

have been found at Meare Lake Village (Gray 1966, Vol. III, Ed. Cotton, Fig. 83) and other sites are listed in that volume.

Mrs. Cotton suggests, though with a distinct element of doubt, that these pins were used in weaving. This is, I think, a valid conclusion but the nature of the notch and the knowledge we have of Iron Age looms and fabrics are against such pins being used with wool or hair and in favour of their use with tape-like strips of some kind. The material that readily comes to mind is leather. So perhaps the pins were used in the manufacture of platted leather objects.

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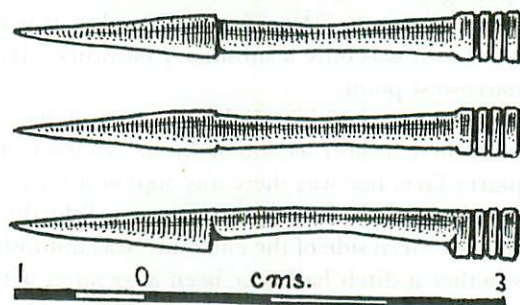


Fig. 62. Notched bone pin from Little Solsbury. $\times 1.5$.

Spindle Whorl from near Binegar Station. This is an unfinished specimen made of sandstone 35 mm. diameter and 8 mm. thick. Its edges are slightly rounded and the hole has been started, though not finished, from both sides. It was found, according to Mr. Budden, *c.* Oct. 1966 when a post hole was being dug near and north of Binegar station. The site as described is at ST 61604928. The whorl is of Iron Age type and has not been turned on a lathe. Its presence may indicate a living site nearby. The specimen was presented to the U.B.S.S. museum. E. K. TRATMAN

Roman Road from Whitnell Corner to Midsomer Norton, Somerset. The first suggestion that the present day minor road in its southern part was along the line of a Roman road was made by Wicks (1923). The discovery of the Roman site at Dalleston, Binegar (Tratman, 1966) caused the author to examine the modern road route very carefully. The road, Fig. 63, starts from a T junction on the Charterhouse–Old Sarum Roman road a little to the east of Whitnell Corner at ST 59924860. Its general line is N.E. which is roughly parallel to the Foss Way, 2 miles further east.

The road starts as a sunken lane, which may be a little off the Roman line, and then continues as a slightly meandering lane between widely spaced hedge banks with long stretches of narrow-strip fields first on one side and then on the other. The parish boundary also runs along this