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**A Catalogue of Known Irish Y-pieces of the Late Iron Age  
1<sup>st</sup> Century AD – 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD**

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*NB. This catalogue is as yet incomplete, as subsequently to the completion of the manuscript for the *Emania* 22 article a number of pieces from the Drumanagh region were identified which need to be added, with further updates from ongoing research since the original catalogue was compiled.*

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*Please note that all illustrations are at a scale of 1:2, apart from fragmentary specimens such as finials, shafts or terminals, where detail would be lost if reproduced at half their original size.*

## Catalogue of Irish Y-pieces

### Type 1a

*Characteristics: This variation of Y-piece usually has matching terminal buds and shaft styles, reminiscent in shape of acorns in their cups.*

**Cat. No: Y1A:001**

Length: 136mm

Breadth of shaft: 6mm

Terminal: 49mm

Width of fork: 124mm

Weight: 69g

**Description:** Deep bronze in colour. Fragment. Shaft, terminal and inverted V-moulding of forked junction, with small indentation at centre of junction. Damage evident to terminal, revealing it to be hollow. Shaft circular. Terminal waisted and capped with small protrusion. Actual provenance unknown, but donor (Rev F. Gervais) resided in Portnelligan, Armagh. It is likely the object was found within or at least very close to Gervais's own property like the rest of his collection which was donated to Armagh Museum.

Raftery 1983, 52, No. 140.

Armagh County Museum: 205.1935

*Plate 1.*

**Cat. No: Y1A:002**

Length: 43mm

Breadth at widest point: 14mm

Weight: 12g

**Description:** Fragment of forked terminal retainer. Rich deep bronze in colour. Rounded petal shaped waisted bud. Perforation at bottom of fragment where connection to pronged fork of Y- piece would have been. Perforation of inner bud measuring 1mm. Found in a lower pasture at the foot of Navan fort mound. Recorded details of find in *Emania* (Warner, 2002).

Armagh County Museum: 170:1998

*Plate 2*

**Cat. No: Y1A:003**

Length: 298mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Length of shaft:

Terminal length: 48mm

Terminal diameter: 22mm

Width of fork: 91mm

**Description:** Almost blackened smooth patina. Complete and showing no obvious signs of wear or repairs. Forked terminal retainers and butt terminal matching in shape, comprising of waisted droplet shape. Evidence of zigzag pattern on butt terminal. Inverted V moulding at junction of fork and shaft. While the Armagh County Museum holds no details about this piece further than its donor, Dorothy Gervais Rhodes of Tyrone, the NMI records that this piece was found at Knockmany passage tomb, known in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the Druids Alter. Ms Rhodes's relative, Rev Francis Gervais had found the piece in 1883.

Raftery, 1983, 55, No. 150

Armagh County Museum: 137.1956

***Plate 3***

**Cat. No: Y1A:004**

Total length: 328mm

Width of fork: 169mm

Ballina Costello, County Mayo. Complete. Members circular in section. Separately cast, acorn shaped terminals; prong terminals hollow along inner surfaces. Considerable wear on stem" (Raftery 1983, 54).

Raftery, 1983, 54, No. 146.

British Museum: 54.7-14.294

***Plate 4.***

**Cat. No: Y1A:005**

Total length: 304mm

Width of fork: 106mm

“No Provenance. Portion of one prong missing. Members circular in section. Separately cast terminals resemble those of No. 150, Fig 47. Each composed of two elements a more-or-less biconical portion into which the members of the ‘pendant’ fit, and a roughly hemispherical expansion, the surface of which is decorated with a band of zigzag leaf ornament cast in low relief. A tiny rounded nipple projects from the tip of each terminal. Narrow inverted V-moulding at junction of fork and stem.” (Raftery 1983, 59).

Raftery, 1983, 59, No. 163

British Museum

***Plate 5***

**Cat. No: Y1A:006**

Total length: 303mm

Width of fork: 138mm

Raftery, 1983, 53, No. 142

Hunt Museum, Limerick. HCA 463

***Plate 6***

**Cat. No: Y1A:007**

Total length: 308mm

Width of fork: 150mm

“County Limerick. Pair, similar but not identical. Members circular to oval in section. Separately-cast, acorn shaped terminals. Ends somewhat pointed. Prong-terminals hollow along inner surfaces. Incised inverted V-motif occurs at junction of fork and stem, on both faces of 143 (Spec. 3) but detectable on one face only of 142 (Spec. 2). Casting seams visible on stem and prong of 143 (Spec. 3)” (Raftery 1983, 53).

Raftery, 1983,53, No. 143

Hunt Museum, Limerick. HCA 464

***Plate 7***



**Cat. No: Y1A:008**

Total length: 330mm

“Spur shaped object, possibly a bridle pendant. The base of the stem terminal is bulbous, separated by a constriction from the upper portion which is mushroom-head-shaped. Each prong has been broken across, apparently after discovery. The upper part of each terminal is spoon shaped. The lower portion is convex externally and on its inside there is a perforated projection. All members have a rounded cross section” (Eogan, 1991, 159).

NationalMuseum, Copenhagen, Denmark. No. 13040.1

***Plate 8***

**Cat. No: Y1A:009**

Length: 312mm

Shaft length (incl terminal) 118mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 39mm

Terminal diameter: 14mm

Width of fork: 149mm

Weight: 200g

**Description:** Deep bronze, described on the museum card as being made of copper alloy. Intact. Retainer buds oval shaped and hollow inner surface. Cast separately from main body of piece. Inverted V casting seam at junction. Found in Aughrim, in bogland, with a horsebit (Raftery and Ryan, 1972; 196-197).

Raftery, 1983, 53, No. 141

National Museum of Ireland: 1969:746/Habitat D42:8

***Plate 9***

**Cat. No: Y1A:010**

Length: 243mm

Shaft length (incl terminal):62mm

Shaft breadth: 53mm

Width of fork: 138mm

Weight: 104g

Rich bronze patina. Wear apparent on inner perforations at prong finials. Zigzag pattern worn on outer surface. Bending of frame from junction. Butt terminal missing. Refined construction. Currently on loan to Louth County Museum in Dundalk, Ireland. Stated as having been found in Ardee, with a bronze spear-head.

Raftery, 1983, 53, No. 144

Louth County Museum, on loan from NMI: 1929: 1357

***Plate 10***

**Cat. No: Y1A:011**

Total length: 302mm

Width of fork: 119mm

“Complete. Members circular in section. Terminals separately cast; each one possesses a cylindrical socket into which ends of “pendant” have been fitted. A tiny transverse rivet secures each in place. Prong-terminals end in solid, diminutive sub-circular elements, flat on the inside and of D-shaped section. Narrow series of worn, transverse lines engraved around prongs at junction with terminals. Stem terminal ends in small, flattened-spherical boss. Fine engraved lines occur on socket close to boss, and also on stem, near junction with terminal” (Raftery 1983, 58).

Raftery, 1983, 58, No. 162.

National Museum of Ireland. 1920:33. Lost specimen

***Plate 11***

**Cat. No: Y1A:012**

Length: 273mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 114mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 28mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 72mm

Weight: 82g

**Description:** Deep brownish bronze colour. Smooth surface. Terminal prongs and any retainer buds missing. No visible casting seam.. Trace of red enamel in small deep indentation on junction of shaft and fork. Butt terminal is a droplet shape. Highly polished. Signs of wear at shaft – smooth worn area above butt terminal. Shaft bent from butt terminal. Only detail of provenance is Sligo.

Raftery, 1983, 55, No. 149

National Museum of Ireland; 1880:53/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 12***

**Cat. No: Y1A:013**

Length: 327mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 125mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 47mm

Terminal diameter: 11mm

Width of fork: 106mm

Weight: 140g

**Description:** Dark bronze with patches of scraping on otherwise smooth patina. Very lightweight and slender arms of fork. Retainer buds of forked terminals rounded on outside and with shallow indentation on the inner surface. Perforations facing each other and very narrow – approximately 2-3mm. Traces of some sort of pattern on outer surface of buds. One terminal bud damaged. Indications of wear and pressure on central shaft, and bending at connecting junction of shaft and fork. Acorn or droplet styled butt terminal with corrosive damage of small holes. Found in Ballina Costello, Mayo with a snaffle bit.

Raftery, 1983,54, No. 145

National Museum of Ireland. 1879:1

***Plate 13***

**Cat. No: Y1A:014**

Length: 321mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 129mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 41mm

Terminal diameter: 18mm

Width of fork: 146mm

Weight: 182g

**Description:** Almost black in colour. Smooth patina except where damage and/or repairs have occurred. No visible casting seams. Elongated acorn shape matching on prong terminal buds and butt terminal. Considerable wear and repair at shaft/fork junction, and just below the junction at top of shaft. Cut marks on one arm of fork where damage had already occurred in the past. Inner surface of terminal retainer buds shallowly hollow. Perforations in inner sides delta shaped, approximately 4-5mm. Surrounding metal squared and sturdy although worn smooth. Butt terminal has an oblique slice cut into the side. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 58, No. 159

National Museum of Ireland: P506/Habitat D16:7

***Plate 14***

**Cat. No: Y1A:015**

Length: 325mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 145mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 25mm

Terminal diameter: 22mm

(Projected approximate width of fork: 142mm)

Weight: 124g

**Description:** Deep bronze colour, with blackened shaft. Smooth patina. Partial retainer bud on one fork arm, suggesting a rounded retainer bud. Casting seam visible at junction of shaft and fork, but not on arms. Butt terminal intact and undamaged, with base of terminal perforated by small hole. Butt terminal shaped like slightly elongated hazelnut. No indication of use wear. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 58, No. 160

National Museum of Ireland: P508/Habitat D15:6

***Plate 15***

**Cat. No: Y1A:016**

Length: 229mm

Shaft length: 89mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Width of fork: 114mm

Weight: 60g

**Description:** Almost black in colour. Smooth surface. Terminal prongs and retainer buds broken, apart from the inner surface perforation at the base of one prong. Perforation rounded and large in comparison with size of artefact, at apx 4mm. This inward facing hoop of metal would suggest the retainer buds were curved. Casting seam of shaft beaten almost flat. Damage and wear to junction of shaft and fork. Cuts made at top of prongs. Butt terminal missing, but connecting rivet hole still there although damaged. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 58, No. 161.

National Museum of Ireland: P508.1/Habitat D16:5

***Plate 16***

**Cat. No: Y1A:017**

Length – including shaft and fork: 291mm

Width of fork: 115mm

“One prong-end and part of stem-terminal missing. Members circular in section. Surviving terminal, which has been cast with prong more or less almond shaped with rounded tip. Four fine, transverse mouldings mark junction with prong. Inner surface of terminal hollow; in place of projecting loop, inner edges of terminal hammered together at lower end so that they almost touch. Stem-terminal is separate casting” (Raftery 1983, 56).

Raftery, 1983, 56, No. 152

National Museum of Ireland: W156

***Plate 17***

**Cat. No: Y1A:018**

Length: 314mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 124mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 31mm

Terminal diameter: 19mm

Weight: 174g

**Description:** Bright bronze colour. Smooth surface. One arm of fork missing. Retainer bud at prong terminal berry shaped with hollow inner surface. Scratches on bud. No visible casting seam. Bending on ridge at centre of junction. Metal bent at shaft. Butt terminal rounded acorn shape, with small damaged indentation.

Raftery, 1983, 56, No. 153.

National Museum of Ireland: W162/Habitat D16:5

***Plate 18***

**Cat. No: Y1A:019**

Length: 337mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 141mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 44mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 148mm

Weight: 230g

**Description:** Rich bronze colour with greenish colouration at central seam on junction. Prong terminals bent slightly with scrapes. Retainer buds intact but showing some wear at inner perforations. Visible casting seam inverted V shaped at junction. Wear and damage apparent at junction and shaft. Butt terminal shows signs of melting and modifications, perhaps to fill in past holes, due to the presence of small indentations. Found at Moyfin, Co Meath in the River Boyne.

Raftery, 1983, 54, No. 147

National Museum of Ireland: W163/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 19***

**Cat. No: Y1A:020**

Length: 327mm

Shaft length (incl terminal):124mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 38mm

Terminal diameter: 17mm

Width of fork: 117mm

Weight: 169g

**Description:** Intact. Bright golden bronze colour. Retainer buds acorn shaped. Badly bent with holes worn in outer surface. Cast separately of different, paler metal alloy. Wear evident on inner surface perforation retainer hoop. Large deep scrape down shaft. Central casting seam partially visible at junction. Butt terminal smaller than retainer buds and damaged with small holes. Arms of fork bent back and curved. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 56, No. 154

National Museum of Ireland: W164/Habitat D 16:9

***Plate 20***

**Cat. No: Y1A:021**

Length: 301mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 124mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 36mm

Terminal diameter: 22mm

Width of fork: 135mm

Weight: 177g

**Description:** Rich golden bronze colour. Well finished but damage evident at prong terminals. Retainer buds intact but large hole in one bud. Rounded berry shape. Considerable wear on inner perforation retainer on damaged side than non-damaged. Bending and wear on both arms of fork. Central casting seam at junction. Butt terminal hollow and cast separately, with shaft spike visible through hole. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 56-7, No. 155

National Museum of Ireland: W165/Habitat D16:9. ***Plate 21***

**Cat. No: Y1A:022**

Length: 286mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 111mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 50mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 122mm

Weight: 174g

**Description:** Brownish bronze in colour. Intact. Smooth surface. Prong terminal retainer buds wide petal shaped with polished finish. Inner surface concave and shallow, with small perforations and metal worn thin at perforation points. Small holes are present in the outer surfaces of retainer buds. Arms of fork are cut and scratched and also bent. Inverted V casting seam on central junction, with pronounced raised seam on shaft and on arms of fork. Butt terminal is droplet shaped, with a break in the lower part showing the terminal to be hollow and cast separately from shaft. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 57, No. 156

National Museum of Ireland: W168/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 22***

**Cat. No: Y1A:023**

Length: 268mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 106mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 39mm

Terminal diameter: 12mm

Width of fork: 148mm

Weight: 149g

**Description:** Bronze colour, smooth surface. Intact though some damage to tips of retainer buds of prong terminals. Prong terminals cast separately. Small petal shaped buds with concave inner surface. Inner perforation small, rounded and worn thinner at projecting side. No casting seam visible on junction, fork or shaft. Butt terminal elongated acorn shape with an oblique cut showing a hollow interior and separate casting from shaft. Found in Creggan, Roscommon.



Raftery, 1983, 54, No. 148

National Museum of Ireland: W169/Habitat D16:5

***Plate 23***

**Cat. No: Y1A:024**

Length: 300mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 121mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 34mm

Terminal diameter: 19mm

Width of fork: 152mm

Weight: 188g

**Description:** rich brownish bronze in colour with some tinge of green at terminals. Intact. Prong terminal retainer buds berry shaped with smooth inner surface, although signs of twisting and wear of perforation area. Some bending and evidence of scratches on arms of fork. Casting seam visible on one side of piece, but beaten flat on other side. Some wear and damage on lower arm of fork and along shaft. Butt terminal droplet shaped, cast separately and visibly hollow from a gash at the base of the butt. Provenance unknown. ***Plate 33***

Raftery, 1983, 57, No. 157

National Museum of Ireland: W174/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 24***

**Cat. No: Y1A:025**

Length: 326mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 123mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 43mm

Terminal diameter: 17mm

Width of fork: 159mm

Weight: 180g

**Description:** Rich deep bronze colour. Smooth polished patina. Made with considerable refinement and attention to small details. Intact. Prong terminals simple and symmetrical. Both arms of fork perfectly symmetrical. No bending. Deep concave inner surface highly polished outer surface of retainer buds which are petal shaped. No sign of wear. No visible seam on junction or shaft. Unusual cleft butt terminal, with both pieces perforated by a small rivet hole, which must have held some other decorative detail in place at the butt. Butt terminal elegant elongated acorn shape and cast separate from the shaft. No provenance.

Raftery, 1983, 57, No. 158

National Museum of Ireland: W175/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 25***

**Cat. No: Y1A:026**

Shaft length (incl terminal): 124mm

Shaft breadth: 23mm

Terminal length: 23mm

Terminal diameter: 21mm

Weight: 74g

**Description:** Bright gold colour, but with greenish copper alloy corrosion visible through the many cracks of the surface. Fractured and bumpy surface. Cut visible at top of shaft. Butt terminal nut-shaped with punctures and cracks along the base. Butt terminal cast separately from shaft. Provenance unknown.

***Ulster Museum: No. A5043***

***Plate 26***

**Cat. No: Y1A:027**

Total length: 245mm

Width of fork: 136mm

“Mullingar, County Westmeath. Stem-end damaged and terminal missing. Members oval in section. Small solid separately cast prong-terminals. These are D-shaped in section roughly circular in shape with thin, transverse moulding at junction with prong. Inner surfaces flat. Inverted V-moulding at junction of stem and fork. “(Raftery 1983, 55) Found with now-lost specimen Y2A: 017.

*Raftery, 1983, 55, No. 151*

University of Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology: 27.625.

***Plate 27***

**Cat. No: Y1A:028**

**Unknown provenance.**

Considered as being attached to the QUB Belfast teaching laboratories (Raftery 1983, 59) it is believed that this piece was borrowed briefly during the 1970s by Prof Jope, from an unknown private source. There has been doubt cast on whether it was a Y-piece (*pers. comm., Dr. B Hartwell*)

## **Type 1b**

*Characteristics: This typology is defined by moulded ribbed terminals, both at prongs and shaft. Similar in many ways to the structure of the 1a, it is relatively lightweight as a result of being cast as several components which were then welded together.*

### **Cat. No: Y1B:001**

No provenance. Stem of prong bent into a 'u' shape. Considerable blistering and corrosion of stem. Terminal ribbed and cast separately. Poor condition makes it hard to ascertain use-wear, although it would appear to have some pre-depositional wear at the inner perforations

Raftery, 1983, 65, No. 184

Alnwick Castle: Accession number 1880-481.

### ***Plate 28***

### **Cat. No: Y1B:002**

Length: 278mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Shaft length (inclusive of terminal): 118mm

Terminal length: 63mm

Terminal diameter: 12mm

Width of fork: 159mm

Description: Golden coloured. Square rather than curved in shape of fork. Central junction of fork showing signs of repair due to reinforcement by added metal of slightly deeper colour. Cheek retainers hollow moulded on inner surface. Butt terminal and cheek retainers both a series of curved, stacked beads to resemble alder tree seed pods. One cheek retainer bud damaged.

Raftery, 1983, 60, No. 168

Armagh County Museum: 223.1935

### ***Plate 29***

**Cat. No: Y1B:003**

Length: 315mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 120mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 64mm

Terminal diameter: 15mm

Width of fork: 180mm approximation only due to breakage

Weight: 247g

**Description:** Bright bronze colour. Smooth surface. High polish on terminal. Broken in three pieces. Prong terminals intact with retainer buds. Well-formed curved berry shaped retainer buds, with hollow inner surface. Perforations of inner surface rounded, width of almost 4 mm. Inner surfaces of buds show signs of chaffing and wear at perforation area. No visible casting seam but considerable indications of repair. Junction broken at one repair, where metal alloy of similar colour has been wrapped around lower arm of fork closest to junction. Other fragment has a dark, soft metallic substance resembling lead soldered into it, with punctures which are rivet shaped. Greenish tinge of butt terminal, suggesting a different alloy than shaft. Butt terminal catkin shaped. Signs of pressure on butt terminal, resulting in bending of metal. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 63, No. 177

National Museum of Ireland: 1882:224/Habitat D16:5

***Plate 30***

**Cat. No: Y1B:004**

Length: 291mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 113mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 61mm

Terminal diameter: 8mm

(Projected width of fork, based on measurement of one arm to centre of junction: 150mm)

Weight: 120g

**Description:** Deep bronze in colour. Smooth surface. One arm missing. Terminal prong retainer bud of catkin style, with shallow concave inner surface. Inner perforation narrow, at 2mm. Shaft attached to fork via rounded casting seam. Butt terminal also catkin style with small cap on final bead. Wear and repairs on shaft, with smoothed areas and others bent from

pressure. Found in Kilbeg, in the parish of Horseleap. Found with the only known iron Y-piece and 3 shaft-hole iron axe heads in thick clayish soil at a depth of around 90cm.

Raftery, 1983, 63, No. 170

National Museum of Ireland: 1935:404/Habitat C3:21

***Plate 31***

**Cat. No: Y1B:005**

Length: 294mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 131mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 8mm

Terminal diameter: 8mm

(Projected width of fork: 97mm)

Weight: 80g

**Description:** Damaged. One arm of fork missing. Dark bronze in colour. Crude and poorly made. Prong terminals more reminiscent of screw-nails than retainer buds. Great deal of wear on inner surface perforation retainers. No casting seam visible. Considerable amount of horizontal hacks and scratches on shaft. Butt terminal screw-nail shaped and heavily ridged. No provenance.

