

Description of Plates Illustrating Hamdon Hill Relics.

The specimens delineated have been selected as representative of the successive periods of occupation of the camp, and form but a small proportion of the antiquities that have from time to time been discovered there.

PLATE I.

FIG. (*Probably all Celtic or British.*)

1. Rude "core," formed out of a polyhedral sea pebble.
- 2-3. Flint implements.
4. Spear-head (?) made of the tine of a red deer.
5. Bronze British coin, of the "disintegrated horse" type, (*vide Evans' British Coins*).
6. Portion of a British chariot; *bronze*, (*vide Archæologia*, vol. xxi).
- 7-8. Socketed gouge and celt, found in an interment; *bronze*.
9. Ditto spear-head; *bronze*.
- 10-11. Plated bronze ornamental fastenings to a belt or some portion of military dress, or horse trappings.
12. Ditto, found with the above. The face illustrated is of polished bone, riveted to a support of bronze.

(N.B.—A large number of articles, somewhat similar to
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10 and 11, is to be seen in the Museum of Antiquities at York, labelled as having been found at Fremington Edge, in Swaledale, and as probably forming the stock of a travelling artizan.)

PLATE II.

(With one possible exception, all Roman or Romano-British.)

1. Scales of a lorica, alternately bronze and tin-plated on bronze. These are really in two pieces, and are here represented as overlapping, to show their arrangement when the mailed garment was perfect.
2. Small bronze lamp; very rare.
3. Barbed ivory or bone hair-pin.
4. Bronze horse-shoe-shaped fibula; beautifully perfect.
5. Back of harp-shaped bronze fibula.
6. Perfect ditto ditto
7. Bronze cock or tap for vessel holding liquid.
8. Iron spear-head. *(Possibly Saxon.)*
9. Iron dagger.

PLATE III.

(With the exception of Fig. 9, all Roman or Romano-British.)

- 1-2-3. Iron ring and implements found in an interment. The finder states that the ring was around the vertebrae of the neck of the skeleton; the hook and adze being placed over the breast. The hook is rare.
4. Iron sword, of which a large number was ploughed up on a part of Hamdon called "Stroud's Hill," in May, 1845. Weapons of this type are Roman, and were frequently placed in bundles or "sheaves," whilst awaiting completion by the armourer.
- 5-6. Chain and (?) clip, probably used in lifting stones or other heavy material.
7. Remarkable iron horse-bit; the ordinary curb-chain being substituted by a curved bar of iron, and the



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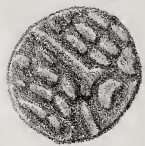


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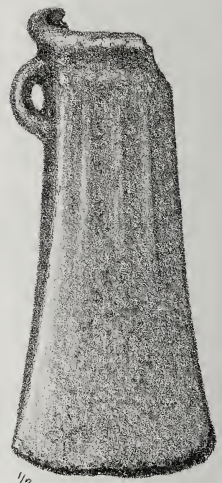


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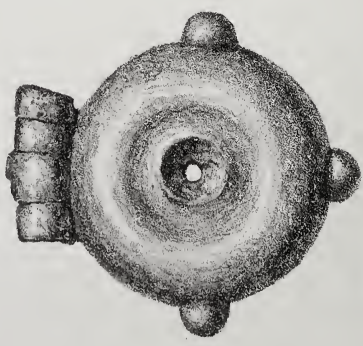


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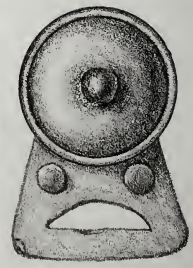
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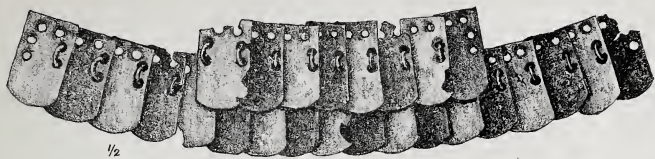
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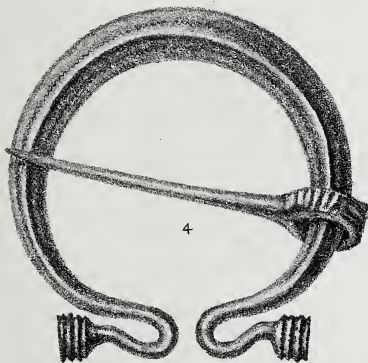
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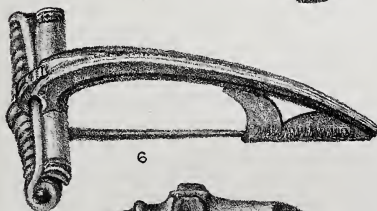


