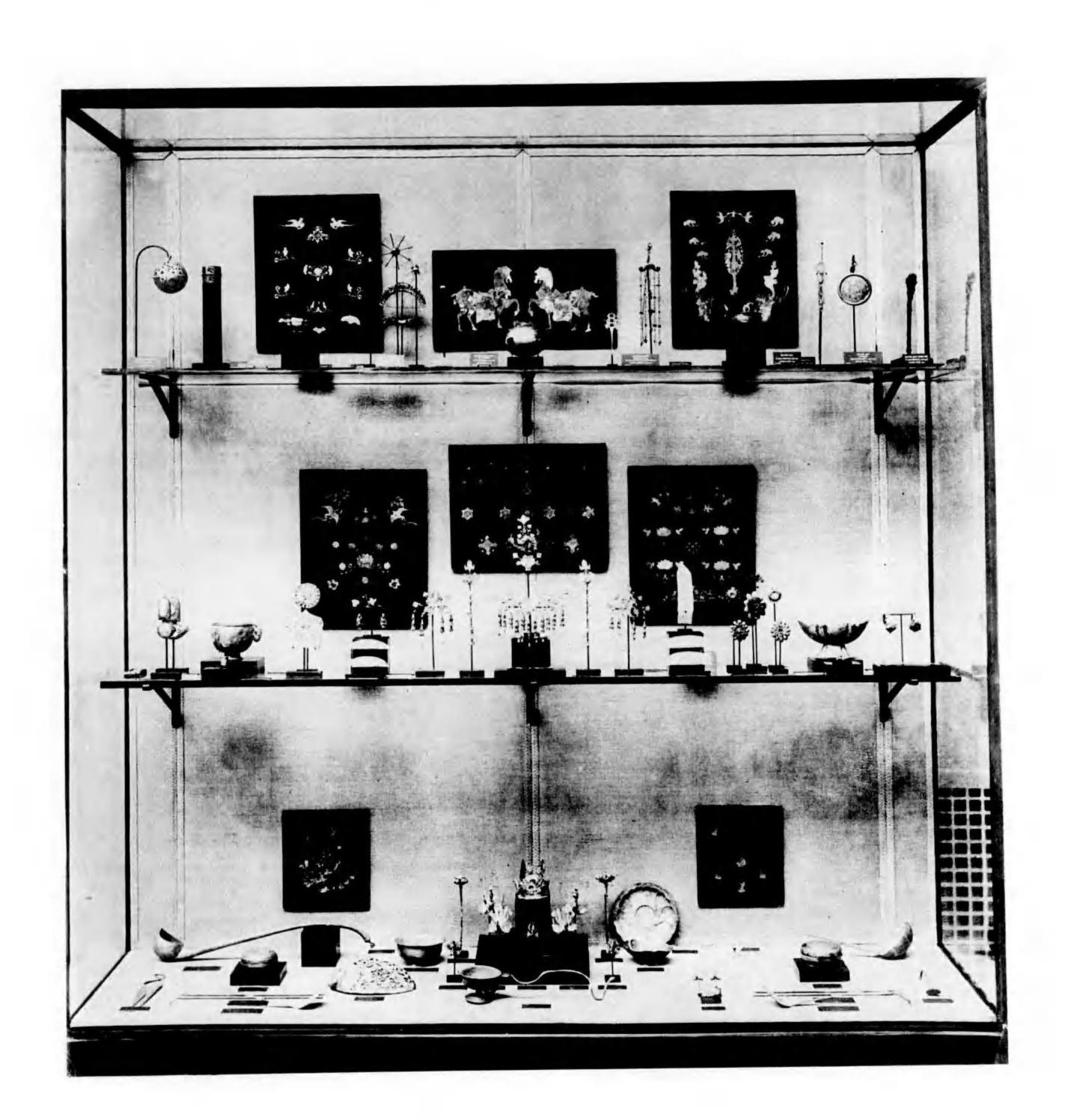
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PLATE LXVII.

A PART OF GOLD AND SILVER WARES EXHIBITED AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART.