Raftery, 1983, 61, No. 172.

National Museum of Ireland: W154/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 32***

**Cat. No: Y1B:006.**

Length: 113mm

Breadth: 5mm

Weight: 83g

**Description:** Stem only. Roughly truncated. An enclosed note in NMI archives states “This # refers to a complete (sic) pendant; ie, to the one in 16:6”. Raftery identifies this as only a piece of stem, but to be certain, a process of elimination confirmed this fragment to be W159. Provenance unstated.

Raftery, 1983, 62, No. 173.

National Museum of Ireland: W159/Habitat D16:5

***Plate 33***

**Cat. No: Y1B:007**

Length: 66mm

Width: 5mm

Weight: 27g

**Description:** fragment of prong terminal. One retainer bud remaining. Stacked berry shaped. Hollow inner surface. Found in River Shannon with W161.

Raftery, 1983, 61, No. 171

National Museum of Ireland: W160/Habitat D7:2

***Plate 34***

**Cat. No: Y1B:008**

Length: 126mm

Breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 35mm

Terminal diameter: 20mm

Weight: 87g

**Description:** Fragment. Shaft only. Rich bronze colour. Damage at top of terminal. Found in River Shannon with W160. It may be they belong to the same Y-piece but it is almost impossible to confirm.

Raftery, 1983, 61, No. 171b.

National Museum of Ireland: W161/Habitat D7:2

***Plate 35***

**Cat. No: Y1B:009**

Length: 305mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 127mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 38mm

Terminal diameter: 27mm (excluding jet of unworked material)

Width of fork: 99mm

Weight: 144g

**Description:** Rich dark bronze. Unpolished. No copper alloy corrosion apparent, but reddish rust like material visible on jet and butt terminal. Intact. Prong terminal retainer buds are small, rounded stacked berry design. Inner surface is concave and unworked, very raw in appearance. No wear to perforation area or buds. Arms of fork are symmetrical and unbent. Wide inverted V seam visible at junction of shaft and junction. Butt terminal alder seed shaped, with casting seam ridges as yet unpolished or worked. Casting jet still attached to side of butt terminal. Jet is circular in shape, with concentric circular indentations. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 62, No. 174.

National Museum of Ireland: W170

***Plate 36***

**Cat. No: Y1B:010**

Length: 219mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 109mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 36mm

Terminal diameter: 14mm

Width of fork: 86mm

Weight: 98g

**Description:** Bronze in colour, with a darker, more polished metal added to one of the fork arms. Terminal prongs and retainer buds missing. No visible casting seams. Ragged rough surface at arms, along with small cuts and scrapes. Butt terminal elongated acorn shape, with small cracks and areas of corrosion. No known provenance

Raftery, 1983, 62, No. 175



National Museum of Ireland: W172/Habitat D16:5

*Plate 37*

**Cat. No: Y1B:011**

Length: 348mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 136mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 46mm

Terminal diameter: 18mm

Width of fork: 79mm

Weight: 148g

**Description:** Golden bronze colour with no discolouration or corrosion. Smooth patina and well polished. Unique style of prong terminal and retainer buds in that the perforations face backwards, and not inwards facing each other as with every other known piece. Retainer buds are small catkin shape with partially concave inner surface. Perforations are squared and small at approximately 2mm. Arms of fork bent slightly from junction. Wear on one arm very obvious, with a cylindrical shaped piece of bronze wrapped round damage, with scraping either side of reinforcement. Damage and scarping also visible to top of shaft and junction. Small cut beside visible inverted V casting seam at junction. Butt terminal is hollow, cast separately and also catkin shaped with damage to bottom bead. Provenance unknown. Raftery, 1983, 62-3, No.176

National Museum of Ireland: W173/Habitat D

*Plate 38*

**Cat. No: Y1B:012**

Length: 356mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 148mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 46mm

Terminal diameter: 10mm

Width of fork: 164mm

Weight: 280g

**Description:** bright bronze in colour. Shiny smooth patina. No sign of wear. Prong terminals and retainer buds intact. Elongated graduated ridge decoration, consisting of 12 rings. Inverted V casting seam on shaft, suggesting shaft was cast separately. Butt terminal also of stacked and graduated ring structure. High quality finish and highly polished. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 63, No. 178

National Museum of Ireland: 1944:296/Habitat B1:6

***Plate 39***

**Cat. No: Y1B:013**

Length: 195mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 131mm

Terminal length: 74mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Weight: 84.8g

Missing both prong finials. Reddish patina. Oxidised on surface. Finely ribbed terminal. Wear and puncture marks on shaft. Some minor bending at junction.

Raftery, 1983, 64, No. 181

Queens University Teaching Collection: QAD/6/5

***Plate 40***

**Cat. No: Y1B: 014**

Total length: 270mm

Width of fork: 137mm

“MS drawing of complete specimen. Prong terminals decorated with close-set ribbing along outer surfaces, hollow along inner surfaces. Stem terminal is decorated with three prominent ribs separated from one another by pronounced concavities” (Raftery 1983, 60). Found in Glenbuck, Co Antrim with a ‘brass’ pin.

Raftery, 1983, 60, No. 167

Specimen Lost.

***Plate 41***

**Cat. No: Y1B:015**

Length: 203mm

'Shaft' length: 39mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Width of fork: 103mm

Weight: 78g

**Description:** Rich deep bronze colour. Twisted bumpy surface. Badly damaged, obviously deliberately. Arms of fork have been twisted back upon themselves from the junction, with the butt terminal turned into an arm of a fork. Remaining prong terminal has small modified hole drilled through metal. Reconstruction would suggest an original length of around 279mm, a fork width of 122mm and a shaft of around 133mm, inclusive of butt terminal. The butt terminal has been cast with the piece, and is not added on. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 64, No. 180

Ulster Museum: A113.1.1906

***Plate 42***

**Cat. No: Y1B:016**

Length: 254mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 124mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 48mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 125mm

Weight: 97g

**Description:** Dark bronze colour. Smooth surface. Terminal prongs and retainers missing. Some bending evident on arms of fork. Trace of casting seam at junction of shaft and fork. Wear on junction and at top of shaft. Butt terminal lightly ridged on shaft, with berry shaped bottom. Join of terminal and shaft jagged and showing signs of modification. Bottom of butt terminal missing, showing sharp prong running up into shaft. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 64, No. 183

Ulster Museum: A113.2.1906

***Plate 43***

**Cat. No: Y1B: 017**

Length: 335mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 125mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 65mm

Terminal diameter: 14mm

Width of fork: 133mm

Weight: 221g

**Description:** Pale gold patina, smooth highly polished surface. Intact. Prong terminal retainer buds catkin shaped and highly polished outer surface. Inner surface unpolished, somewhat raw-looking and concave. Rounded perforation of some 35mm. No visible casting seam. Signs of wear and damage at upper part of shaft, close to junction. This wear has been repaired with a wrap of reinforcing metal of a paler golden colour, which has been easier corroded than the original material. There are several small corroded holes in repair metal. Damage exists underneath the additional metal, further down the shaft. Butt terminal is catkin shaped and intact, with highly polished surface.

Raftery, 1983, 63, No. 179

Ulster Museum: A5550

***Plate 44***

**Cat. No: Y1B: 018.**

Total length: 312mm

Width of fork: 150mm

“Kishawanny, County Kildare. Complete; stem bent out of shape. Members circular in section. Separately-cast terminals decorated with series of prominent sub-spherical mouldings. Tiny cylindrical nipple at tip of each, that at stem being hollow. Prong-terminals hollow along inner surfaces. Inverted V-moulding at junction of fork and stem. Found with bronze hook, handbell of bronze and two bronze rings” (Raftery 1983, 61).

Raftery, 1983, 60, No. 169

University of Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology : 99.248

***Plate 45***

**Cat. No: Y1B:019**

**Lost specimen.**

“MS drawing of ribbed prong-terminal shown wrapped around ring of bridle bit No. 5”  
(Raftery 1983, 64).

Raftery, 1983, 64, No. 182

National Library of Ireland

***Plate 46***

### Type 1c

*Characteristics: The 1c type has circular terminals, reminiscent of the modern day 'Cladagh Ring', minus any human imagery incorporated into the design. They are one of the less well represented categories of Y-piece.*

**Cat. No: Y1C: 001**

Length: 338mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 139mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Terminal length: 49mm

Terminal width: 29mm

(Projected width of fork 150mm)

Weight: 151g

**Description:** almost black in colour. Smooth patina. One arm of fork missing. Retainer bud styled as an elegant hoop with central circular detail, still containing visible bright red enamel. Considerable wear on inner surface perforation retainer. Inner surface smooth. Scratches on outer surface of prong terminal beneath hoop. Central casting seam. Originally owned by RDS, who did not record details of location found.

Raftery, 1983, 65, No. 187

National Museum of Ireland: W158/Habitat D16:9

### *Plate 47*

**Cat. No: Y1C:002**

Length: 322mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 115mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 42mm

Terminal width: 32mm

Width of fork: 136mm

Weight: 151g

**Description:** Deep bronze colour. Intact. Prong terminal retainer buds intact. Polished smooth on inner surface as well as outer. Small circular decoration top and bottom of hoop,

again reminiscent of the Claddagh ring. Inner perforations worn smooth and thin. One hoop has also been thinned. No visible casting seam. Butt terminal slightly bent from shaft. One of a pair with Y1C:003 (A668.2.1910). No provenance.

Raftery, 1983, 65, No. 185

Ulster Museum: A668.1.1910

***Plate 48***

**Cat. No: Y1C:003**

Length: 320mm

Shaft length (incl terminal); 114mm

Shaft breadth: 52mm

Terminal length: 41mm

Terminal width: 30mm

Width of fork: 134mm

Weight: 148g

**Description:** Dark bronze colour. Smooth surface. One prong terminal retainer bud intact, the other damaged and partially missing. Hoop shaped with small circle details at top and bottom of hoop, overall shape reminiscent of a Claddagh ring. Small inner surface perforation of 26mm in a deltoid metal ring. Smooth inner surface. Signs of wear on buds and perforation, one of which is worn quite thin. No visible casting seam, but signs of beating of metal at junction. Butt terminal cast separately. Similar 'Claddagh' style with hoop and circular pattern top and bottom of ring. Part of a pair. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 65, No. 186

Ulster Museum: A668.2.1910

***Plate 49***

## Type 1d

*Characteristics: The most ornate of all Y-pieces, usually with a notably shorter shaft, and highly decorative La Tène-derivative ornamentation on terminals.*

### **Cat. No: Y1D:001**

Total length: 275mm

Width of fork: 154mm

“No provenance. Complete. Members circular in section. Each terminal is a complex, individual casting. Prong terminals make up of two separate units, mounted on ends of prongs with space between. The units on one face bear snail-shell scrolls; those on the other simpler, moulded curves. The design of the stem terminal repeated on both faces and on the base is that of an elaborate S-form combined with solid circular motifs. One prong is pierced along its lower curve by an opposed pair of teardrop-shaped openings, separated from one another by a transverse cylindrical bar. Both openings defined by a thin beaded line which continues centrally along the prong and along the stem. On the same side, on both prong and stem is a series of shallow rectangular facets. Near end of each prong, riveted to inner face is small moveable rectangular box shaped mount; tiny rivet-holes in sides of these ‘boxes’ suggest that a leather strap may once have been fastened inside each one” (Raftery 1983, 67).

Raftery, 1983, 67, No. 191

British Museum: Former Reg. Number 147

### **Plate 50**

### **Cat. No: Y1D:002**

Length: 257mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 63mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Terminal length: 32mm

Terminal width: 38mm

Width of fork: 137mm

Weight: 224g

**Description:** Bright gold colour with some green copper alloy patches. Smooth patina. No sign of use or wear. Retainer buds of terminal prongs displaying two different patterns, one a



rounded arm cruciform pattern, with heavy base ridges, the other a monstrance shaped circle with crown-like protrusions on three sides. A few small flaws or air bubbles are visible in the terminals. Inner surface shows crude casting and is concave and unpolished. Inner surface perforation is circular, of about 4mm contained by a squared box of metal. Casting seams are visible on fork and shaft, with a deep inverted V casting seam at the junction of shaft and fork. Most of the terminal is missing, but would suggest a La Tène ornate circular design. Found in Ballykean bog, Ballyduff, Co Offaly as part of a wetland deposition hoard with Y1D: 003/4/5.

National Museum of Ireland: 2000:16/Habitat Keepers Office

***Plate 51***

**Cat. No: Y1D:003**

Length: 241mm

Shaft length: 47mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Width of fork: 139mm

Weight: 210g

**Description:** Smooth, highly polished and bright golden coloured patina. Some areas of greenish copper colour on arms of fork. Retainer buds ornate although different patterns. One a circle, surrounded by crown shaped protrusions, reminiscent of an Early Christian period monstrance. An unusual protruding lip creates the base of the retainer. The other is cruciform, with dish-like circular termination of arms, set on heavily patterned ridged base. Inner surface is hollow and shallow. Perforation on inner surface is squared and small, 3 mm. Casting seam visible at both junctions of shaft and fork and on the shaft itself. Butt terminal missing, with connecting stub where it once fitted undamaged. Ratchet ridges on stub very visible, but bent sideways, perhaps from either forced removal of terminal piece or pressure of bog. Found in Ballykean bog, Ballyduff, Co. Offaly with Y1D: 002/4/5.

National Museum of Ireland: 2000:17/Habitat Keepers Office

***Plate 52***

**Cat. No: Y1D:004**

Length: 226mm

Shaft length: 47mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Width of fork: 129mm

Weight: 226g

**Description:** Greenish coppery colour, with some areas of golden patina still visible. Heavy and ornately decorated. Butt terminal missing. Retainer buds of terminal prongs both different, one being a circle with floral crown shaped decoration, the other cruciform with circular terminations of the arms of the cross. Inner surface of bud retainers hollow and slightly crude. Perforation of inner surface squared and crude, measuring 4mm. Casting seams visible on both shaft and fork. Junction of shaft and fork has an inverted V casting. Butt terminal missing or deliberately destroyed before deposition in bog. No sign of wear or repair. Found with Y1D:002/3/5 in Ballykean Bog, Ballyduff, Co Offaly.

National Museum of Ireland: 2000:18/Habitat Keepers Office

*Plate 53*

**Cat. No: Y1D:005**

Length: 288mm

Shaft length (incl terminal) 86mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 56mm

Terminal width: 42mm

Width of fork: 138mm

Weight: 247g

**Description:** Golden patina, with coppery green patches on surface. Smooth surface. Heavy but beautifully made ornate decoration of La Tène style. Complete and undamaged, apart from twisting of fork prongs. Retainer buds of prong terminals both different – one serpentine in shape, the other cruciform. Inner surface of retainer buds shallow and showing more crudeness of mould than the rest of the artefact. Perforation of inner surface 4mm and rounded. Central casting seam. Butt terminal ornate serpentine pattern, with detail of floral raised edges round entire circumference. No sign of wear or repair. Found in Ballykean Bog, Ballyduff, Co Offaly as part of a wetland deposition hoard 2000:16/17/18.

National Museum of Ireland: 2000:19/Habitat Keepers Office

*Plate 54*

**Cat. No: Y1D:006**

Length: 302mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 93mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 61mm

Terminal width: 45mm

Width of fork: 183mm

Weight: 189g

**Description:** Dark bronze colour with greenish tinge at terminals. Prong terminals intact, but damage to one of the retainer buds. Both retainer buds are firmly cruciate in shape, with a heavier art style reminiscent of pre-Migration Jutland/Angle metalwork fused with crude la Tène-derivative elements. Inner surface is concave and rawly finished. Inner perforations are 4mm approximately, and showing some sign of thinning from wear. No visible seam on shaft, but a slight casting seam raised on junction. The shaft terminal is of La Tène style and more sophisticated in execution than the prong terminals, being almost identical to the Ballykean bog finds of Offaly. It is serpentine in form, with edges of raised floral 'crowns'. Terminals of both prongs and butt are cast separately, of different alloy. No provenance given.

Raftery, 1983, 65-6, No. 188

National Museum of Ireland: W176/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 55***

**Cat. No: Y1D:007**

Length: 263mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 86mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 58mm

Terminal width: 49mm

Width of fork: 153mm

Weight; 304g

**Description:** Dark brownish bronze. Reddish corrosion around the butt terminal and shaft. Strong smell of rust from piece. Intact. Prong terminal retainer buds heavy and crudely cast in

one piece. Retainer buds cruciate in shape. Inner surface concave and rough surfaced. Inner perforations approximately 3mm and set in worn, dense curves of metal. No visible seams. Some wear at middle of shaft, as surface is very smooth compared to the slightly grainy texture of rest of metal. Butt terminal cast with shaft, and is ornate and circular, consisting of concentric rings flanked by floral 'crown' raised motif. The overall effect is of an older, less skilful prototype of the exquisite Ballykean pieces. Reddish corrosion especially noticeable in ridges of terminal. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 66, No. 189

National Museum of Ireland: W177/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 56***

**Cat. No: Y1D:008**

Length: 242mm

Shaft length: 63mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Width of fork: 144mm

Weight: 112g

**Description:** Golden bronze colour. Badly damaged with rough, bumpy surface. Terminal prongs broken, both retainer buds missing, although the remains of a connecting rivet hole for the terminal buds is apparent. Forks squared in shape. No casting seam visible. Repair and damage at junction of shaft/fork very visible, with darker metal wrapped around the junction and the shaft, then beaten crudely into place. A rivet is also visible in the darker metal. Arms of fork badly bent from the junction upwards. Butt terminal missing, although small scrolled detail would suggest it was of a well-made and ornate La Tène derivative style. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 66-7, No. 190

National Museum of Ireland: P509/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 57***

### **Type 1e**

***Characteristics: The most obviously insular-La Tène styled of the artefacts, connecting into a harness with hooks rather than perforations on the prong terminals. The terminals are cast with cells for champlevé inserts of enamel.***

#### **Cat. No: Y1E:001**

Total length: 256mm

Width of fork: 48mm

“All terminals missing. Prongs converge noticeably but this is probably not an original feature. Members circular in section, apart from flattened oval prong-ends and rectangular-sectioned end of stem. Tip of stem slightly burred by hammering. Surface at junction of fork and stem flattened on both faces. File marks evident along inner surfaces of prongs”( Raftery 1983,69).

Raftery, 1983, 69, No. 195

Armagh Public Library: Beresford Collection

#### ***Plate 58***

#### **Cat. No: Y1E:002**

Length: 306mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Shaft length (inclusive of terminal): 118mm

Terminal length: 46mm

Width of fork: 73mm

Weight: 89g

On loan from Ulster Museum. Central seam beaten flat. Butt terminal also beaten flat. Twisted out of shape very badly. Damage appears to be ancient as edges are same blackened patina as rest of frame. Considerable evidence of friction wear on prong finials and wear on junction. Zoomorphic hooks resembling bird heads, with slight discolouration inside one prong indicating enamel inlays.

Raftery, 1983, 68, No. 194

Ulster Museum, currently Monaghan County Museum: 138-1956

#### ***Plate 59***

**Cat. No: Y1E:003**

Length: 289mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 143mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 28mm

Terminal width: 15mm

Width of fork: 126mm

Weight: 126g

**Description:** Dark bronze colour with reddish tinge on arms of fork and greenish tinge on shaft and butt terminal. Prong terminals missing. One arm of fork broken off. Double inverted V casting seam at junction. Ornamental butt terminal in scrolled La Tène style. Rivet attaching terminal to shaft. Found in Lough Fea, in the Farney barony of Monaghan. Attached paper tag bears the letters LF, perhaps standing for Lough Fea.

Raftery, 1983, 67, No. 192

National Museum of Ireland: 1965:179/Habitat D17:7

***Plate 60***

**Cat. No: Y1E:004**

Length: 354mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 147mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 44mm

Terminal width: 29mm

Width of fork: 158mm

Weight: 250g

**Description:** Dark bronze patina. Highly polished. Retainer buds of prongs of fork intact and ornate La Tène style scroll, with small amounts of red enamel still visible in casting seam of pattern. Wear on inner perforation retainers. Inner surface worn and scraped. Damage to arms of fork, with cuts, scrapes and holes as well as gentle bending. Central casting seam. Butt terminal similar to retainer buds. Small hole in top. Cast separately from body of piece. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 68, No. 193

National Museum of Ireland: W167/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 61***

## **Type 2a**

*Characteristics: The most robust of Y-pieces, with a single cast frame, circular holes in the pronged terminals, often decorated with La Tène derivative styled relief around the holes, strikingly similar to the Turoe Stone decorations and also those on the Bann and Monasterevan discs. Only on some exceptional specimens, such as the Attymon pieces, is there any evidence of the shaft terminal being decorated.*

### **Cat. No: Y2A:001**

Total length: 158mm

“County Antrim. Stem fragment. Hemispherical knob with concave-sided socket, into which stem fits. Circular stem-end visible on base of knob. Wear evident on stem.” (Raftery 1983, 70).