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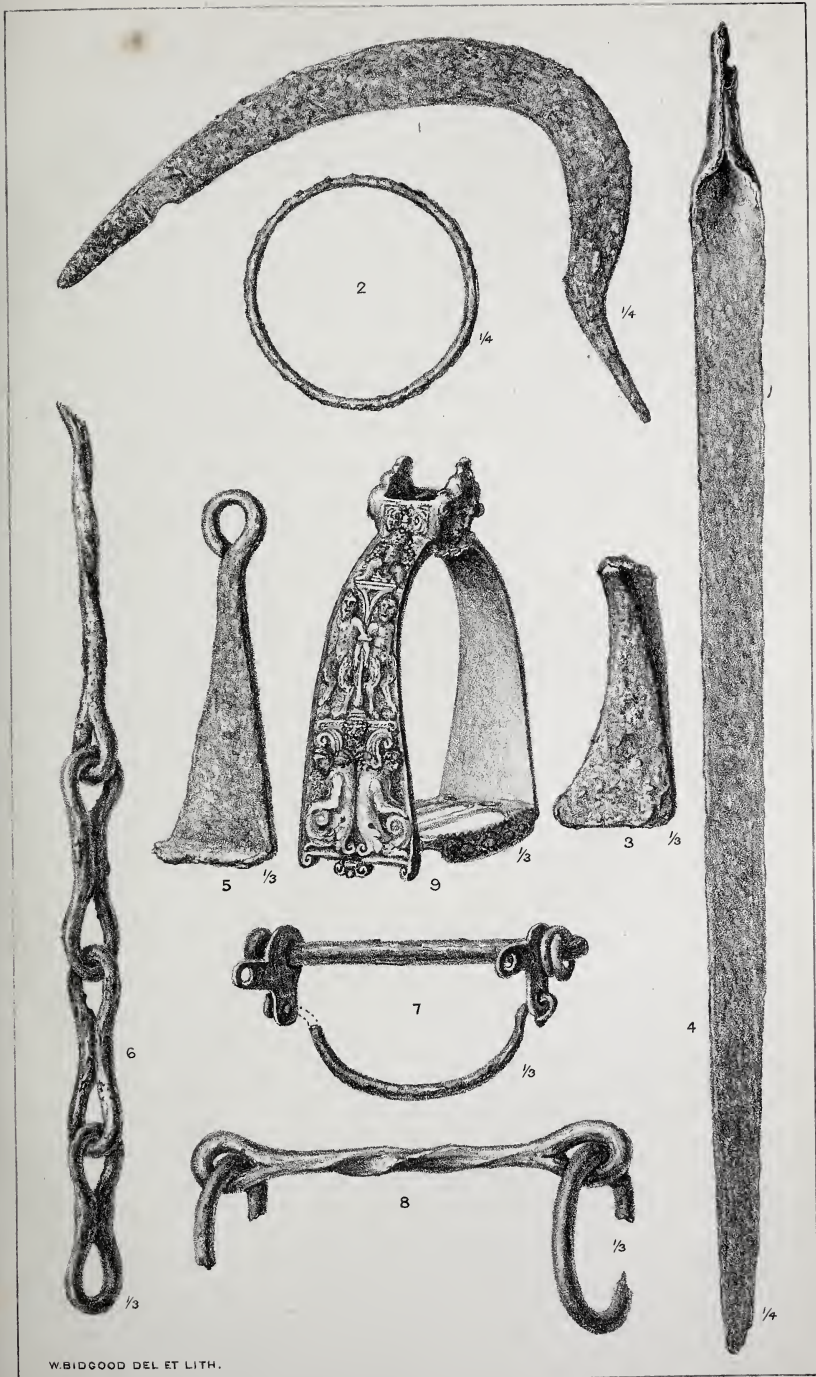
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- cheek pieces for fastening the bridle, etc., being of bronze. This relic is believed to be of extreme rarity.
8. Iron bit, of larger dimensions.
 9. Elaborately chased, bronze-gilt stirrup; dug up about fifty years ago, in the Roman Camp, and presented to the Society's Museum by the late Mrs. FARQUHARSON, of Langton House, Blandford, in 1872.
- N.B.—All that is known of this relic is here given. The donor (a daughter of the late John Phelps, Esq., of Montacute House) being dead, no further history of its discovery can be arrived at. Mr. Roach Smith considers its date to lie anywhere from the reign of Henry VIII to James I.

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