The present picture shows a part of the gold and silver wares of the T'ang dynasty, China, exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, comprising fancy-goods and household utensils. The essence of the T'ang civilization is thoroughly manifested in the brilliant splendor of these articles together with the minute as well as graceful workmanship. One can perceive that their beautiful sight is much superior compared with the precious objects of Egypt and Greece.

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PLATE LXVIII. SILVER INLAY.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

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METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

On teakwood panel. Large figures of two prancing horses, richly caparisoned, facing each other with evident pride and self satisfaction. The saddles and saddle cloths are large and elaborate, and exhibit finely etched ornamentation in floral patterns and cross-hatch.

PLATE LXIX.

SILVER INLAY. (Right)

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length of plaque, 7 inches; Width, 61 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Elaborate floral design in cutwork, involving a long-tailed bird near the upper boundary. Leaves and branches are artistically scrolled. Mounted on a wood plaque.

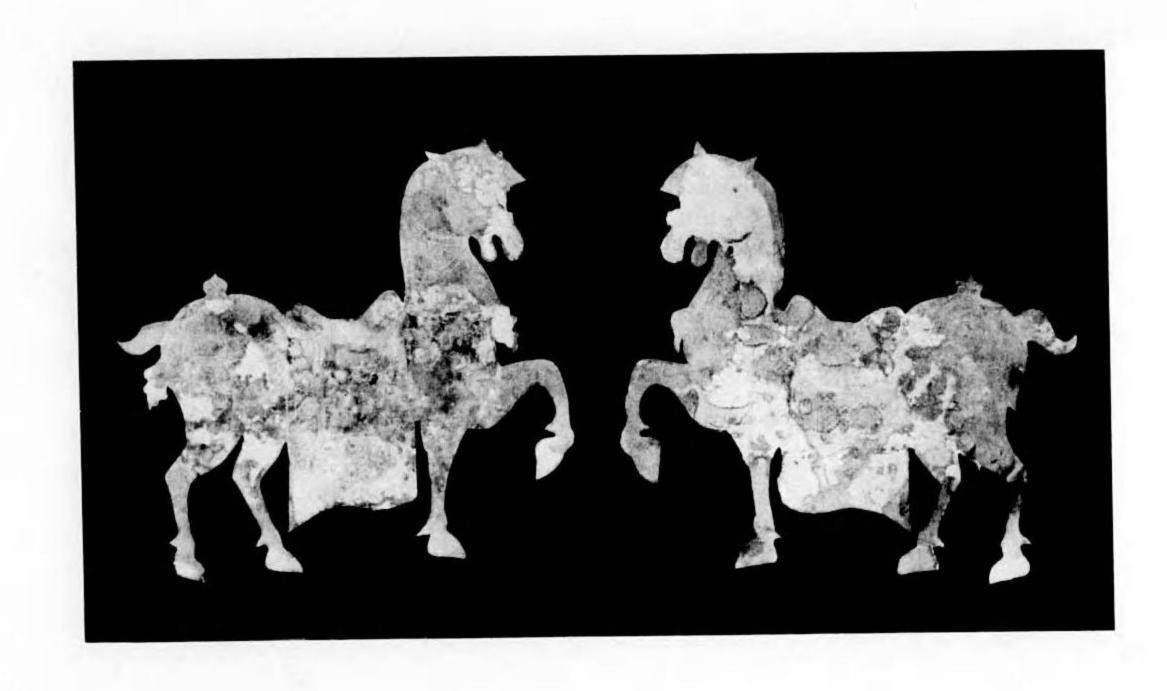
PLATE LXIX. SILVER TRAY. (Left)

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length of plaque, 71 inches; Width 61 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Ten pieces on wood plaque. Heavenly beings and other figures seated on lotus flowers, clustered clustered about a geometrical design bordered with conventionalized lotus leaves.



