

BRONZE DRUM

The ornaments are arranged in concentric zones, eight on the surface or head and thirteen on the barrel. A twelve-pointed star occupies the center of the surface, dividing the first zone into twelve divisions, each of which is filled with a double fret. The second zone contains sixteen double spirals with birds' beaks, of a style met with in archaic bronzes and jades. Zones 3 and 7 are ornamented with a circle of beads or small knobs. Zone 4 contains twenty-four ax-like patterns. Zone 5 is plain, zone 6 is filled with parallel, vertical lines; zone 8 with a repetition of a bird design in form of spirals.

Designs on the barrel: 1, Row of nail-heads. 2, 4-6, 9, 11, Bands of fret designs. 3, Repetition of a double spiral enclosed in an oval, symbolizing clouds. 7, Band of parallel vertical lines. 8, Plain. 10 and 12, Double spiral surmounted by a circle enclosed in a semicircle. 13, Zigzag or triangular design formed by four raised, parallel lines.

For more information consult general label.

Obtained at Ch'eng-tu, capital of Sechuan Province, in 1909

Weight: 33 lbs. Height: $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Diameter: $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

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