

## Notes.

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### I.

#### A FIND OF ROMAN DENARII AND AN EARLY BRITISH COIN AT ASHOVER.

The Report of the British Numismatic Society for 1922 contains the following notice:

“ Dr Herbert Peck, corresponding member of the Council for the Chesterfield district, contributed the following interesting report:—

In April 1922 a man happening to climb to a recess or shallow cave in the cliff above the East Wood, Ashover, found a coin of reddish colour, which, however was broken in cleaning and was thrown away. Two of his sons and another boy climbed to the place, which is difficult of access, on June the 18th, and found about forty more. These they cleaned as best they could, Disputing over the apportionment of the spoil, one of them appealed to the local policeman, who at once took possession of the coins as treasure trove. Hearing of the find I made some enquiries, and then wrote to the Chief Constable of the County, who kindly ordered them to be handed to me for identification. Some of them requiring more technical knowledge than I possess, I consulted Mr. W. Sharp Odgen F.S.A., who has been so kind as to assist me to identify them, and his report is to the following effect:—

They are all, without exception, Roman denarii, or Antonini, the latter being larger in fabric but very debased. They cover a period of about fifty years<sup>1</sup> and none are of scarce types.

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<sup>1</sup> 193-244 A.D.

They comprise the following:

Septimus Severus	..	..	..	..	3
Julia Domna	..	..	..	..	2
Caracalla	..	..	..	..	1
Elagabalus	..	..	..	..	8
Severus Alexander	..	..	..	..	19
Julia Mamaea	..	..	..	..	2
Maximinus	..	..	..	..	3
Gordianus	..	..	..	..	4

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Total 42

The exception mentioned above is a very small coin of rather base silver of Ancient British origin, but it is impossible to give more than an approximate tribal attribution to it, although it probably belongs to the Iceni, or some tribe between the Iceni and the Brigantes. It is much smaller but very similar to the base gold coin shown in *Evans* plate D. No. 9: and for the present purpose it may be given to a Northern branch of the Iceni. Its description is: *obverse*:—Remains of a laureated head. *reverse*:—Horse with pellets; a very small coin of base silver.

The policeman climbed to the site of the hoard, and was rewarded by the discovery of a silver ring, which bears traces of letters upon it. I also, in turn, visited the site and found that the ring and coins had been lying in a niche between two large stones, where they were protected from damp and exposure. Probably they were in a leather bag when they were hidden, but this had perished and they were covered only by a little soil. Many of them are worn by use, but they are otherwise in a good state of preservation."

## II.

### A BRONZE PALSTAVE FROM GRINDLEFORD.

In the Autumn of 1921 a bronze implement found at Grindleford some years previously, came into the