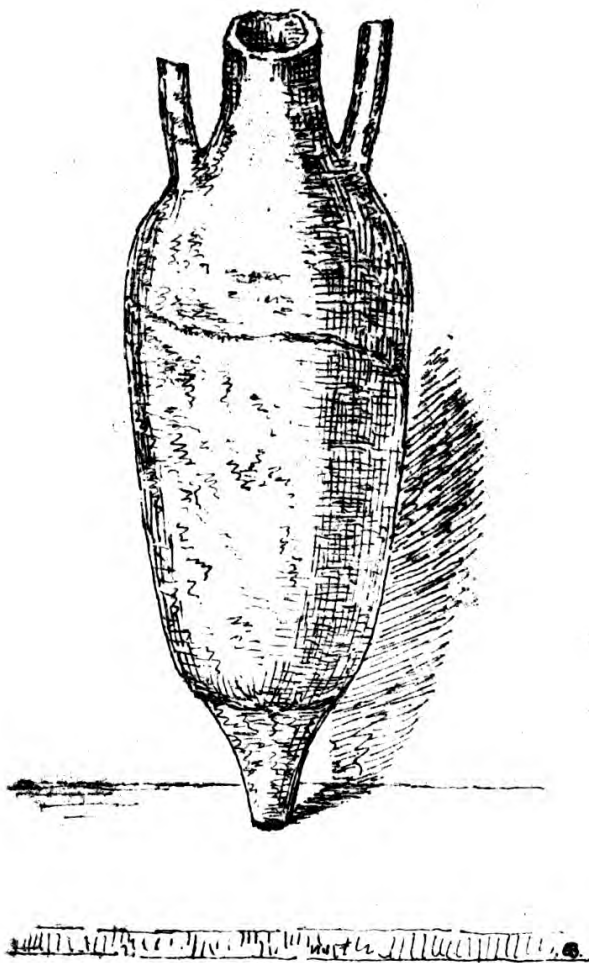


AMPHORA FOUND AT ASTON CLINTON.—In the spring of 1871, some drainers discovered a Roman Amphora on the Vetches Farm, in the parish of Aston Clinton. It was buried on its side in the large field immediately opposite the farmhouse, about two feet from the surface; it was filled with burnt wood and earth, and is 2 ft. 10 in. in height, and 2 ft. 10 in. in circumference. It, no doubt, originally marked the site of a sepulchre which was close to the junction of the Lower Icknield and Akeman Ways, and was placed near these public ways, either as a warning to the living, or that the dead might benefit by the prayers of the passer-by. Sometimes sepulchres are considered as boundaries in the division of property, particularly in military allotments of land.* The Amphora is in the possession of W. L. Sutton, Esq., Northchurch.

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* Douglas's "Nenia Britannica," p. 95.



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