

# BRONZE DRUM

The ornaments are arranged in concentric zones, eight on the surface or head and fourteen 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 three frets. There is a leaf-shaped design between the points of the star. The second zone contains eighteen birds of spiral style, looking backward. Zones 3 and 7 are ornamented with a circle of beads or small knobs; zone 5 is plain; zone 6 is filled with parallel, vertical lines. Zone 8 contains a band of conventionalized birds of spiral style, bordered below by a zigzag line.

Designs on the barrel: 1, Row of nail-heads. 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, Bands of fret designs. 3, Double spirals symbolizing clouds. 6, Band of parallel vertical lines. 8 and 9, Plain. 11 and 13, Spiral patterns, the unit being a combination of four spirals. 14, Zigzag or triangular design formed by three raised, parallel lines.

For more information consult general label.

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

**Weight: 33½ lbs. Height: 10¾ inches. Diameter: 18¾ inches.**

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