

ART. XIV.—*On a Bronze Vessel of Roman Date found at Clifton, near Penrith.* By THE PRESIDENT.

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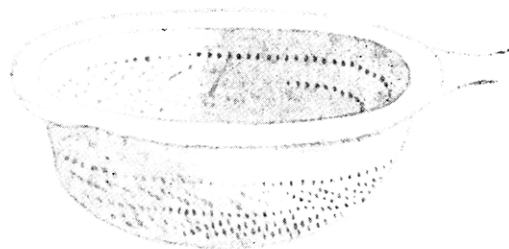
OUR member, Mr. Blair, F.S.A., well known as one of the Secretaries of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, sent me a post card recently to inform me that in a well known dealer's catalogue, there was advertised for sale a drawing of "A Roman vessel of copper, consisting of three parts, found near Clifton by Penrith." For the sum of half-a-crown, I purchased the drawing, and it is now reproduced for the benefit of the readers of these Transactions.

The vessel is a saucepan with flat rim and handle, in which is a hole, for the purpose of suspending the vessel on a nail when not in use. The maker's stamp is on the handle thus: TALIOF.* The diameter of the vessel at the top is eight inches, and depth about four. A strainer, about two inches deep, and perforated with many holes, fits into the vessel, while a lid again fits into the strainer. The whole arrangement much resembles a modern fish kettle. The lid appears from the drawing, to be concave and perforated with holes, so that vegetables may have been steamed in it, while the fish was being cooked below.

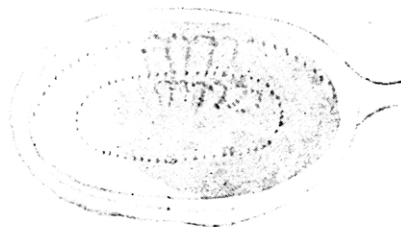
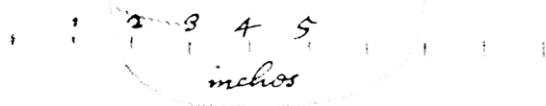
A scale is on the drawing and the legend "A Roman vessel of copper, consisting of three parts, found near Clifton by Penrith," in a handwriting of the middle of the last century. No history is known of the drawing, except that the dealer purchased it at Bath. It would be desirable to know if the vessel is still in existence, and where, or if the find is recorded in any book.

* *Talio F* occurs abroad.

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A roman vessel of copper con-
sisting of three parts, found
near Clifton by Ponville.



COPPER VESSEL. FOUND AT CLIFTON.