Raftery, 1983, 70, No. 197

British Museum: 1921.12-6.36

### ***Plate 62***

### **Cat. No: Y2A:002**

Total length: 264mm

Part of a pair with Y2A:003 and missing horse bit.

Raftery, 1983, 71, No. 203

British Museum: 53.5-28.4

### ***Plate 63***

### **Cat.No: Y2A:003**

Total length: 268mm

“Near Galway. Pair. Prong-ends missing. Members circular-to-pointed-oval in section heavily corroded. Stem-terminals well preserved. These are hemispherical knobs with short, concave sided sockets into which each stem fits. Stem-ends, circular and rectangular sectioned respectively, visible on each base of each terminal” (Raftery 1983, 71). Found with horse bit as part of hoard.

Raftery, 1983, 71, No. 204

British Museum: 53.5-28.5

***Plate 63***

**Cat. No: Y2A:004**

Length: 339mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 165mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Width of fork: 162mm

Weight: 184g

**Description:** Dark bronze in colour. Smooth surface. Prong terminals damaged. La Tène style pattern on terminals. Inner surface would suggest the terminals were worked using a repoussé technique. Upper part of circle missing from terminal prongs. Visible casting seam on shaft, junction and either side of fork arms. Junction shows sign of being worn smooth. Arms and shaft both bent. Butt terminal missing. End of shaft badly damaged, with ragged cut marks and scraping. End of shaft ripped and twisted as if considerable force used upon it. Provenance unknown but was donated to NMI by the RDS antiquarian Mr J Perry.

Raftery, 1983, 74, No. 213

National Museum of Ireland: 1881:311/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 64***

**Cat.No: Y2A:005**

Length: 308mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 139mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 22mm

Terminal diameter: 20mm

Width of fork: 173mm

Weight: 288g

**Description:** Dark blackish bronze in colour. Smooth patina. Well worked although simple in shape. Intact, with prong terminals displaying finely worked repoussé detail in La Tène style. Possible bovine motif at perforation making a circle over the head. Large perforations of some 5mm diameter. Some bending of arms of fork, and cuts visible on junction. No visible



casting seams. Butt terminal alder seed shaped and cast separately. A piece of considerable sophistication despite simplicity. Found in Roscommon along with a snaffle bit (Raftery 1983,73).

Raftery, 1983, 72-3, No. 209

National Museum of Ireland: 1882:223/ Habitat D16:6

***Plate 65***

**Cat. No: Y2A:006**

Total length: 351mm

Width of fork: 150mm

Part of Attymon hoard with Y2A:007 and pair of bridle bits with matching insular La Tene-style decoration cast relief. Currently on display in 'Kingship and Sacrifice' exhibition of the National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St, Dublin. No use-wear visible on Y-pieces, suggesting perhaps either seldom or never used.

Raftery, 1983, 71, No. 200

National Museum of Ireland: 1891:10. Display cabinet Kingship and Sacrifice Exhibition

***Plate 66***

**Cat. No: Y2A:007**

Total length: 356mm

Width of fork: 156mm

The Attymon hoard. Currently in secure display case as part of the NMI's 'Kingship and Sacrifice' exhibition. "Pair. Complete. Members oval to pointed-oval in section. Fine curvilinear ornament on prong-ends and stem terminal, cast but finished off by tooling. End of stem visible on each terminal base and the design has been completed across it in each instance by chiselling. Traces of casting seams detectable on stems and prongs. Fine golden patina throughout. Found with a pair of bridle bits on hard turf bottom of a bog at a depth of 24ft about 1.5 miles from Attymon station" (Raftery 1983, 71). No obvious signs of use-wear. Design on prongs most similar to Monasterevin disc

Raftery, 1983, 71, No. 201

National Museum of Ireland: 1891:10a Display cabinet Kingship and Sacrifice Exhibition

***Plate 67***

**Cat. No: Y2A:008**

Total length: 334mm

Width of fork: 179mm

Currently in Clare County Museum. “Ballyalla, County Clare. Prong ends and stem terminal badly damaged. Traces of cast, curvilinear decoration survive at prong-ends. Stem terminal pear-shaped; square sectioned stem-end visible through break. It pierces the terminal and is held in place by burring of the tip. Traces of casting seam detectable on the stem” (Raftery 1983, 70).

Raftery, 1983, 70, No. 198.

National Museum of Ireland: 1931:313 / Currently in Co Clare Museum

***Plate 68***

**Cat. No: Y2A:009**

Length: 326mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 143mm

Shaft breadth: 10mm

Terminal length: 28mm

Terminal diameter: 22mm

Width of fork: 148mm

Weight: 186g

**Description:** Brownish green coloured smooth surface. Missing prong terminals. Arms of fork slightly bent. No apparent signs of wear or repair. Heavy central casting seam running from junction down shaft. Cast in one piece. Alder seed shaped butt terminal, small puncture in side of terminal, where greenish colour is very visible. Solid terminal. Donated to the NMI from Mr Knowles of Ballymena, Antrim. Only given location for find is Inishowen Barony, Co Donegal.

Raftery, 1983, 70, No. 199

National Museum of Ireland: 1934:10279/Habitat C26:2

***Plate 69***

**Cat. No: Y2A:010**

Length: 337mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 147mm

Shaft breadth: 9mm

Terminal length: 24mm

Terminal diameter: 28mm

Width of fork: 156mm

Weight: 332g

**Description:** Light bronze colour. Patina worn off. Smooth even surface. Well-made although basic. Prong terminals large and circular. Perforations also large at 7mm. Terminal prongs must once have been decorated, as two sets of small holes on outer surface suggest rivets. Two of these small holes perforate through to the inner surface; the other two merely puncture the outer surface. Signs of wear on arms of fork and at prong terminals. Deep double inverted V seam present at junction. Nut shaped butt terminal which has rounded base, perforated by a central rivet and three small punctures. Found at Durk Island, on Lough Allen, Cormongan, Leitrim, on a shore of pebbles. Find included a snaffle bit.

Raftery, 1983, 71-2, No. 205

National Museum of Ireland: 1969:833/Habitat D42:8

***Plate 70***

**Cat. No: Y2A:011**

Length: 314mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 154mm

Shaft breadth: 9mm

Terminal length: 19mm

Terminal diameter: 26mm

Width of fork: 150mm

Weight: 380g

**Description:** Dark bronze in colour, smooth patina. Flat terminals at prongs of fork with 7mm holes in centres. Flattened seams on arms of fork. Heavy, basic yet well made. Visible central casting seam. Butt terminal cast separately from the shaft. Butt terminal base is hazelnut shaped. It has a tiny raised area, which has corroded, showing terminal to be hollow. Cracks also radiate from the butt terminal. Part of the Petrie collection of the NMI, this piece

was found at Drumanone portal tomb, recorded in the NMI's records as the cromlech of Diarmud and Grainne, near Boyle, Roscommon, in 1867.

Raftery, 1983, 73, No. 209

National Museum of Ireland: P504/Habitat D 16:9

***Plate 71***

**Cat. No: Y2A:012**

Length: 335mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 150mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 25mm

Terminal diameter: 23mm

Width of fork: 159mm

Weight: 280g

**Description:** Rich golden bronze in colour, but with evidence of considerable deliberate scraping and filing of surface. Heavy but well made and refined in structure. Visible casting seam at shaft/fork junction. Cast in one piece. Terminal prongs of fork show signs of filing, scraping and beating flat from the original slightly concave inner surface. Striations of filing over entire surface of piece. Bending and wear at shaft, just below junction. Terminal refined, slightly elongated hazelnut shape. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 73-4, No. 212

National Museum of Ireland: P505/Habitat 16:7

***Plate 72***

**Cat. No: Y2A: 013**

Length: 366mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 163mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Terminal length: 35mm

Terminal diameter: 26mm

Width of fork: 174mm

Weight: 329g

**Description:** Bright coppery bronze patina. Smooth surface. Refined, high quality detail throughout. Prong terminals worked with La Tène style design. Inner surface hollow and scraped. Central casting seam visible, extending down shaft and along axis of arms and junction. Butt terminal embossed with design reminiscent of the Turoe stone, and seen on Attymon Y- pieces as well. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 73, No. 211

National Museum of Ireland: W166/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 73***

**Cat. No: Y2A:0014**

Total length: 330mm

Width of fork: 110mm

Tara/Skryn, County Meath. Found with a horse bit and another lost Y-piece specimen.” Complete. Members circular to oval in section. Simple cast curvilinear ornament on prong-ends. Flattened spherical knob with short concave-sided socket into which stem fits. Slightly raised, roughly circular area on base of knob. Large circular hole in one side, through which a square sectioned tang, can be seen. Faint transverse moulding marks junction of stem and fork” (Raftery 1983, 72).

Raftery, 1983, 72, No. 207

National Museum of Ireland: W 171. Habitat currently unknown

***Plate 74***

**Cat. No: Y2A:015**

Total length: 344mm

“Ballybrown, Clarina, County Limerick. Portion of one prong missing. Surviving prong-terminal defective. Members circular-to-flattened oval in section. Spherical knob at stem end with short cylindrical socket into which stem fits. End of stem visible on base of knob. There appears to be wear on lower concavity of fork” (Raftery 1983, 72).

Raftery, 1983, 72, No. 206

National Museum of Ireland: E92:444/Lost specimen.

***Plate 75***

**Cat. No: Y2A: 016**

Length: 247mm

Shaft length: 77mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Width of fork: 172mm

Weight: 194g

**Description:** Deep golden bronze colour with greenish tinge to worn areas of metal. Smooth surface. Very simple design, but made with some refinement. Circular prong terminals with wide perforation of some 67mm. Inner surface of prong terminals concave and polished as much as the outer surface. Wear on sides of prong terminals from worn smooth areas and also some small jagged parts where it appears something had chaffed and dented the metal. Visible casting seams at junction and on shaft. Shaft bent double on itself. Found in Glenatrace, Ballymena, and donated by Mr Knowles of Ballymena.

Raftery, 1983, 70, No. 196

Ulster Museum: A532.1924

***Plate 76***

**Cat. No: Y2A:017**

Sourced to Mullingar, County Westmeath. Found with Y1A:027, and another lost specimen.

Raftery, 1983, 73, No. 210

University of Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Lost.

***Plate 77***

**Cat. No: Y2A:018**

Found close to St Clerans, County Galway. Described by Haworth (1971, 45) but current whereabouts unknown.

Raftery 1983, 73, No. 201.

***Plate 78 text only.***

**Cat. No: Y2A:019**

Length: 322mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 145mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 36mm

Terminal diameter: 23mm

Width of fork: 164mm

Weight: 312g

**Description:** Dark almost blackened colour with dark greenish tinge at butt terminal. Smooth surface. Crudely made. Terminal prongs circular and basic, about 7mm wide. Shallow concave surface on inner surface of terminal prongs. Scratch marks and filing visible on outer surface of terminals. Visible casting seam on central junction and shaft, as well as on edges of fork arms. Terminal butt alder seed shaped, cast separately from rest of piece as connecting seam very visible. Dark green coppery rivet visible at base of butt terminal. Only known provenance is Northern Ireland.

National Museum of Ireland: 1939:82/Habitat C24:5

***Plate 79***

## **Type 2b**

***Characteristics: The circular holes are mostly replaced with delicate D-shaped, or peltate, prong terminals which are cast on, meaning that few are intact. This category are considerably lighter than the unitary cast 2a.***

### **Cat. No: Y2B: 001**

Total Length: 275mm

Width of fork: 102mm

No provenance. Very poor condition. Prong terminals are missing. Obvious pressure bend on shaft. Entire specimen badly corroded. Asymmetrically-spherical stem-knob. Inverted V-moulding at junction of fork and stem, although this is hard to discern from the badly pitted surface.

Raftery, 1983, 78, No 229

Alnwick Castle: Accession No. 1880: 479

### ***Plate 80***

### **Cat. No: Y2B:002**

Total length: 261mm

Width of fork: 141mm

“No provenance. Complete. Extensively corroded. Members oval in section, D-shaped in section at prong-ends. Prongs of uneven length; one end rounded, the other flat. Two semicircular notches cut into opposing edges near each tip. Each prong-end pierced by tiny, more or less cylindrical perforation. On one prong the perforation is between the notches, on the other prong it is above them. On the latter a shallow, circular depression has been bored just below the notches. Flattened-spherical stem-knob. Faint incised inverted V-moulding at junction of stem and fork on one face, absent on the other face where there is a flattened sub-triangular facet. Traces of filed-down casting on seam of stem.” (Raftery 1983, 78).

Raftery, 1983, 78, No. 230

Hunt Museum, Limerick: HCA 465

### ***Plate 81***



**Cat. No: Y2B: 003**

Length: 320mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Shaft length (inclusive of terminal): 118mm

Terminal length: 134mm

Width of fork: 140mm

Weight: 184g

On loan from Ulster Museum. Found in river dredging at Coleraine, County Antrim. Most likely location Loughan Island/Camus Ford Pale gold patina. No centre seam. Beaten flat, although use-wear and scraping visible at junction. Delta shaped prong finials, missing closure of narrow tips. Friction wear very visible at corners of prong finials. Pattern faintly discernible but mostly beaten out of prong ends.

Raftery, 1983, 74, No. 215

Ulster Museum: 3-1947 / currently on display in Monaghan County Museum

***Plate 82***

**Cat. No: Y2B:004**

Length: 332mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 149mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Terminal length: 15mm

Terminal diameter: 19mm

Width of fork: 136mm

Weight: 281g

**Description:** Brownish dull bronze in colour. Smooth, well polished patina on shaft. Prong terminals are delta shaped with large crescent shaped perforations of some 10mm in length and 8mm in height. Below the crescent perforations is an unusual decoration of a triple concentric circle made of minute pricks in the metal, with two vertical tiny perforations which penetrate to the inner surface. This gives the impression some more ornate decoration may have clipped on to the outer surface. Inner surface shows signs of modifications and filing. Inner surface of arms of fork beaten flat rather crudely. Inner surface of crescent perforations worn smooth and thin at top. Visible double inverted V seam at junction. Butt terminal berry shaped, with ornate base of triple curved lines around a small central protrubance. Minute airholes or bubbles visible. Unknown provenance.

Raftery, 1983, 77, No. 225

National Museum of Ireland: 1880:54/Habitat D16:7

***Plate 83***

**Cat. No: Y2B:005**

Length: 305mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 130mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 9mm

Terminal diameter: 14mm

Width of fork: 103mm

Weight: 163g

**Description:** Bronze in colour. Rough surface with the appearance of much scraping, especially at the junction of the shaft and fork. Flat prong terminals missing. Trace of finely etched chevron pattern still remaining on what is left of the prong terminals. No visible casting seam. Junction of shaft and fork has been beaten and modified to a flat surface. Junction also damaged and scraped. Fork shows signs of pressure with bending from junction to arms of fork. Butt terminal small and undecorated, with a slightly curved base. Part of the 1881 Perry Collection, formerly of the RDS. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 77, No. 226

National Museum of Ireland: 1881:312/Habitat D16:7

***Plate 84***

**Cat. No: Y2B:006**

Length: 262mm

Shaft length: 124mm

Shaft breadth: 4mm

Width of fork: 82mm

Weight: 87g

**Description:** Bright golden bronze colour. Uneven and cracked surface. Prong terminals missing. Casting seam visible on shaft, commencing from a central point of junction.

Scratches and striations on metal at junction of shaft and fork. Multiple cuts, hacks and scratches up one arm of fork. Terminal missing. Shaft visibly hollow when viewed from bottom. End of terminal has several deep cuts visible in the metal. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 77-8, No. 227

National Museum of Ireland: 1897:105/Habitat D16:6

***Plate 85***

**Cat. No: Y2B:007**

Length: 200mm

Shaft length: 19mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Width of fork: 101mm

Weight: 186g

Description: Rich golden bronze patina. Only partial remains of shaft. Fork intact. Prong terminals intact and delta shaped, with crescent shaped perforations 5mm. Trace of decorative pattern on outer surface of prong terminals. Visible central casting seam. Shaft broken close to the junction of fork. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 78, No. 228

Ulster Museum: Accession No. A5549

***Plate 86***

**Cat. No: Y2B:008**

Length: 236mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 114mm

Shaft breadth: 5mm

Terminal length: 17mm

Terminal breadth: 18mm

Width of fork: 82mm

Weight: 191g

**Description:** Brownish bronze in colour. Smooth patina. Terminal prongs missing. Clean cut marks at top of fork arms. No visible casting seams. No signs of wear, but much modification. Butt terminal has been cut on two sides, presumably in modern times. These oblique cuts show the butt terminal to be solid. Considerable filing and scratches on shaft. Butt terminal has been cut to resemble a modern blunt spur. .

Raftery, 1983, 76, No. 221

National Museum of Ireland: 1939:83/Habitat C24:5

***Plate 87***

**Cat. No: Y2B:009**

Length: 323mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 144mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Terminal length: 12mm

Terminal diameter: 14mm

Width of fork: 132mm

Weight: 221g

**Description:** Rich deep bronze colour. Smooth patina. Well made. Broken prong terminals on both arms. La Tène style decoration on outer surface of prong terminals. Small hole beneath the main perforation would suggest added decoration. No sign of wear on arms. Central casting seam, which has been partially flattened. Slight pressure twist on arms of fork and on lower part of shaft. Butt terminal undecorated and basic, with slight curved base. Found in Derlangan, Co Meath in a pasture known locally as the Pony Field, despite no ponies or horses having been known to graze there in living memory. ***Plate 72***

Raftery, 1983, 75, No. 218

National Museum of Ireland: 1958:57/Habitat B16:6

***Plate 88***

**Cat. No: Y2B:010**

Length: 334mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 147mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 19mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 124mm

Weight: 243g

**Description:** Dark bronze in colour. Smooth patina. Prong terminals are small and delta shaped, with crescent shaped perforations in them. Deep V shaped pattern etched into metal below the crescents, tracing down the arm of each fork. Scraping and small cuts around the perforations, rendering their surface rough. Definite signs of repair and modification to junction of shaft and fork. One side of casting seam on fork is visible; the other has been beaten flat, giving a bumpy appearance to the junction. Butt terminal berry shaped. Air holes and cracks at the bottom of the terminal. Found in a ploughed field in Clongill, Co Meath, with a snaffle bit.

Raftery, 1983, 75, No.217

National Museum of Ireland: 1963:102/Habitat D16:1

***Plate 89***

**Cat. No: Y2B:011**

Length: 286mm

Shaft length ( incl terminal): 135mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 10mm

Terminal diameter: 12mm

Width of fork: 147mm

Weight: 215g

**Description:** Rich reddish bronze in colour. Smooth patina, with considerable evidence of beating and flattening of arms of fork. Terminal prongs both missing. Visible casting seam on shaft and also on flattened arms of fork. Considerable bolstering of shaft/fork junction, due to beaten appearance of area, as if metal has been added at some time in the past. Terminal small and rounded, with a slightly rounded base. Three small deliberate holes perforate the base. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 77, No. 224

National Museum of Ireland: P507/Habitat D16:8

***Plate 90***

**Cat. No: Y2B:012**

Length: 294mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 137mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 7mm

Terminal diameter: 12mm

Width of fork: 121mm

Weight: 122g

**Description:** Mottled bronze patina. Prong terminals missing. Cracks and scrapes, with some indication of having been coated in black paint in the past. Casting seam has been a central inverted V at junction but has been modified many times. Badly scratched and rasped. Found in Coolgreany, Co Kilkenny.

Raftery, 1983, 75, No. 216

National Museum of Ireland: RSAI 6/ Habitat D16:6

***Plate 91***

**Cat. No: Y2B:013**

Length: 309mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 136mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Terminal length: 7mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 138mm

Weight: 212g

**Description:** Deep bronze colour. Prong terminals delta shaped and basic with no pattern or detail remaining on outer or inner surface. Evidence of modification on inside surface with scrapes and filing marks. Deep scratches and file marks on both arms. Deep cut on junction, with lesser cuts on inverted V shaped casting seam. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 76-77, No. 223

National Museum of Ireland: W152/Habitat D16:9

***Plate 92***

**Cat. No: Y2B:014**

Length: 299mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 134mm

Shaft breadth: 6mm

Terminal length: 9mm

Terminal diameter: 16mm

Width of fork: 149mm

Weight: 216g

**Description:** Deep bronze colour with greenish tinge at terminal and on shaft. Prong terminals engraved with crude triple circular pattern. Damaged prong terminals with missing an enclosing top. Considerable wear on inner surface. Raised centre casting seam at junction. Found at Cloonconra, Co Roscommon.