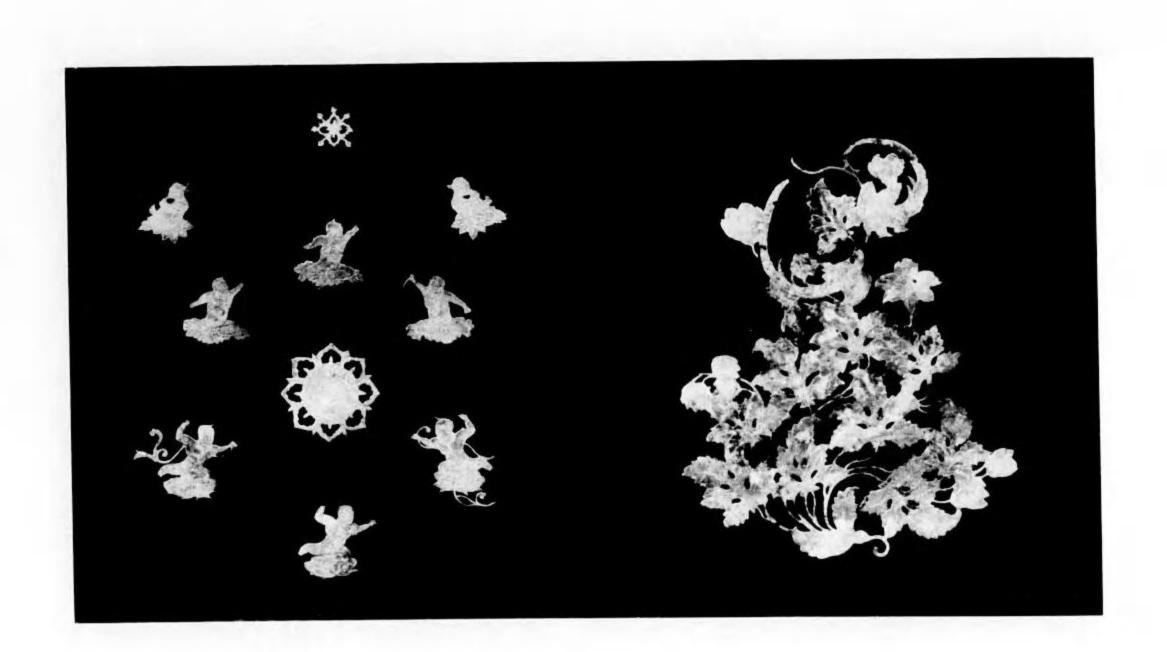


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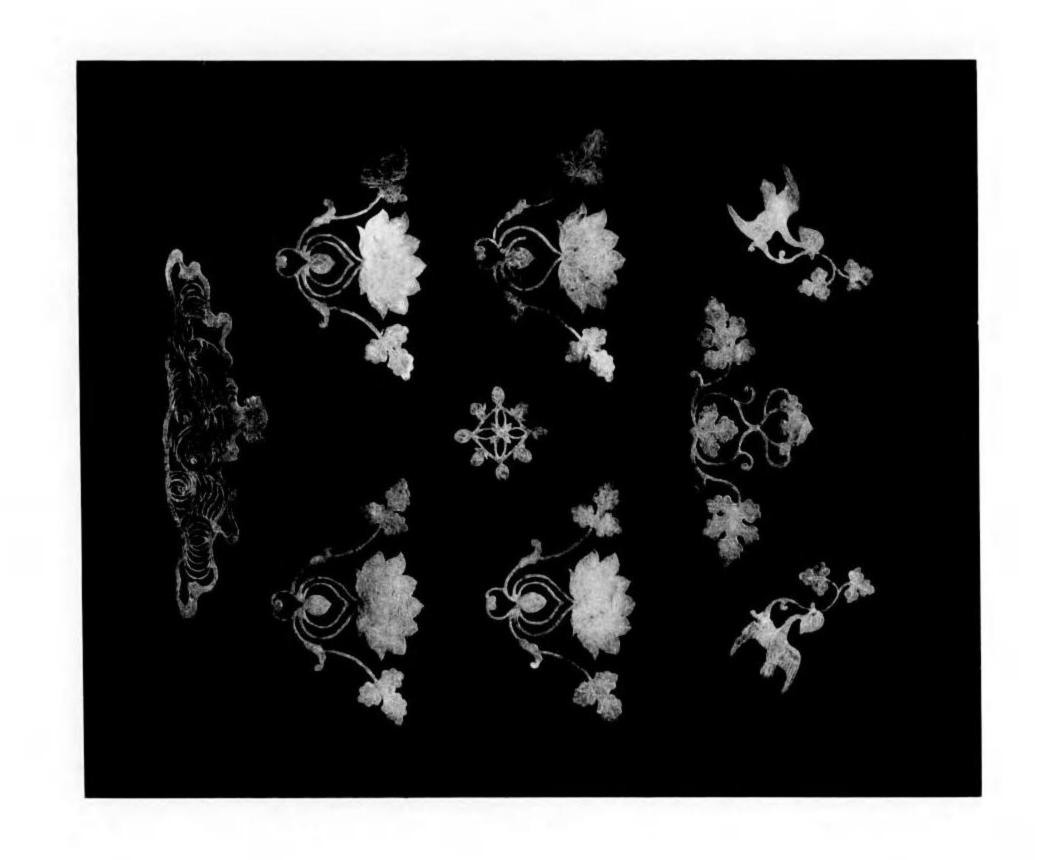
PLATE LXX., LXXI. SILVER INLAY.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Width, 9¹/₁₆ inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Ten pieces on teak panel. At the lower right and left corners a flying bird bearing in its beak a floral spray in openwork of