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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.

No 3271

ENT. Peru.

Country

People

Cuzco.

Locality

Name

Stone dish or mortar: 2 open handles
8 human bodies on outer rim. 8" diam
over.

Collection

Emilio Montez.

Where Placed

Notes

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Beautiful stone bowls are typical of the Inca period. Used as votive receptacles. Offerings of corn or chicha (maize beer) may have been placed in them to be sacrificed to the gods. It **is** even possible that they served as receptacles for human blood. Probably they were hollowed by drilling small holes until pieces could be broken out, and then smoothed and polished with sand.