Raftery, 1983, 75, No. 219

National Museum of Ireland: W153/Habitat D16:9

***Plate 93***

**Cat. No: Y2B:015**

Length: 265mm

Shaft length: 112mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Width of fork: 158mm

Weight: 150g

**Description:** Rich golden bronze in colour. Beautifully decorated deltoid shaped La Tène style prong terminals. Upper enclosing metal missing. Much scraping and wear on arms of fork and junction. No visible seam. Butt terminal missing, but highly decorated band of bright alloy where butt would have connected to shaft. Some bending from shaft. Two sets of recorded details conflicted with the circumstances of this specimen. After further research, it can be said with some certainty that the abbey it was found in, within a mound, was Emlagh Abbey, Tipperary.

Raftery, 1983, 76, No. 220

National Museum of Ireland: W155/Habitat D16:7

***Plate 94***

**Cat. No: Y2B:016**

Length: 290mm

Shaft length (incl terminal): 123mm

Shaft breadth: 8mm

Terminal length: 10mm

Terminal diameter: 12mm

Width of fork: 127mm

Weight; 227g

Description: Deep brown bronze colour. Smooth patina. Terminal prongs oval shaped, with plain oval perforations. Smooth wear on loops, with small scratches on one inner surface. No sign of modification. Visible inverted V shaped central seam at junction. Berry shaped butt terminal cast with shaft. No provenance.

Raftery, 1983, 76, No. 222.

Ulster Museum: Accession No. A107.1954

***Plate 95***



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### **Cat. No: YUC:001**

Prongs only intact.

Raftery, 1983, 79, 234

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### ***Plate 96***

### **Cat.No: YUC: 002**

“Spur shaped object. Only the round-sectioned stem and a small portion of the prong on each side survive. At the top of the stem is a low V-shaped ridge. The fractured face of one prong has a dark patination like that on the surface so the break may be ancient. On the other side most of the surface break is fresh” (Eogan, 1991, 160).

Museum of Copenhagen: No. 13040.2

### ***Plate 97***

### **Cat. No: YUC: 003**

Length: 102mm

Shaft length: 47mm

Shaft breadth: 7mm

Weight: 68g

Description: Fragment. Dark bronze colour with greenish coppery tinge at junction. Prong terminals damaged and that which remains turned inwards. Shaft broken. Cuts and scrapes on entire piece. Provenance unknown.

Raftery, 1983, 79, No. 233

National Museum of Ireland: W157/Habitat D16:5

### ***Plate 98***

**Cat. No: YUC: 004**

Total length: 201mm

The only known iron specimen. Badly corroded and twisted. Extremely fragile condition. Found with 1935: 404 and three iron axe-heads on boundary of Kilbeg bogland. Prong finials missing. Currently in preservation at Collins Barracks, NMI, Dublin.

Raftery, 1983, 79, No. 232

National Museum of Ireland: 1935:405/ Collins Barracks, not on display

***Plate 99***

**Cat.No: YUC: 005**

Length: 24mm

Breadth: 21mm

Weight: 19g

Description: Butt terminal. Cut away from shaft cleanly at top, solid. Rivet up base of terminal. Found in Drombo, Co Monaghan in a Mr Kelly's field in 1864. Donated to NMI by G Morant.

National Museum of Ireland: 1956:367/Habitat C3:21

***Plate 100***

**Cat. No: YUC: 006**

Details unavailable, as unseen specimen. Found in Liliput, County Westmeath during field drainage.

**IA/88/1995.**

**Cat. No: YUC: 007**

Detailed as part of the 1868 Brackstone Collection by Haworth (1971, 47), provenance Claremorris, Co Mayo, but no other details exist of this lost specimen.

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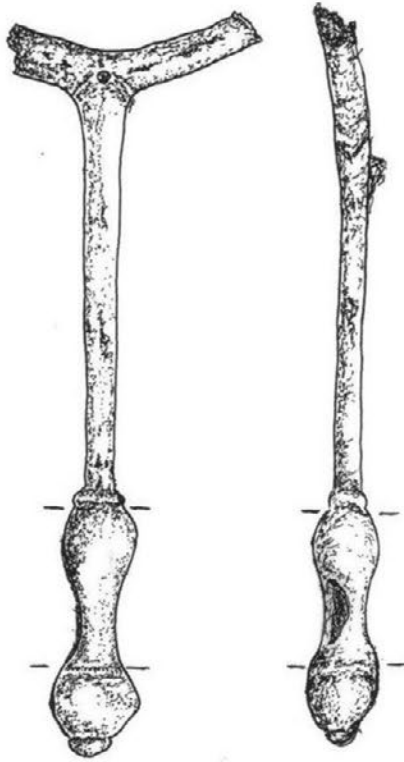


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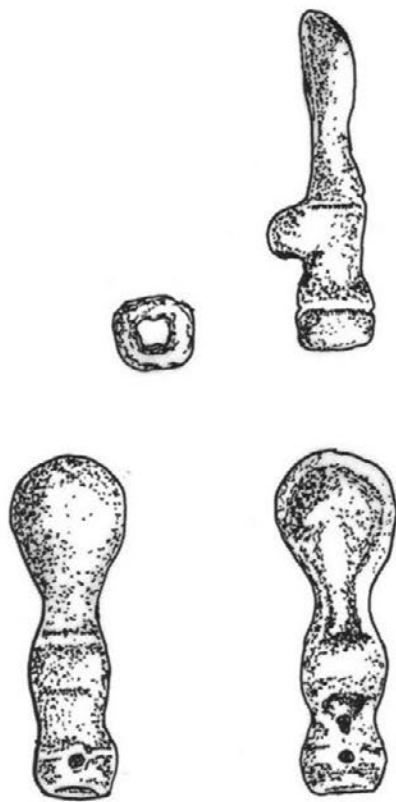


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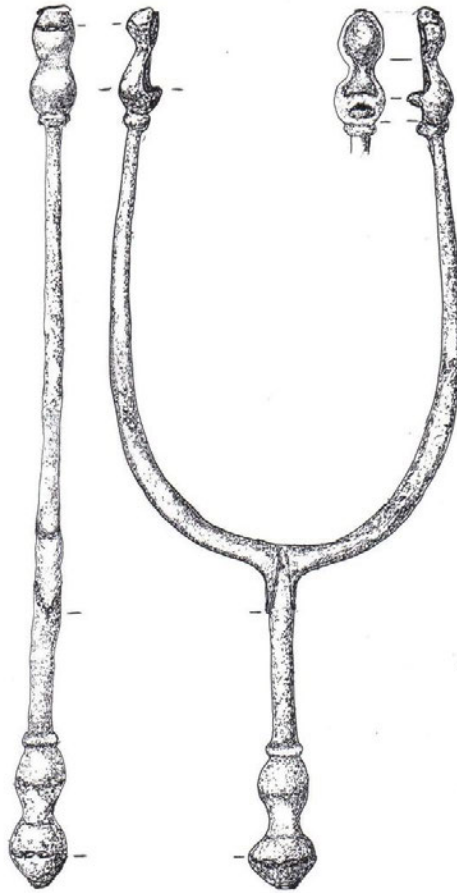


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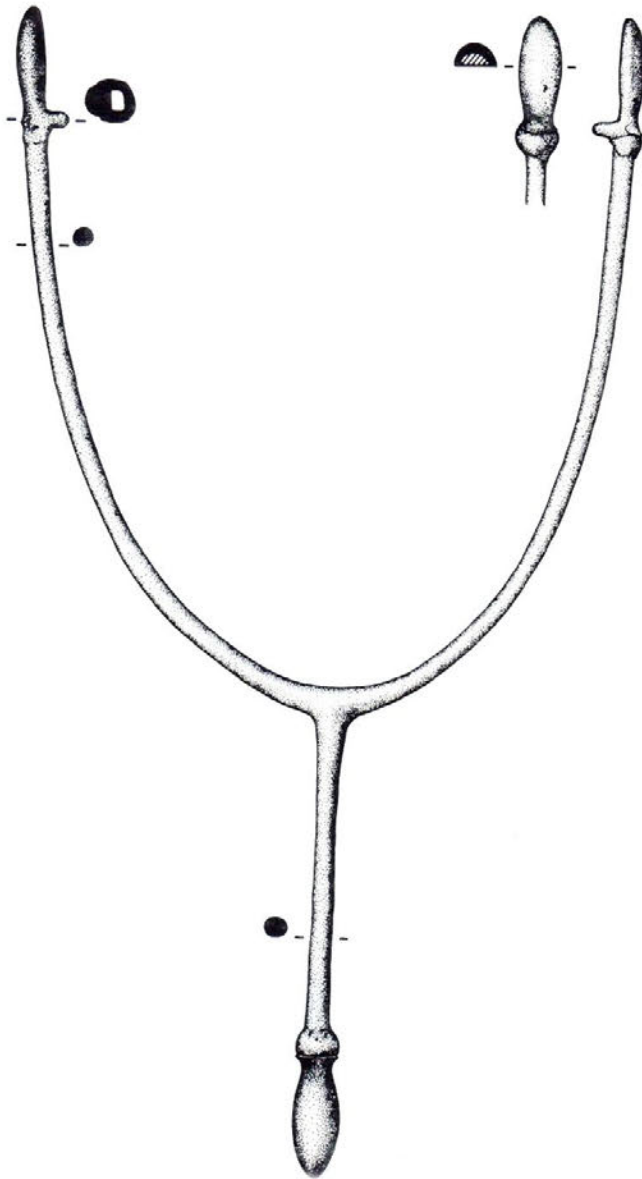


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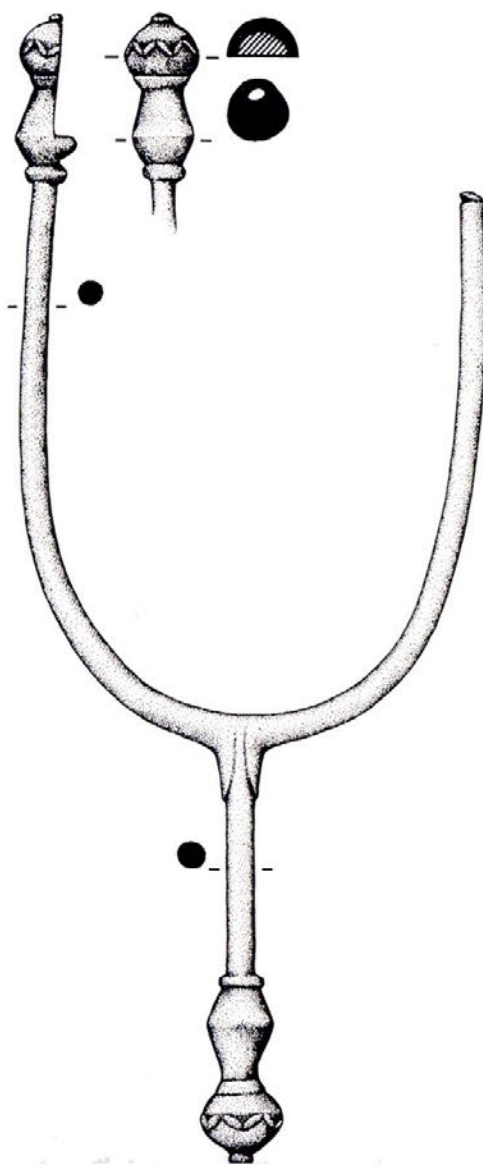


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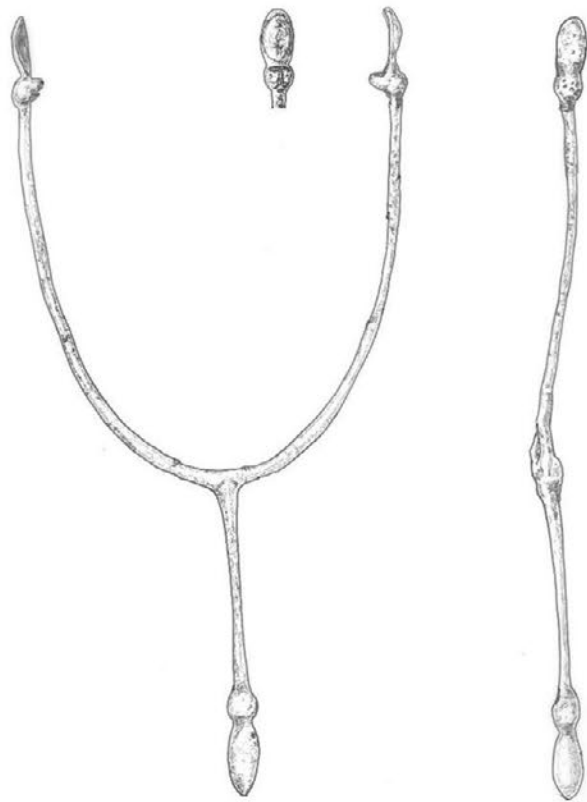


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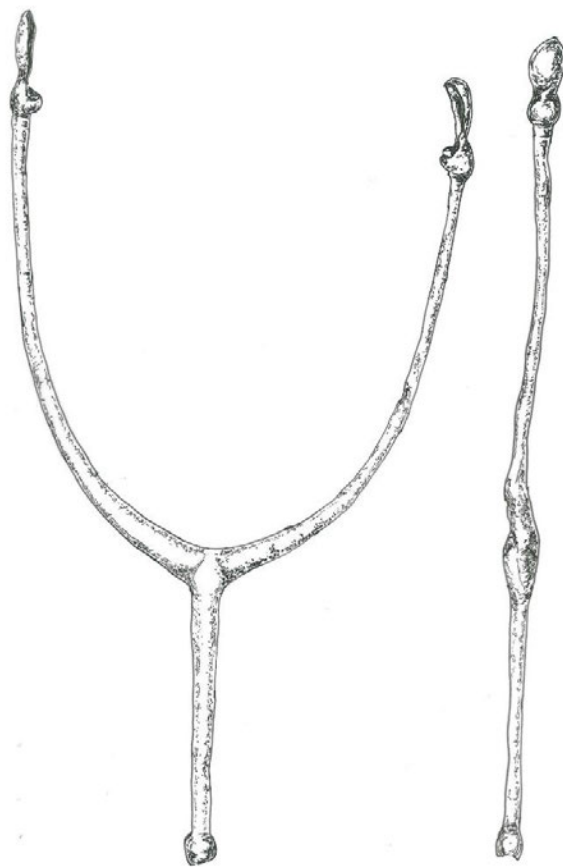


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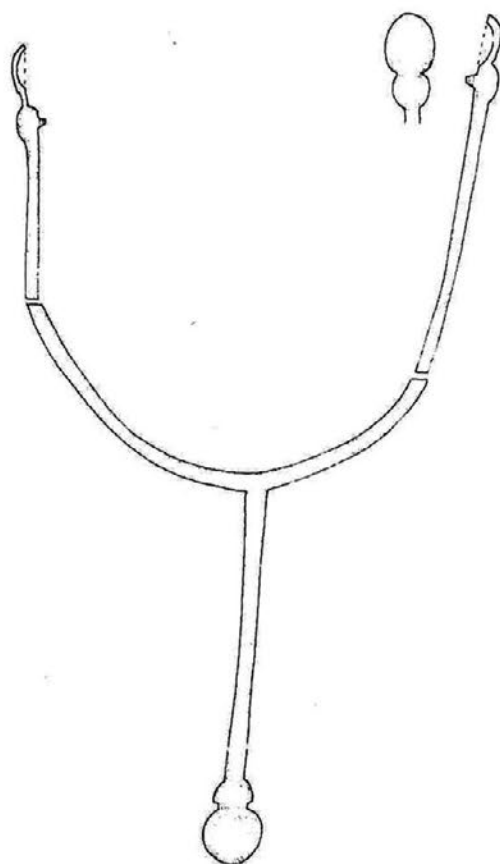


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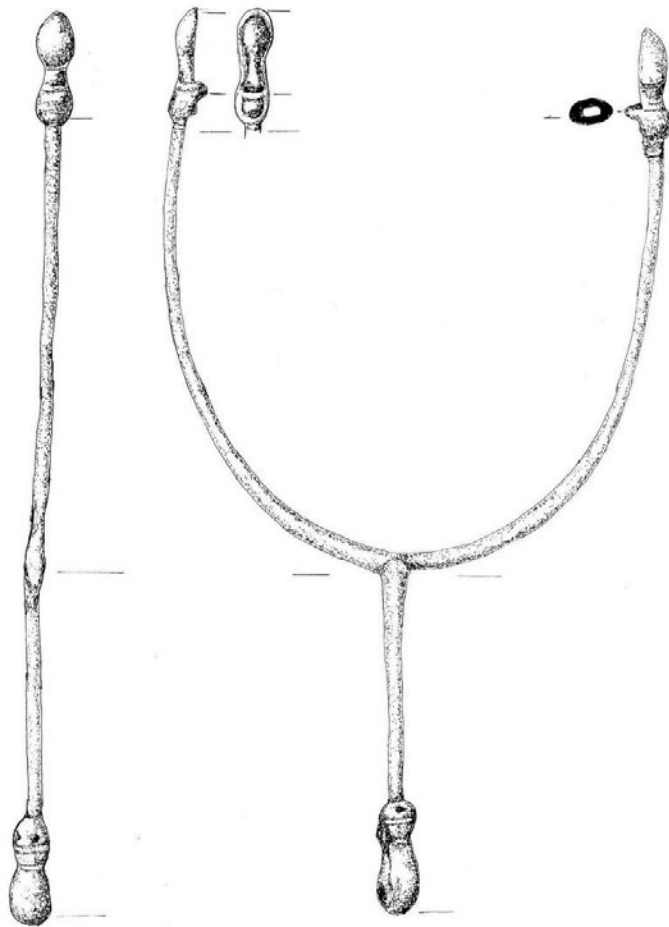


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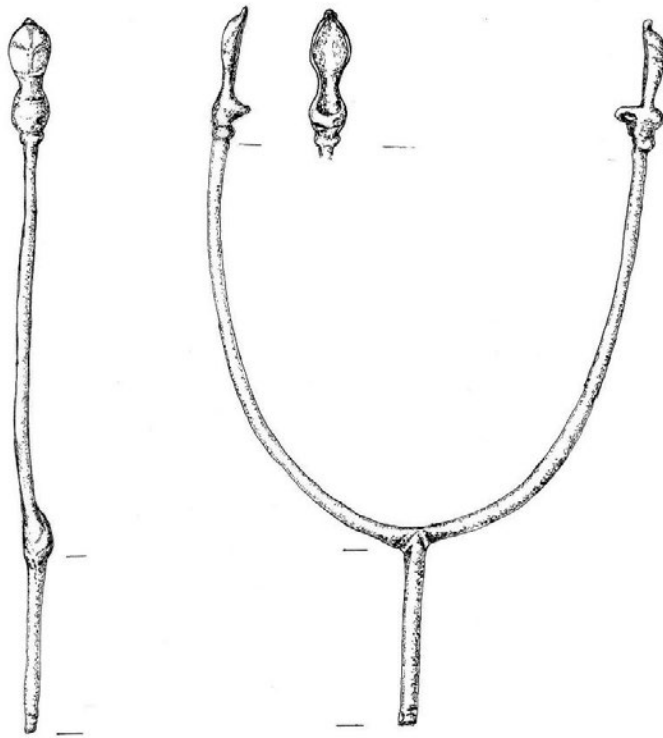


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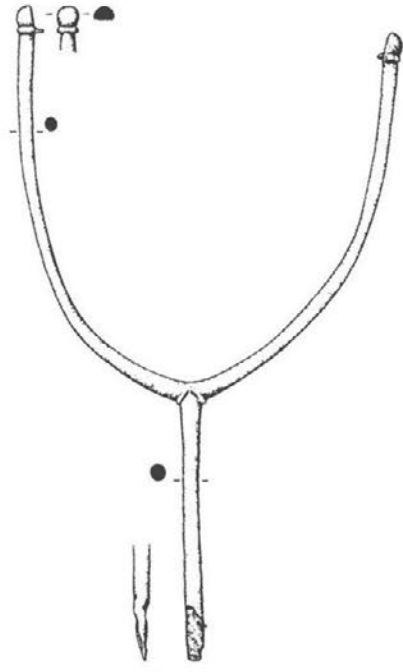


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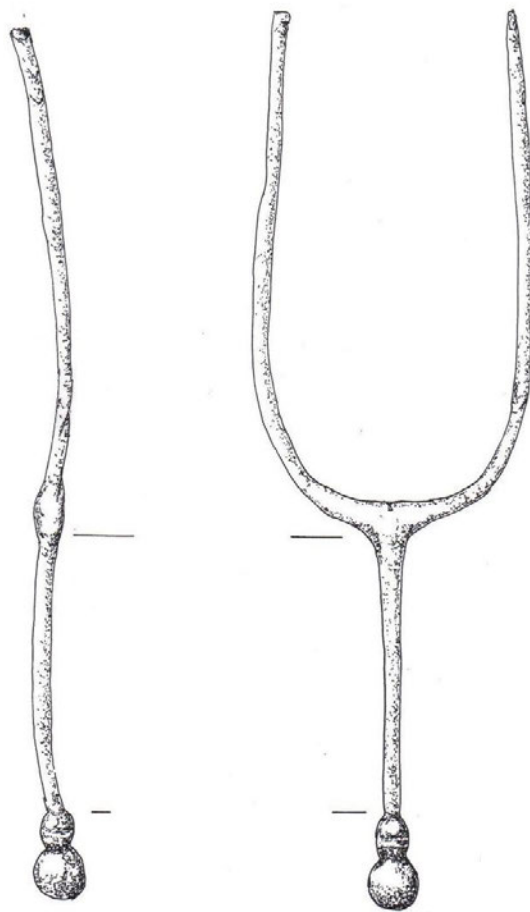