graceful outline. The other eight pieces are also all floral sprays, the group enclosing the largest work an involved design in lotus motive.



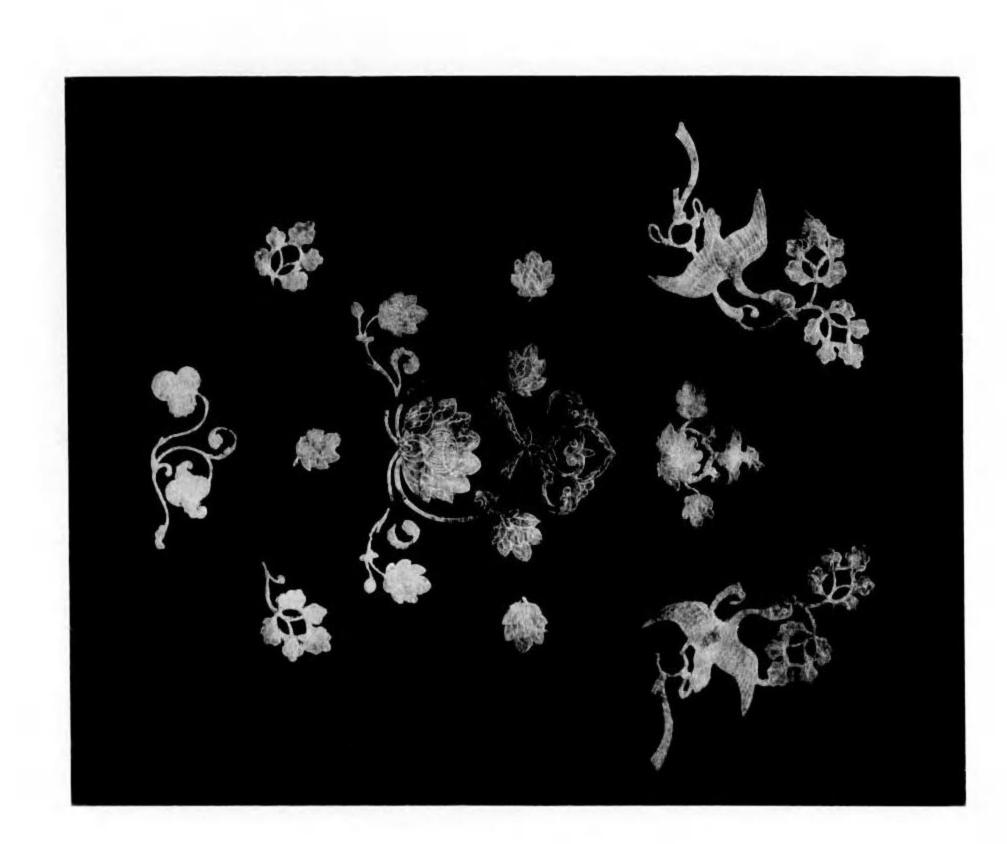


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PLATE LXXII. SILVER INLAY.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Length, 12 inches; Width, 91 inches. METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

