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
Country China.Ind
54B-17/01-aLocality Singanfu.People Chinese.

Stock.

Name Pottery rice-bin for the storage
of grain for the winter (the same
made of basketry nowadays)
Called mi-tun *  (over)

Several such rings were piled one above the other,
Haw. the projecting ridges catching into the furrows.

687²Collection Mrs. T. B. Blackstone Expedition,Berthold Laufer, Collector 1908=1910.

Characters painted in vermilion: \equiv = san ji "3 days"
Notes 

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Width

Length

Height

Price

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Rings like this one were fashioned in one piece from a sand bag mold and piled up one above the other, the projecting ridges at the lower end catching into the grooves on the upper edge of the piece placed below. Rice, wheat, millet, and other grains were stored in this receptacle for the winter and, according to need, a ring could be added or removed. The hard clay material and the technical process are identical with those found in the Han roofing-tiles and bricks.

At the present time baskets consisting of walloping are employed in Northern China for the same purpose, being made likewise in single circular sections