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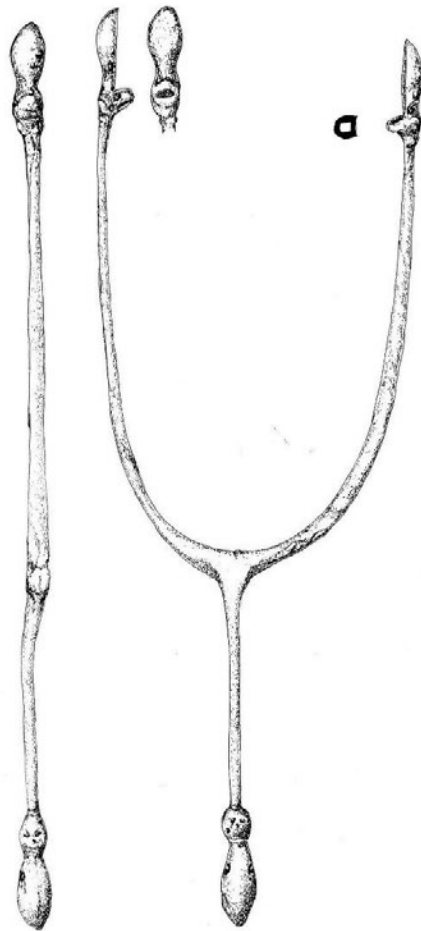


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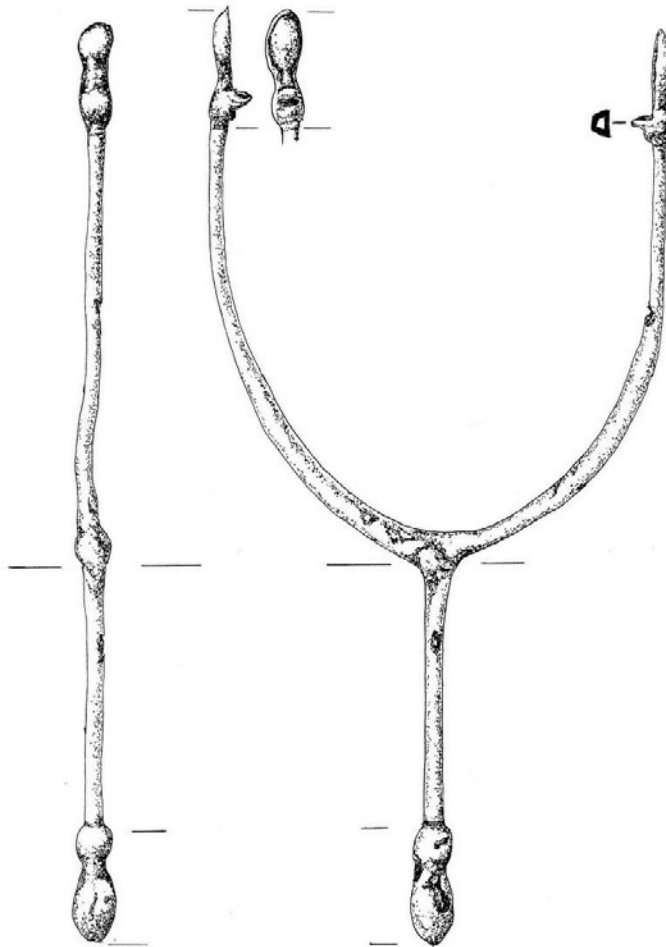


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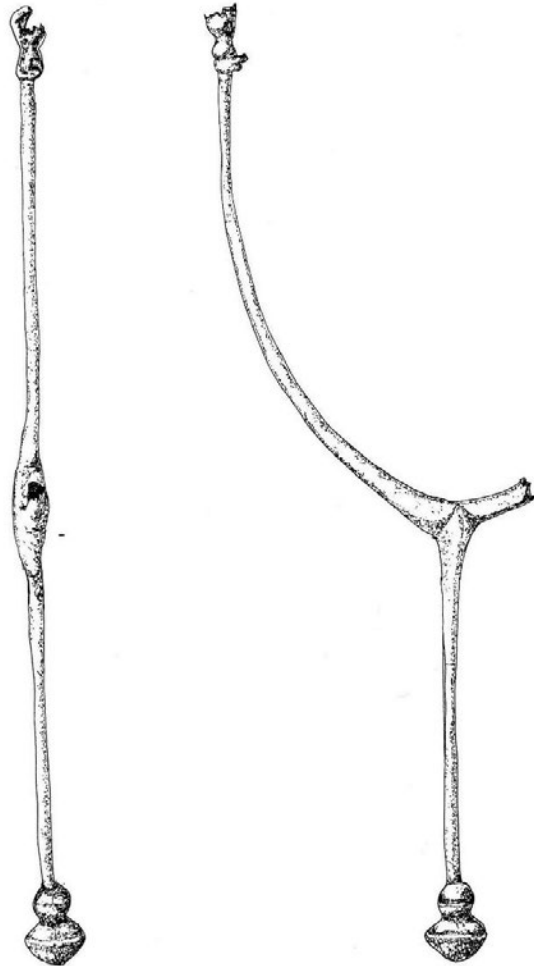


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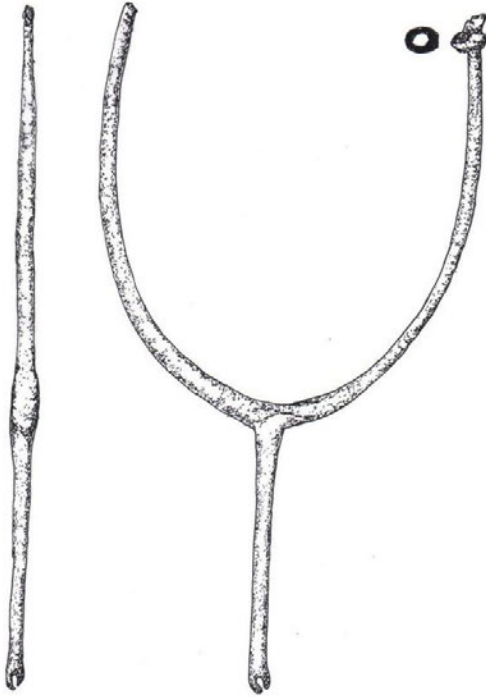


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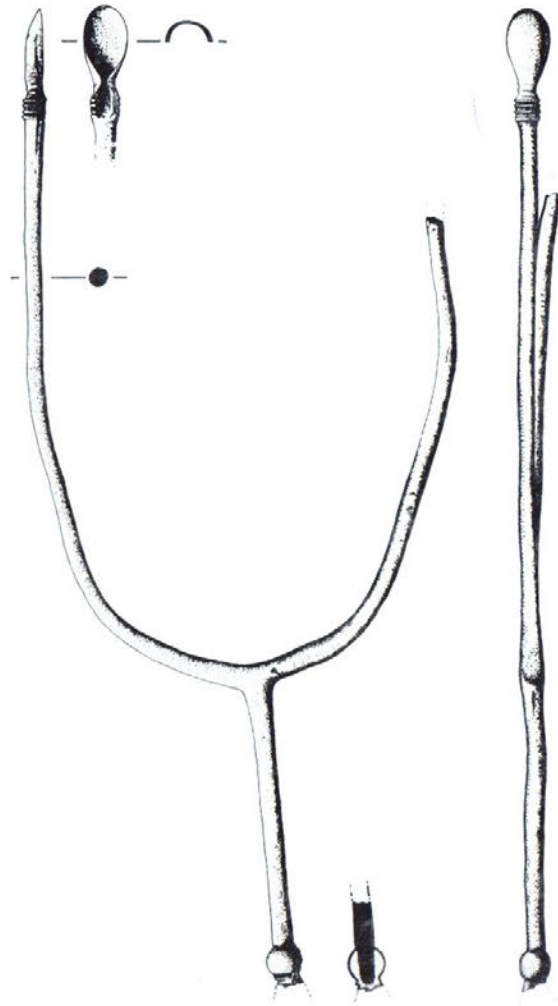


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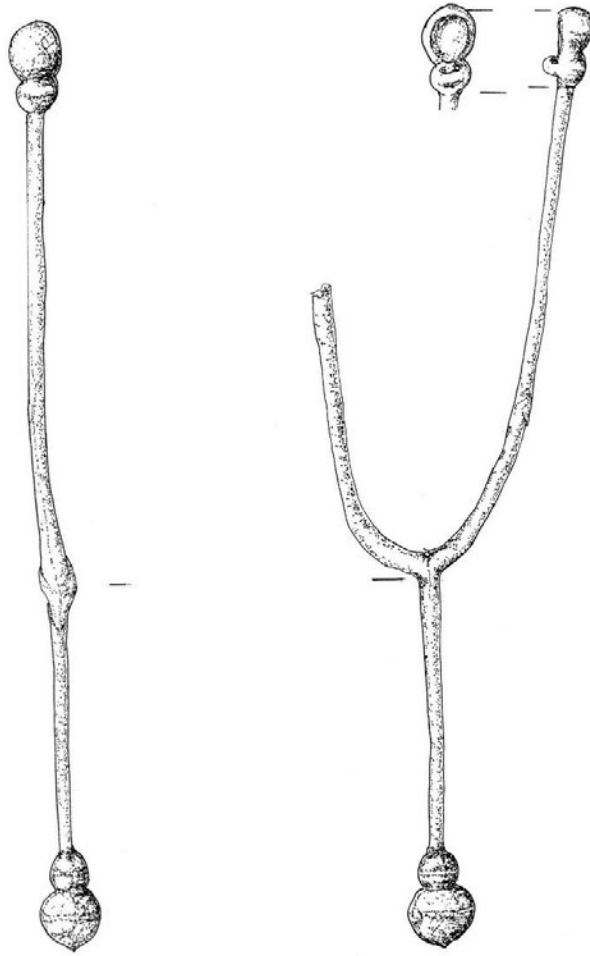


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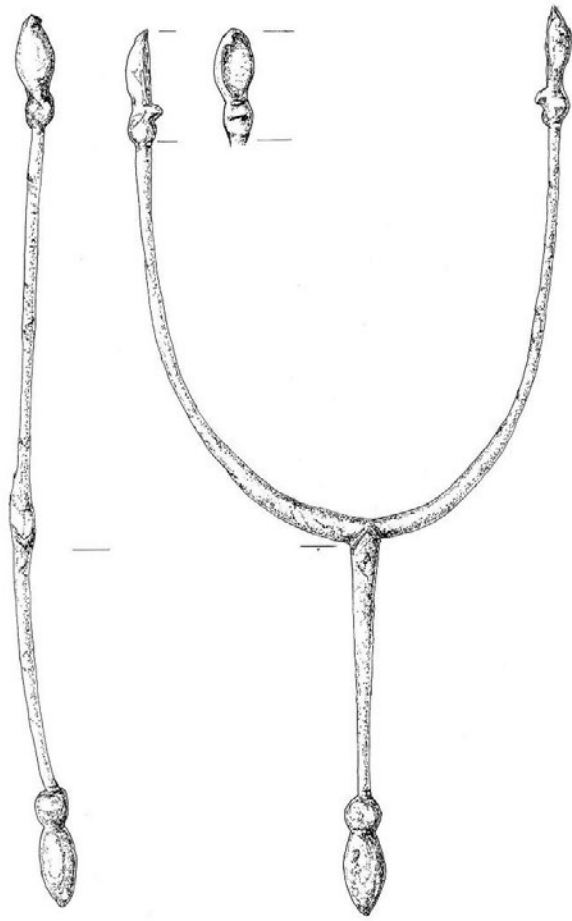


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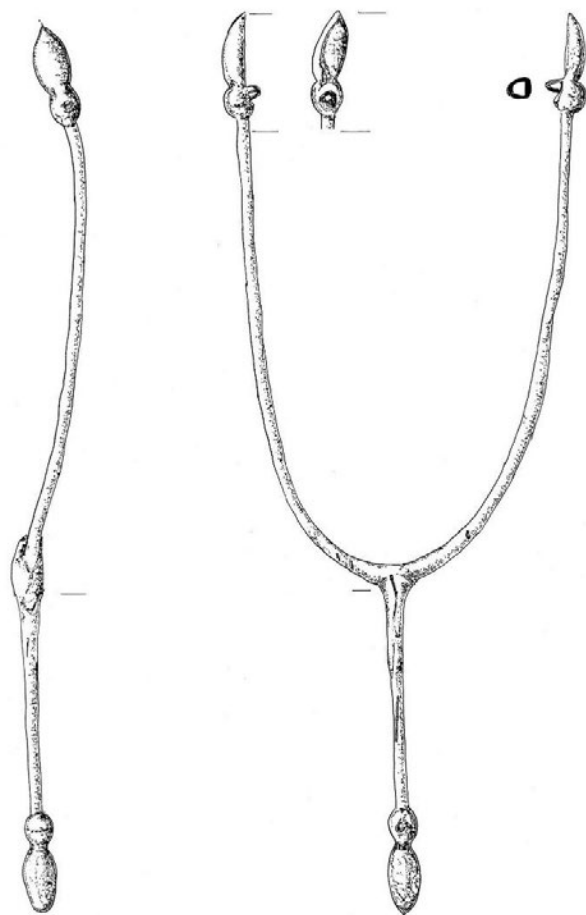


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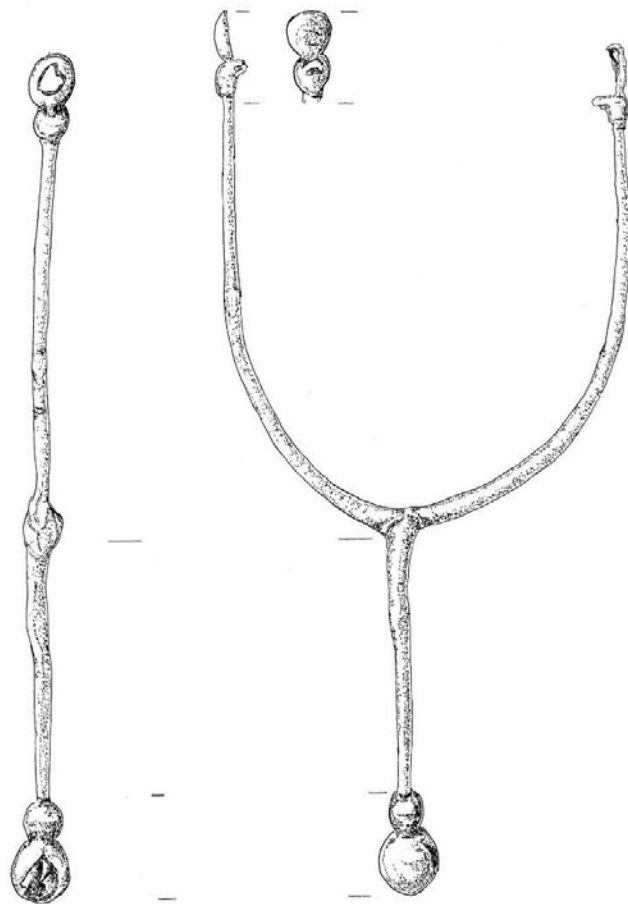


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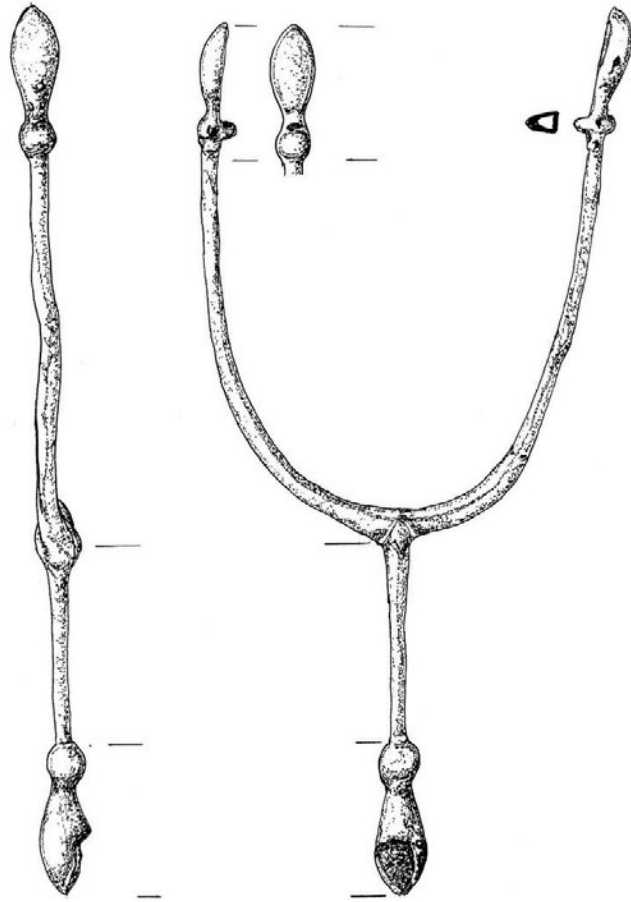


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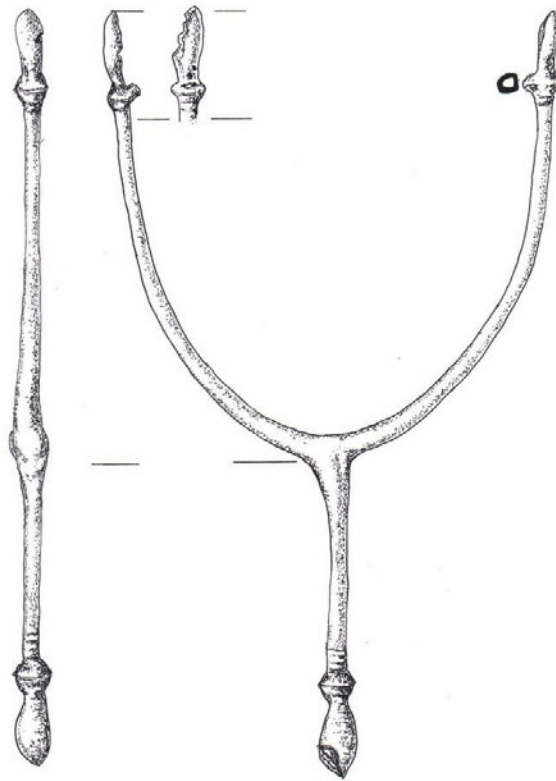


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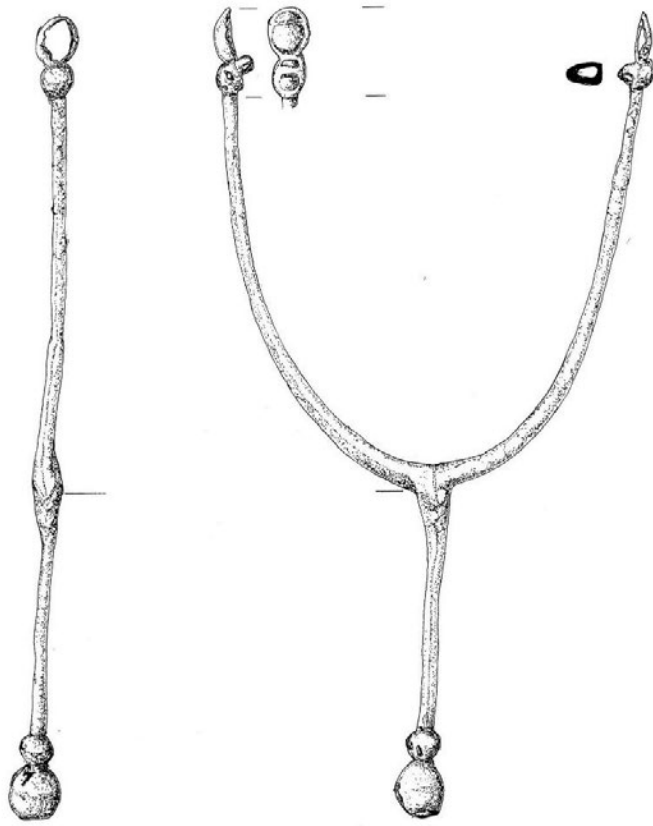