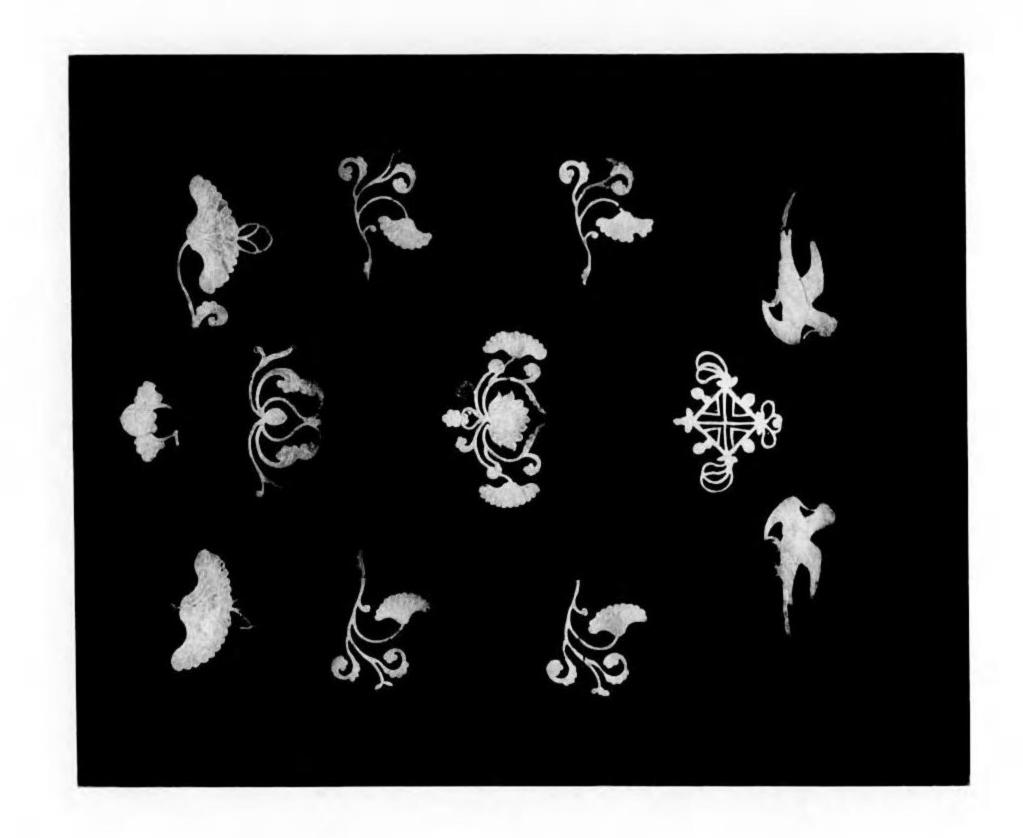
Ten pieces on teak panel. At top centre two ducks on the wing, between their two beaks a symbol with fillets. Directly under the composition a composite design suggesting in general form a tall and slender tree springing up from the head of an animal which forms the base. Involved in the design of scrolls and flowers are two standing figures, one at either side, two smaller figures surmounting them, and a fifth figure at the apex. Flanking the arboreal design are six scrolling sprays, three at either side, and beneath these columns are two large and elaborate designs based on the flying feng-huang.

