

CAST-IRON COOKING KETTLE

On becoming acquainted with iron, the Chinese treated it in the same manner as bronze by casting it, and gradually reproduced in iron the old types of their bronze implements. The shape of this iron kettle is identical with the large bronze cooking-kettle opposite, and like the latter is provided with a projecting rim to hold the vessel in the cooking-hole of the stove.

Later Han Period (first to second century A. D.)