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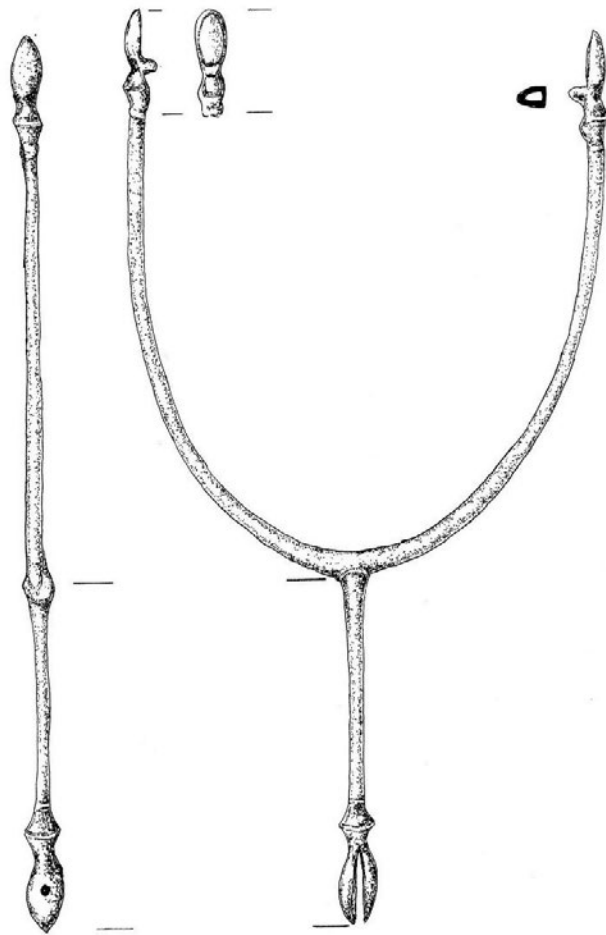


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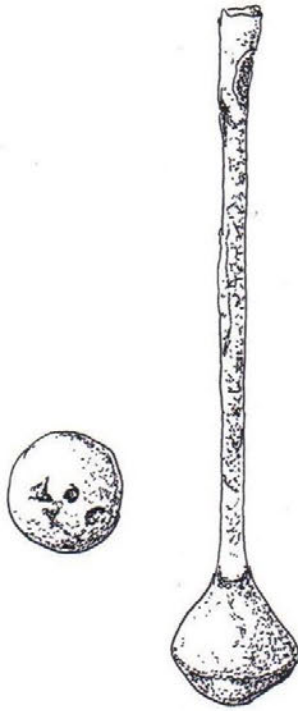


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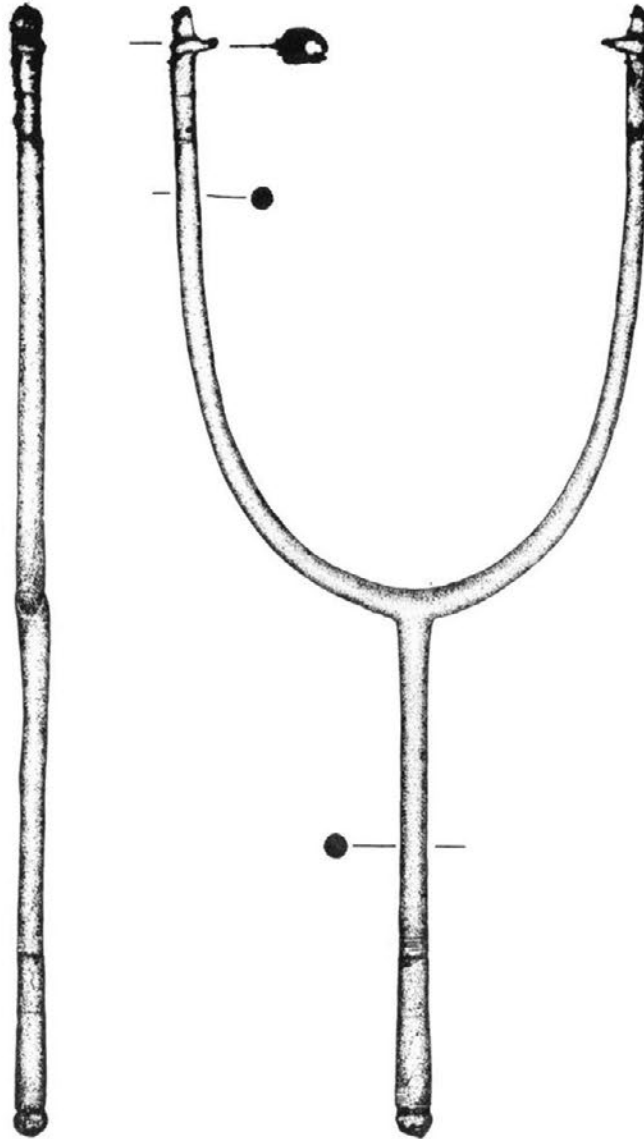


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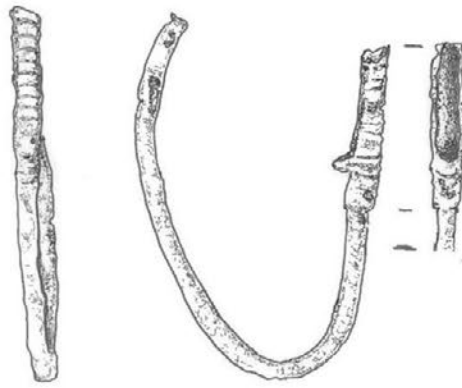


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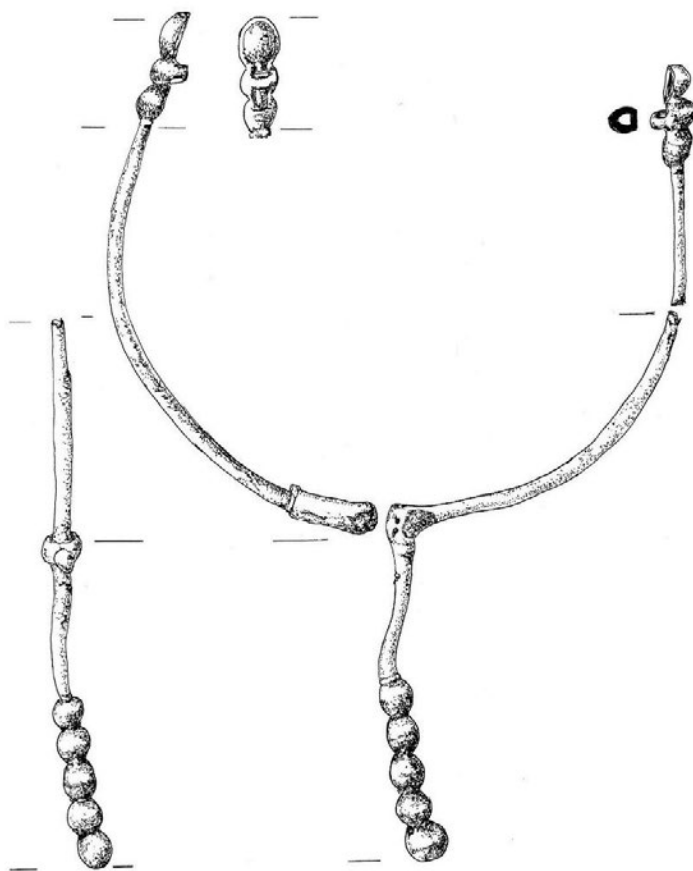


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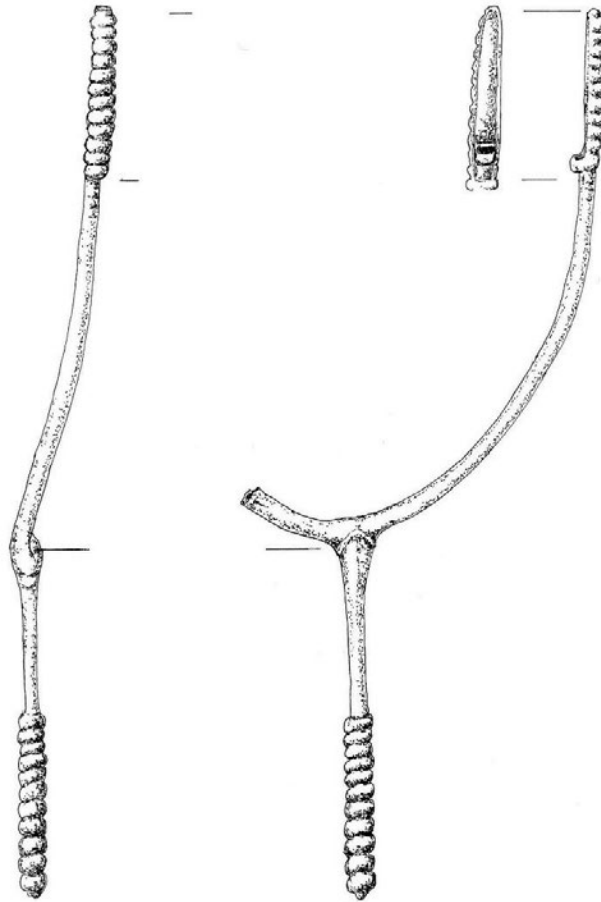


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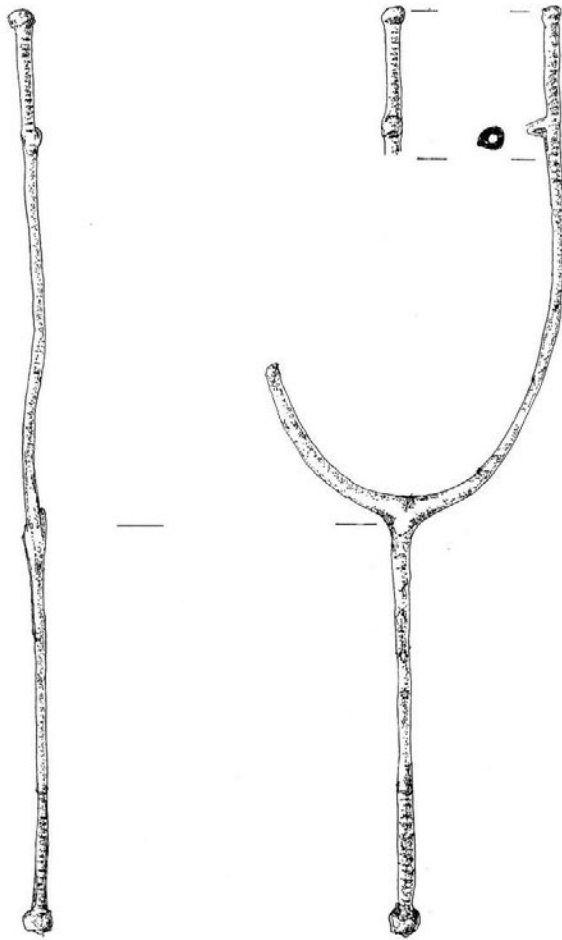


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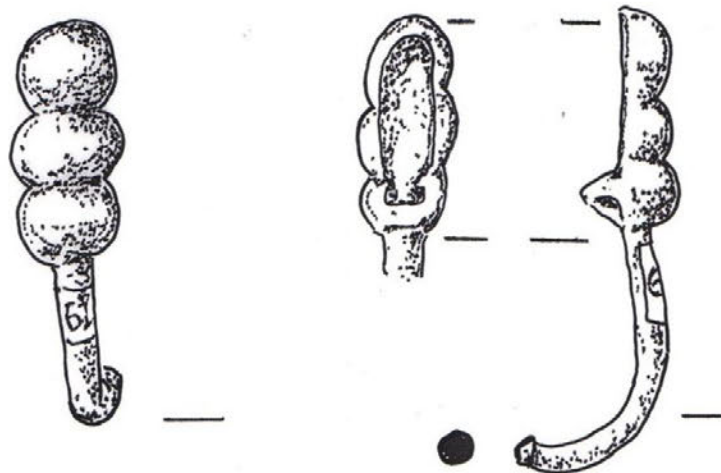
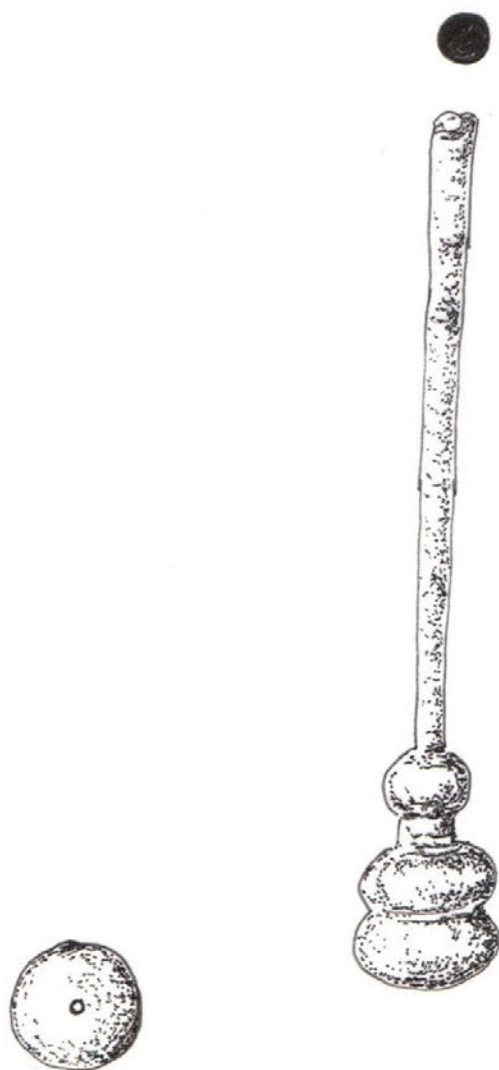


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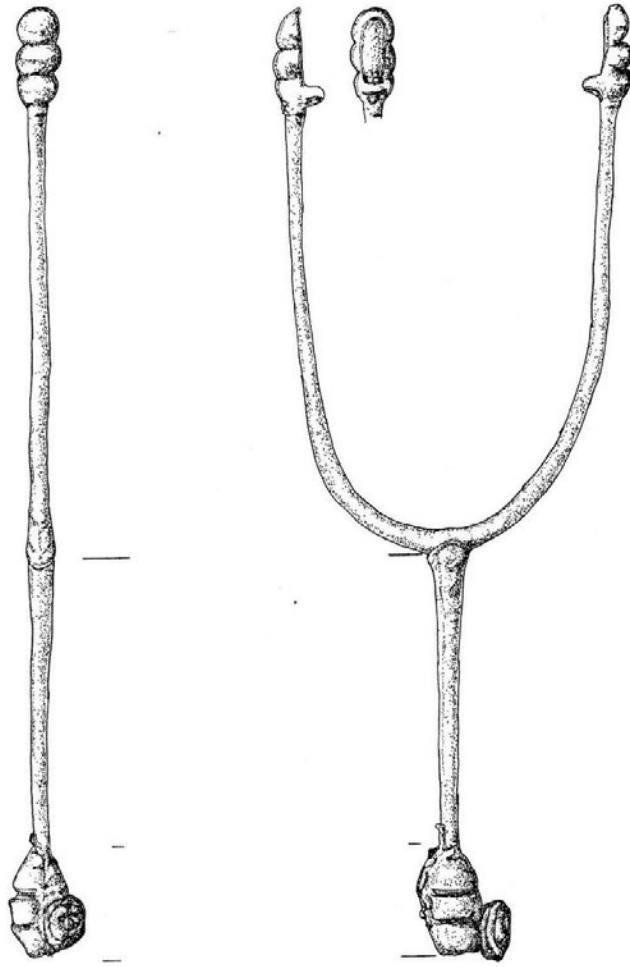


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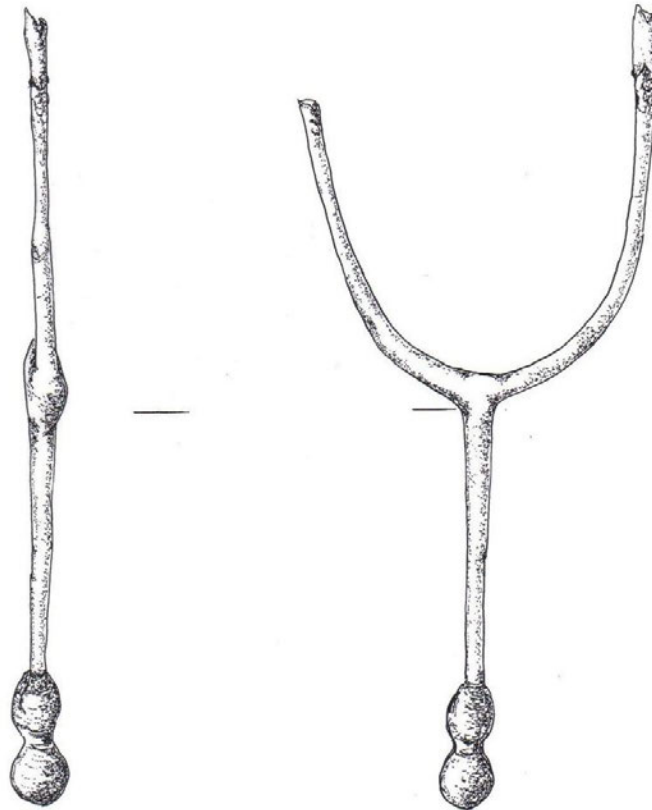


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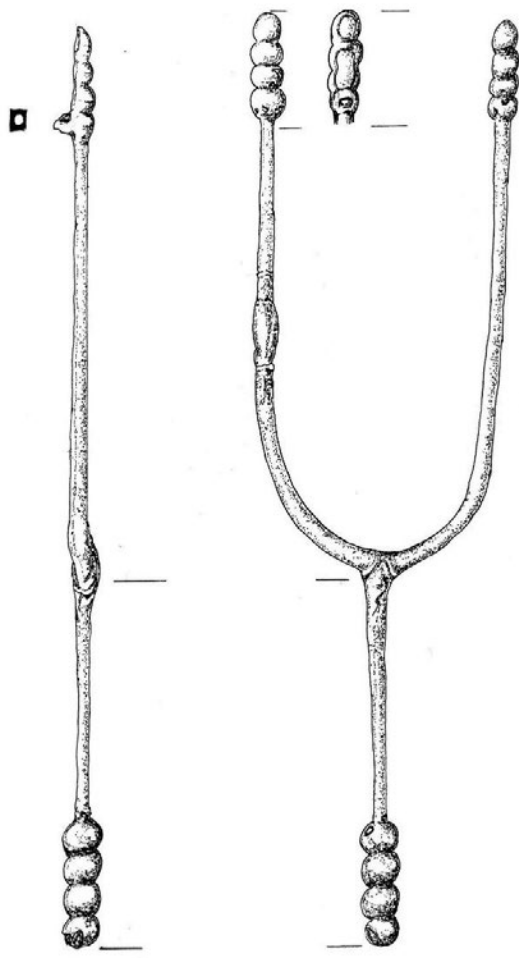


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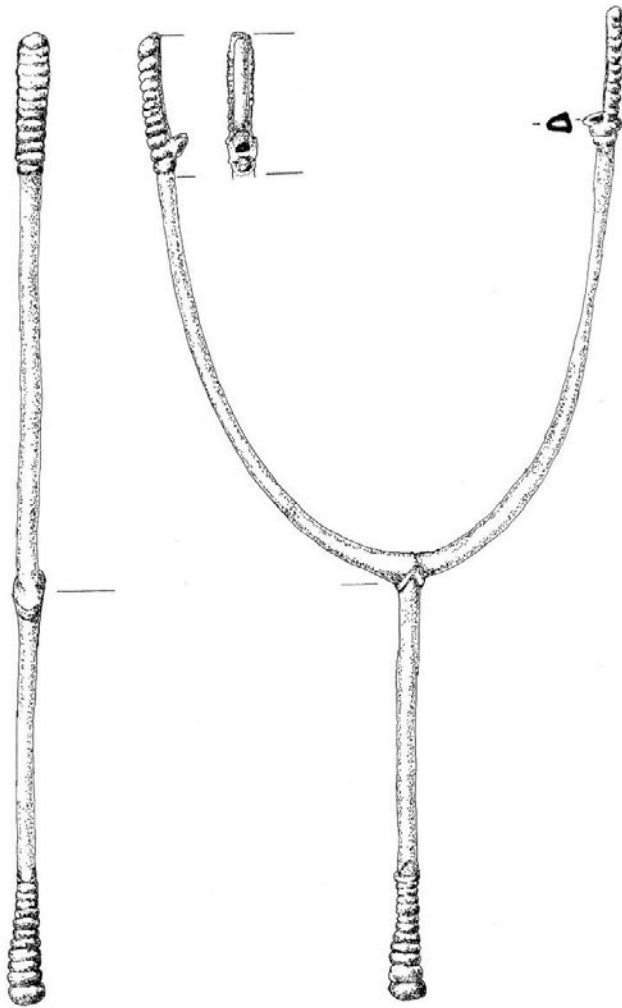