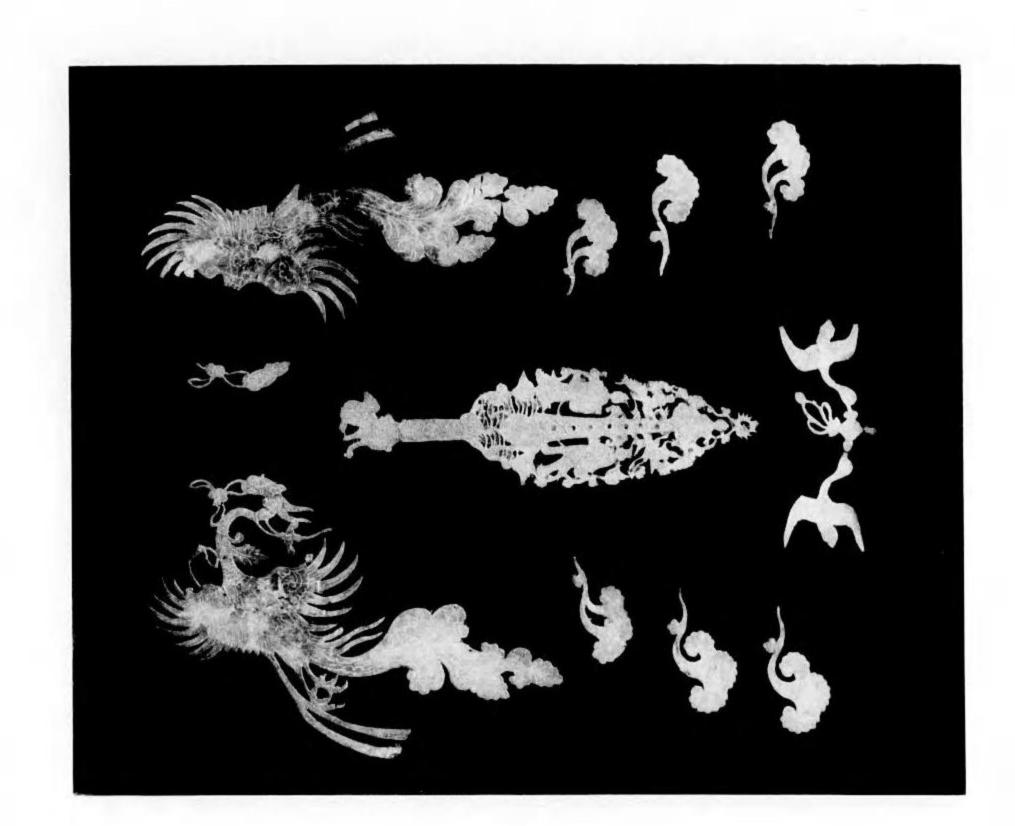
PLATE LXXIII. SILVER INLAY.

T'ANG DYNASTY. Length of panel, 12 inches; Width, 9½ inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Twelve pieces in three columns, on teak panel. At the base at right and left are two base designs, and above and between them a complex design of openwork, the upper sections of the three being made up of floral sprays of conventional pattern, based on the lotus motive.





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PLATE LXXIV. BRONZE SILVER HEIDATSU MIRROR.

T'ANG DYNASTY.

Diameter, 111 inches.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

Circular, with heavy, beveled perimeter. Ornamented with cut silver in relief, on a lacquered ground, the lacquer having now mainly disappeared. The designs are peacocks and leonine quadrupeds, with sweeping foliar scrolls, within a circular medallion enclosed by a floral scroll border. Dense incrustations of greenish patina, except on the silvery surface.



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PLATE LXXV. SQUARE MIRROR; DESIGN, FLOWERS AND BIRDS OF THE GOLD AND SILVER P'ING T'O WORK.

MRS. HOLMES COLLECTION.

It is square, and handsome flowers are exhibited around a floral knob. In the four corners are displayed the birds flapping the wings; between these birds are distributed flowers, grass, birds and butterflies. The patterns are somewhat exfoliated, but the beautiful gold and silver P'ing T'o work is surprisingly well done. It is said to have come from Ma P'o, Loyang district, Honan Province.