

DECORATIVE AND OTHER USEFUL ART

1. Five assorted variegated beads. Inherited by the present owner from her grandmother. Local names "Tete" "aso"; "Nifie"; "Gyane"; "Ahwene bia". Collected from Tanoboase. Age c.100 years. Cat. I 64.202.
2. A pair of large brass anklets. Worn by women in the North of Ghana. Collected from Wiaga, Local name "Nakolga". Age c.50 years. Cat. I 64.236.
3. Silver bracelet. Collected from Wiaga, Upper Region. Age 25 years. Cat. I 64.237.
4. Pottery armband for elbow. Made by a woman and worn by women of the Upper Region. Collected from Zoko. Age unknown. Cat. I 64.304.
5. Stone, ivory, and brass bangles. Obtained from Fumbisi, Upper Region. Age c.50 years. Cat. I 64.240, 241, 248.
6. Brass anklet. Made generally at Kantia, Zaare and Torugu, all in the Upper Region. Obtained from Zuarungu. Cat. I 64.249.
7. Decorated calabashes. Made by Porku Namag of Birifor. Local name "Mwan wira". Cat. I 64.292.
8. Forowa brazen vessel. Used to contain shea-butter for the use of elderly persons. Original owner was Nana Yaw Attafua I (1876-1927), Omanhene of Akim (Oda) Kotoku. Collected specimen has some shea butter still in it. Given by Nana Frempon Manso III, Omanhene of Akim (Oda) Kotoku and elders. Height $12\frac{3}{4}$ ins. Cat. I 66.01.
9. Kuduo brazen vessel. Used as container for gold dust, trinkets and other valuables. Given by Nana Frempon Manso III, Omanhene of Akim (Oda) Kotoku and his elders. Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Cat. I 66.02.

10. A combined pestle and spoon. For domestic use. The pestle end for crushing vegetables and the spoon for stirring soup. Obtained from Pra River. Carved by Kwabena Siadan of Akwaboa village. Age 40 years. Length 12 ins. Cat. I 64.81.
11. Wooden platter. For covering men's food. Obtained from Obomeng. Age c 50 years. Diameter 11 ins. Cat. I 64.82.
12. Adze with carved human head, wooden copy of metal blade affixed to human head. Obtained from Chuchuliga, Upper Region. Length 20 ins. Cat. I 64.309.
13. Drum with illustrations. Used on social occasions by a dancing band composed of both sexes. Illustrations are of Akan wise sayings. Obtained from Bukuruwa. Age c 50 years. Height 33 ins.
14. Brass-ware lid. Dug from the bank of the River Jimi, tributary of the Offin, near Amponyasi by dredge. Probably used by the aboriginal settlers. Given by R. Gordon Penwill, Mines Manager, Bremang Gold Dredging at Dunkwa-on-Offin. Diameter 16 ins. Cat. I 66.45.
15. Lead bowl. Used by chiefs in the olden days; their belongings put in it for a journey. Obtained by dredge near Amponyasi and given by R. Gordon Penwill of Breman Gold Dredging, Dunkwa-on-Offin. Diameter 19 ins. x 16 ins. Cat. I 66.46.
16. Fragment of decorated wall. Collected from the old place at Nkwatia, Kwahu. Reconstruction copy in courtyard, Ghana National Museum in Accra. Cat. I 64.217.
17. Various Adinkra symbols. Stamped on piece of calico or grey baft and worn by either sexes as mourning cloth. Each symbol has a meaning. The symbols were cut from pieces of calabash. Obtained from Ntonso, Ashanti. Cat. I 65.120.

18. Fetters or Leg iron. Used on slaves to prevent their escape. Original owner was a slave dealer. After the abolition of slavery, it was used on violent lunatics and on "demons" who became culprits of cults to keep them under control. Local name "Dade weremfo" or "Mpokyere". Obtained from Besiase, Kwahu. Cat. I 65.05.
19. Native lamp. Used before the introduction of European lanterns. It was filled with shea butter or palm oil and a piece of rag to light. Collected from Weila-Mo. Local name, "Bobo". Age unestimated. Cat. I 65.14.
20. Two pieces of fire tongs. Made locally and used for removing pieces of fire from a hearth on to a smoking tobacco pipe. Obtained from Denkyira Obuasi. Local name, "Dawa". Age c. 60 years. Cat. I 66.49.
21. Bark cloth. Obtained from Mampong-Ashanti. Local name "Kyenkyen". Cat. I 64.338.
22. Mortar, scooped out longitudinally. Used by some persons to whom it was a taboo to pound 'fufu' in ordinary or modern mortar on Sundays. Obtained from Amanten. Local name, "Odaase". Age 20 years. Length 20 ins. Cat. I 65.40.
23. Large and small wooden bowls. Used for winnowing gold dust. Collected from Akwaboso, Akim Abuakwa. Age c. 90 years. Cat. I 65.72, 73.
24. Puberty chewing stick. Used during puberty initiation. Common custom in Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo Regions. Obtained from Tanoboase. Length 8 ins. Cat. I 64.200.
25. Straw cone hat. Used during puberty initiation. Common among the Adangmes. Obtained from Sra in Yilo Krobo. Woven by the Djemeli (chief fetish priest). Made of fan palm leaves. Local name, "Dipo pee". Height 9 ins. Cat. I 66.19.

26. Various styles of combs from Nteso, Cat. I 64.84, 117; Kwahu Tafo, Cat. I 64.101; 136; Pepease, Cat. I 64.102-105; Obomeng Cat. I 64.119, 140; Adukrom Akuapem, Cat. I 64.127; Abiriw, Cat. I 64.128; Mamfe, Cat. I 64.151; Larteh, Cat. I 64.152-154; Akropong Akuapem, Cat. I 64.175; Kukurantumi, Cat. I 64.176.
27. Quantity of brass "gold-weights" in various forms and some of geometrical designs, from Twenedurase, Cat. I 64.95, 184, 185; Abomосу, Cat. I 65.80; Akim Oda, Cat. I 66.05; Assin Manso, Cat. I 66.55; Hani, Cat. I 65.21.
28. Set of carving tools. Used on stools, wooden figures, Owari boards and mortars. Forged by Blacksmith. Obtained from a carver at Akorabo, Cat. I 64.183.
29. Cane hamper. Used for carrying goods in the early days. Obtained from Assin Jakai. Size 26 ins. x 20 ins. Cat. I 66.59.
30. Samples of meaningful Ghanaian cloth. Used for mourning. Local name "Adinkra". Obtained from Ntonso, Ashanti. Cat. I 65.120.

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