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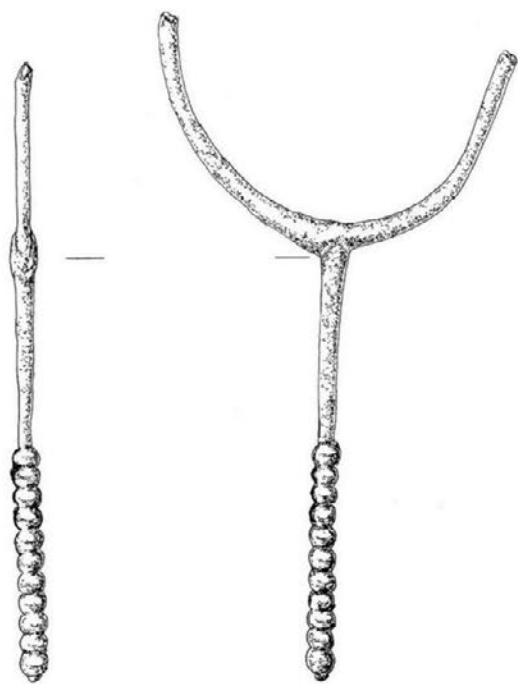


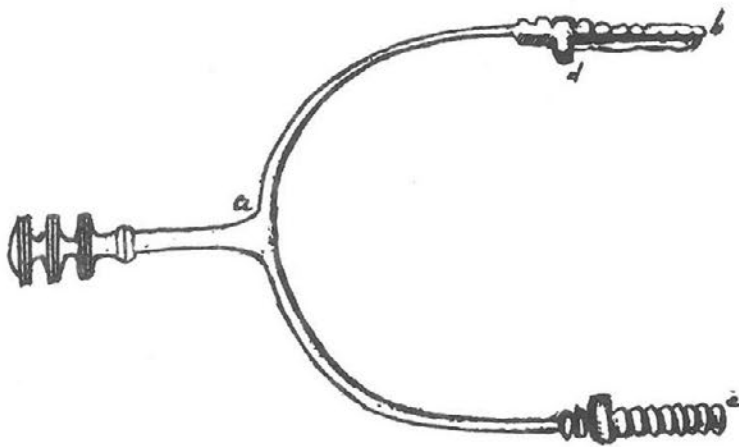
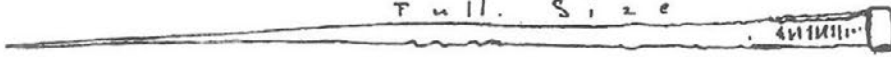
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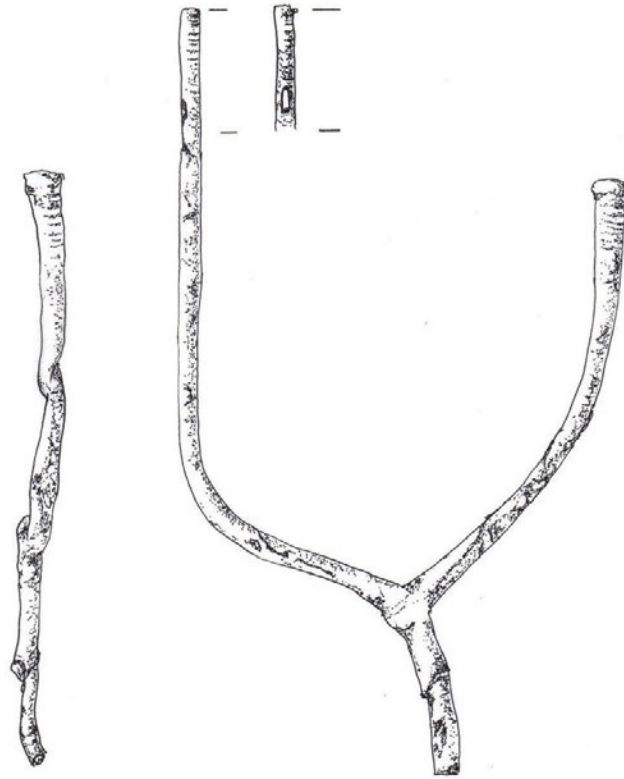


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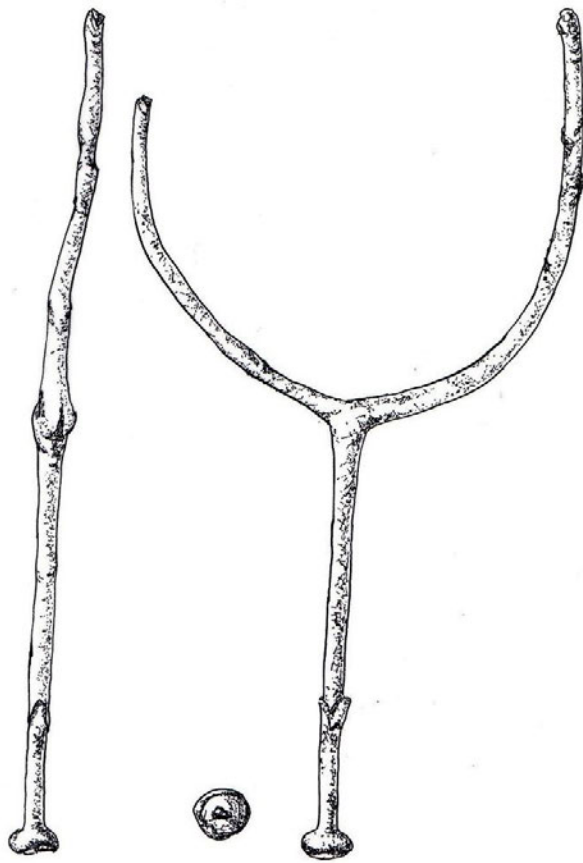


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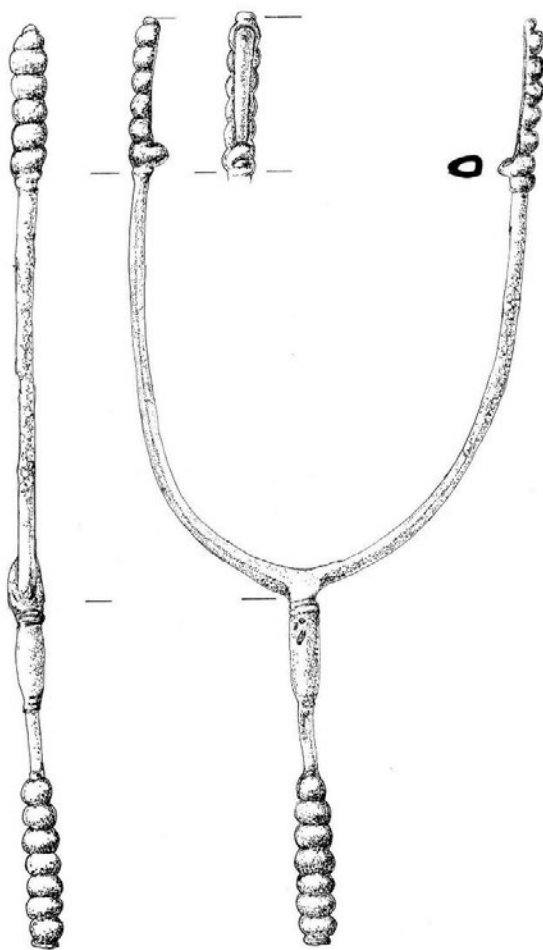


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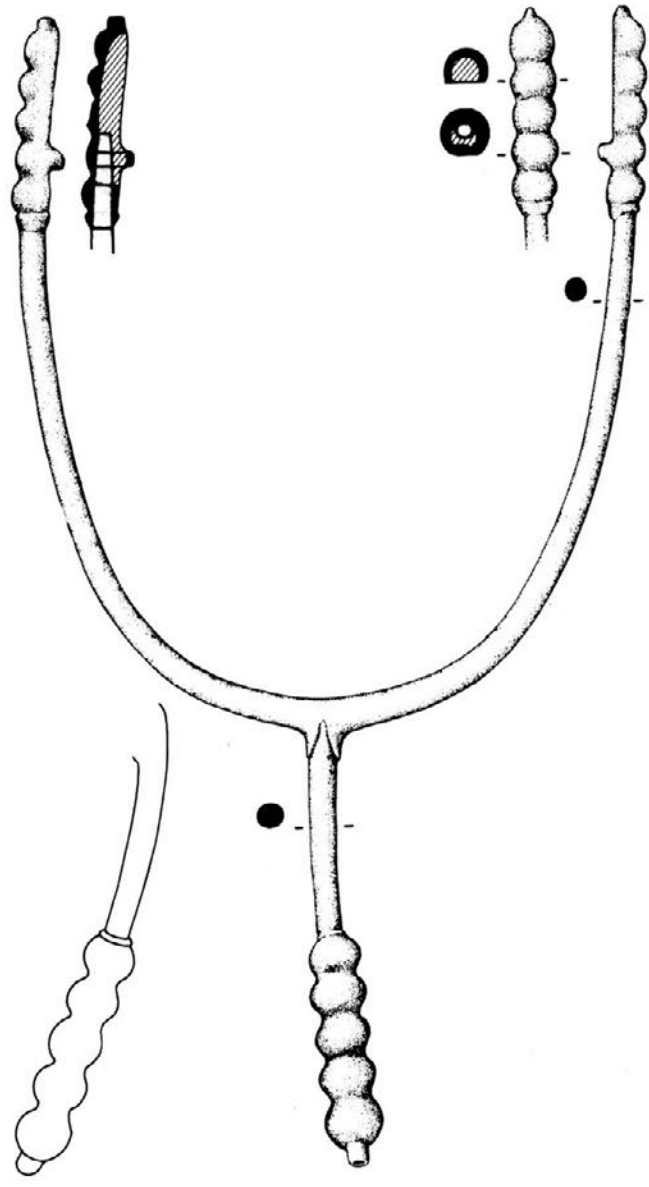


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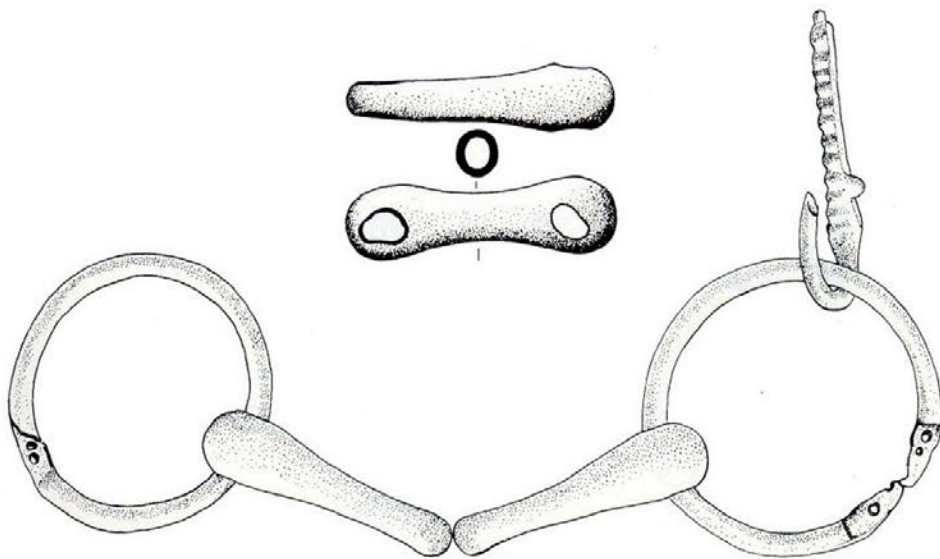


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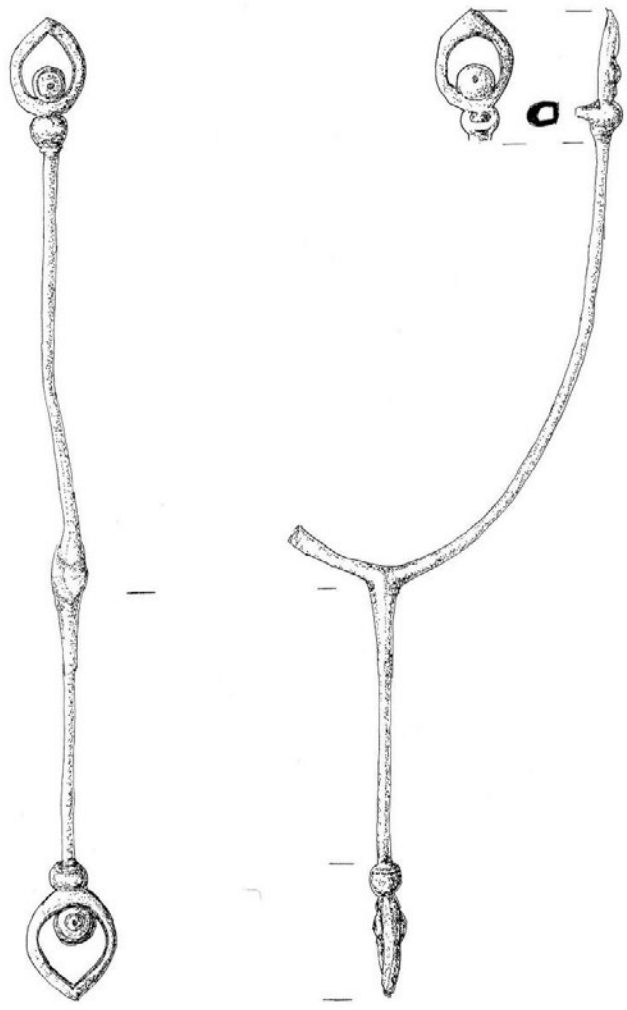


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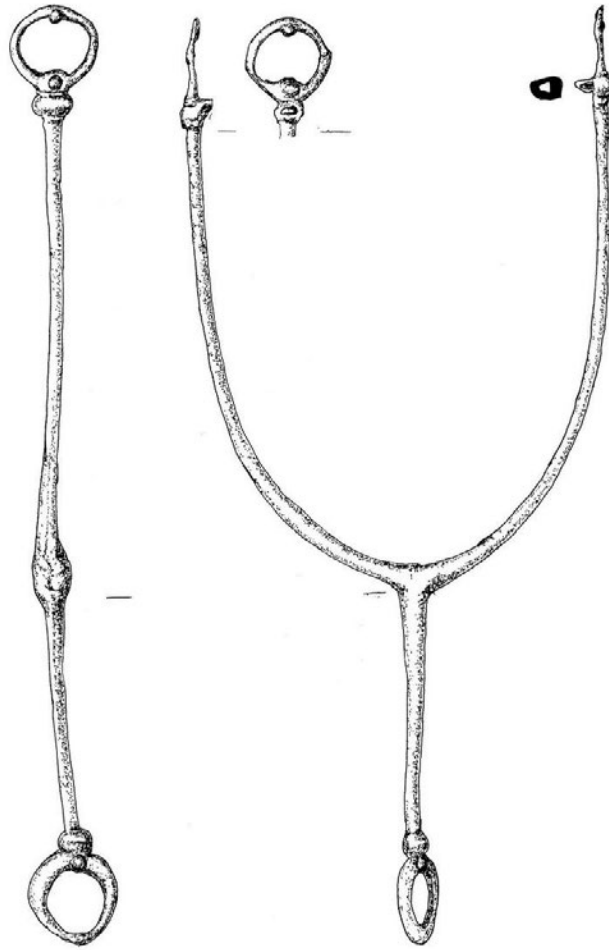


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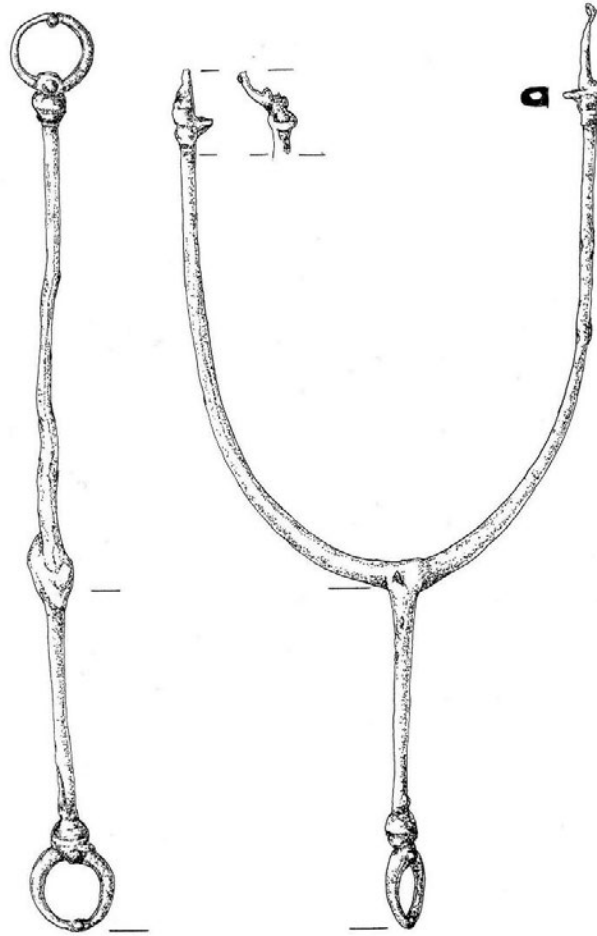


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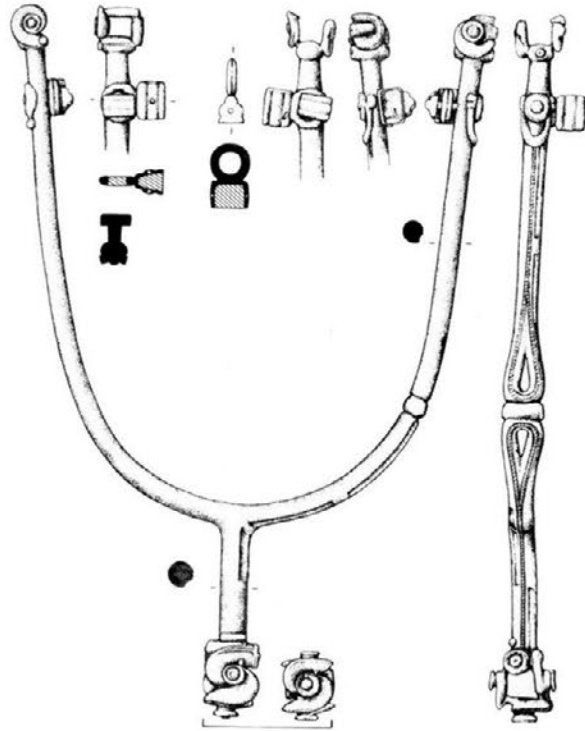


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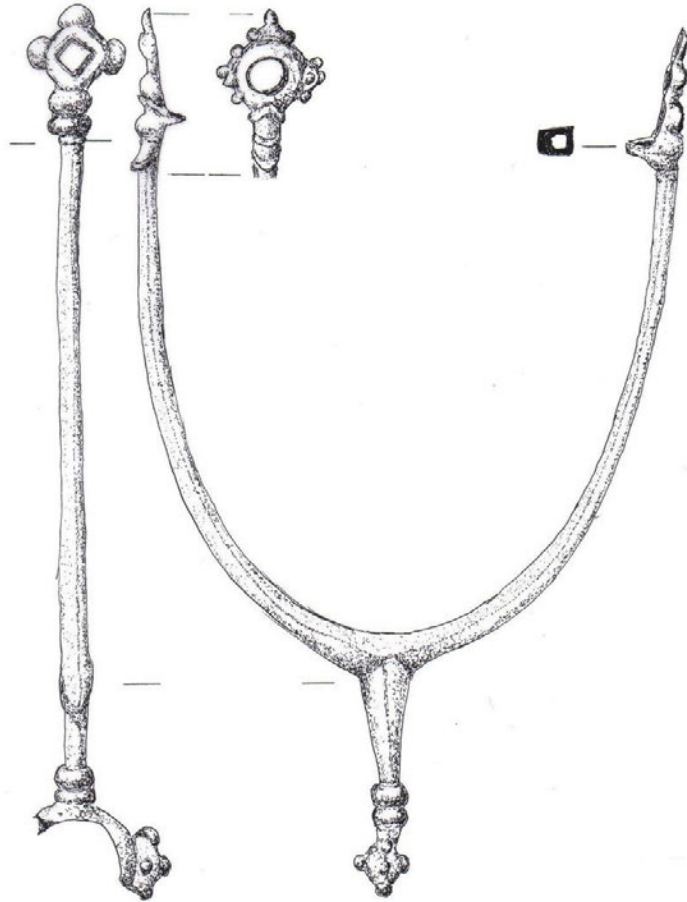


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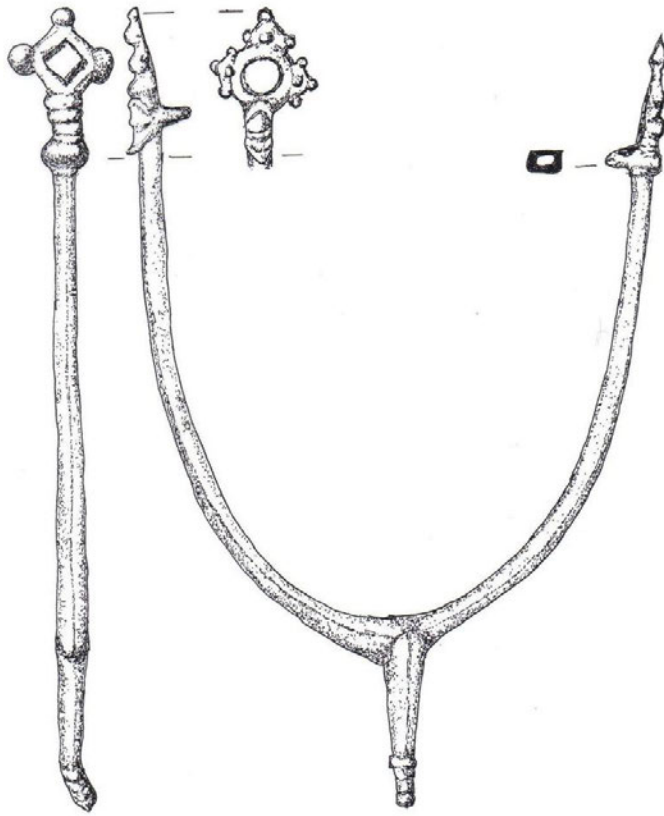


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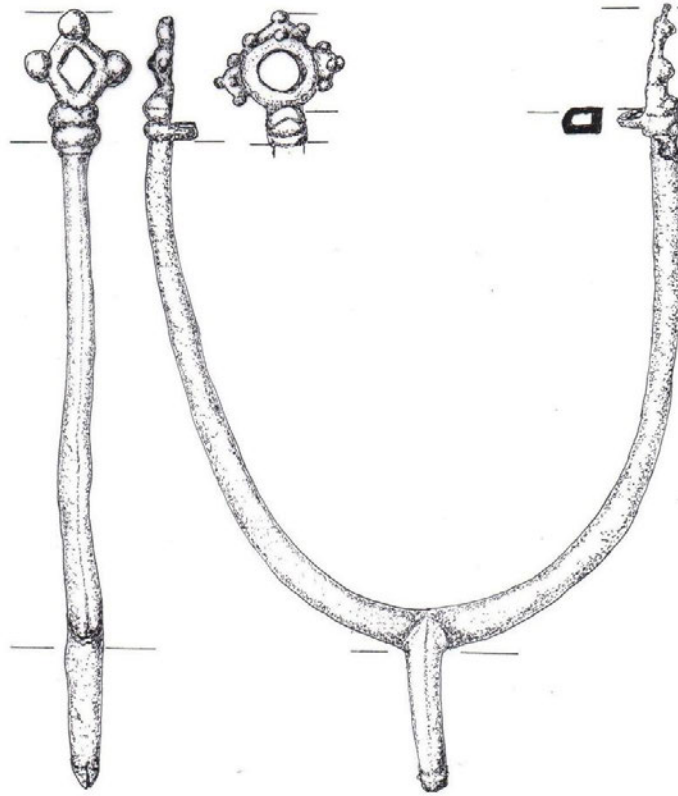


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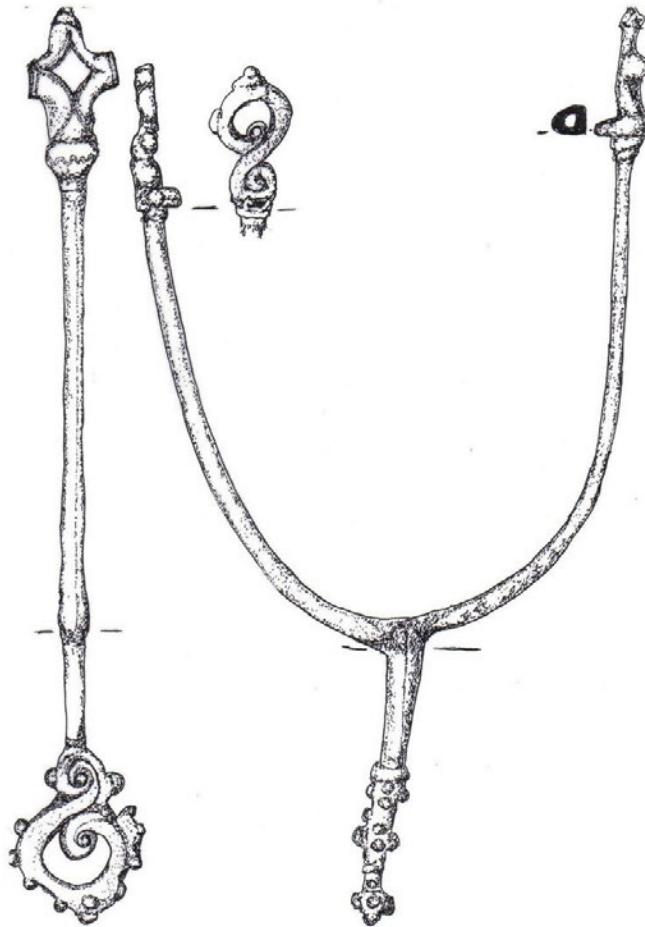


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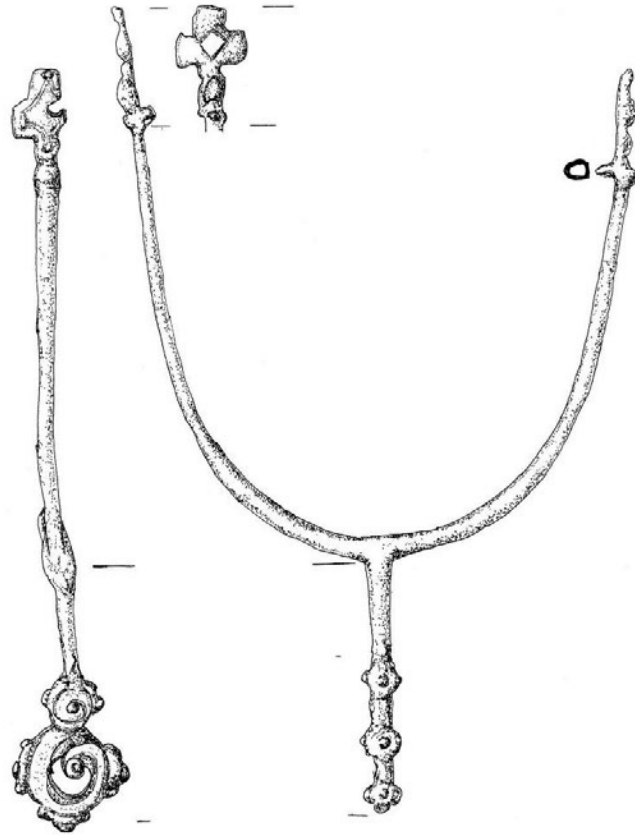


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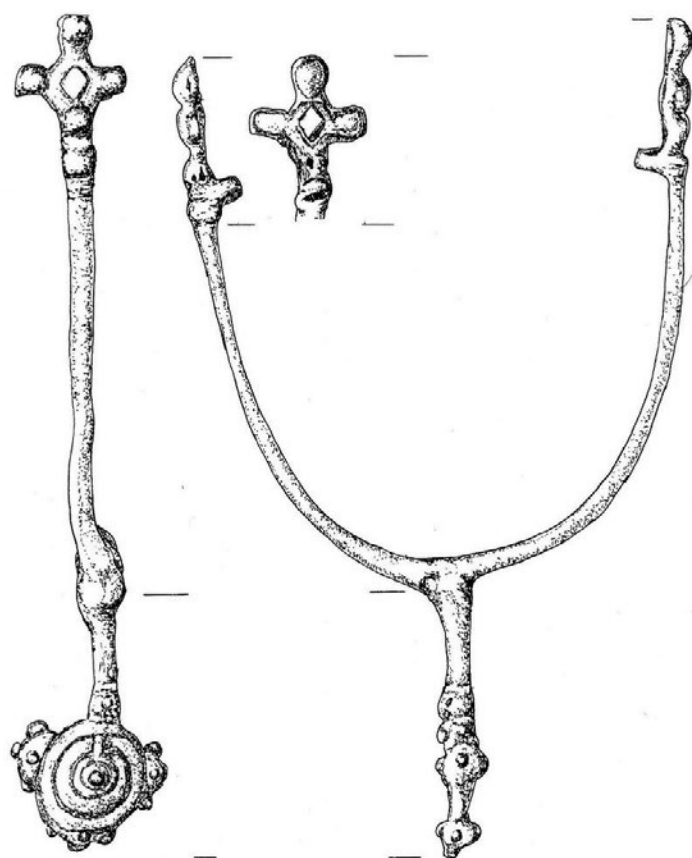


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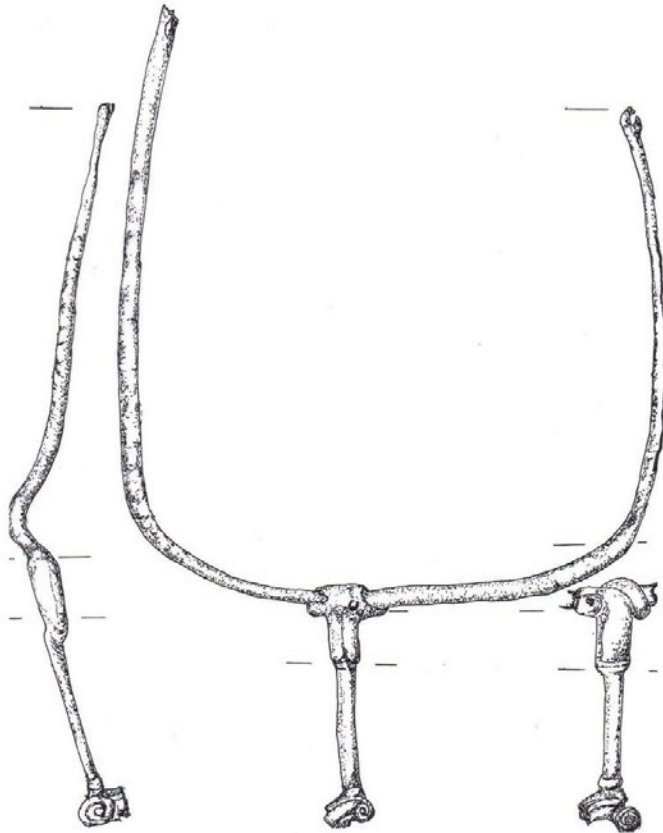
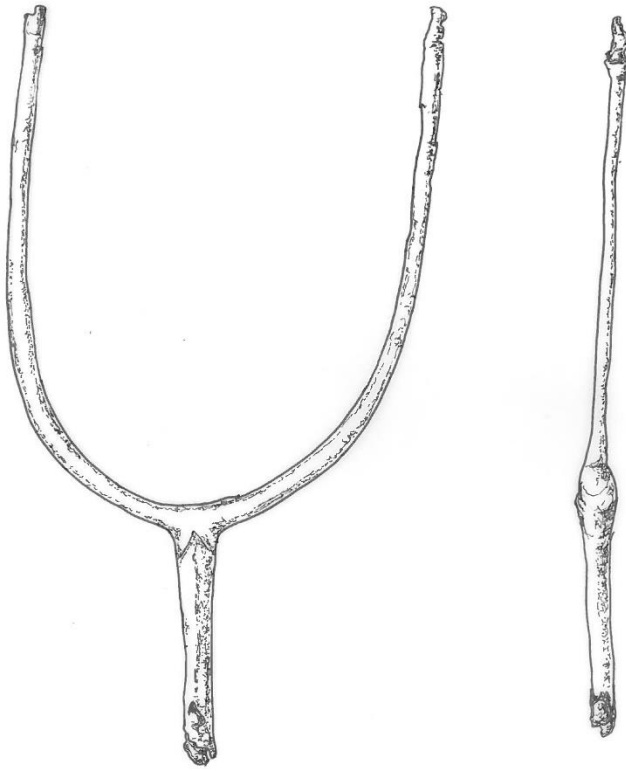


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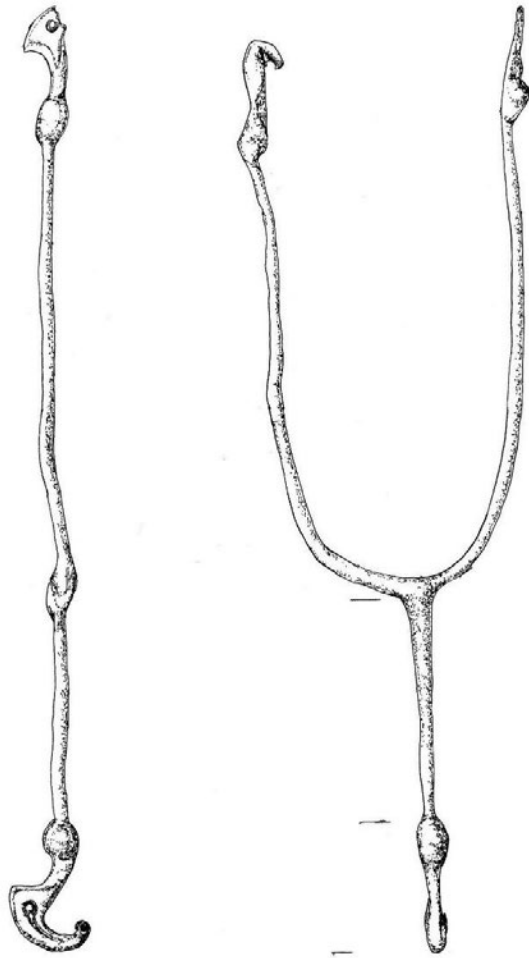


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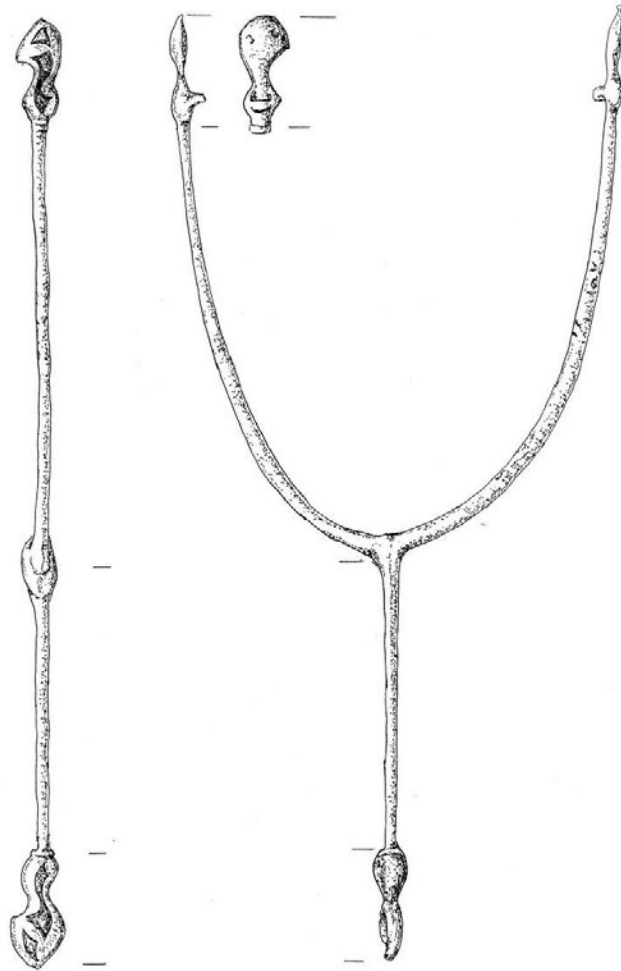
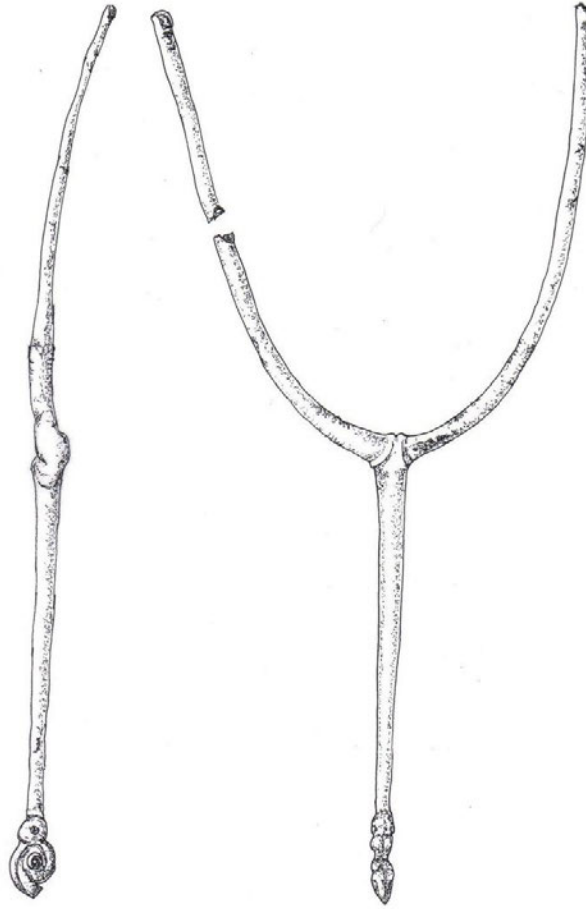


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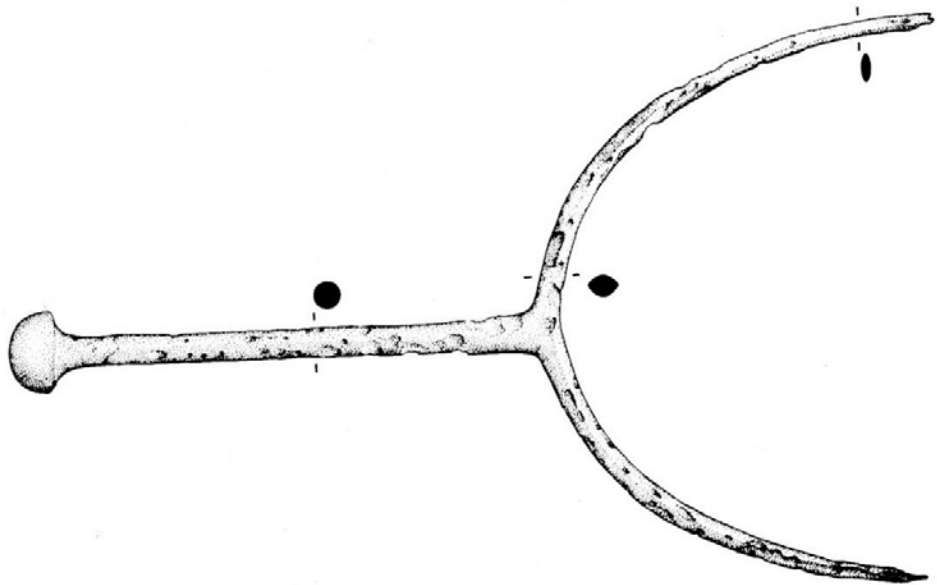
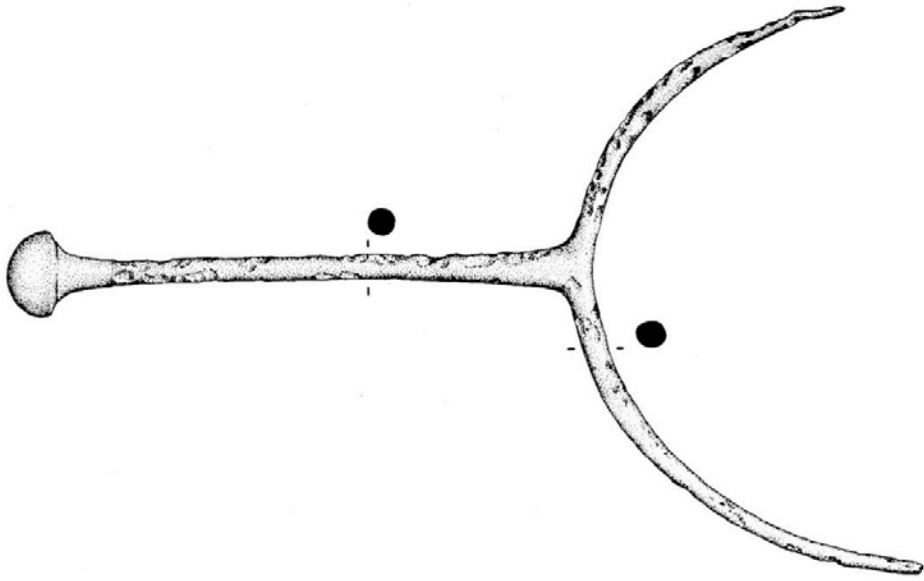


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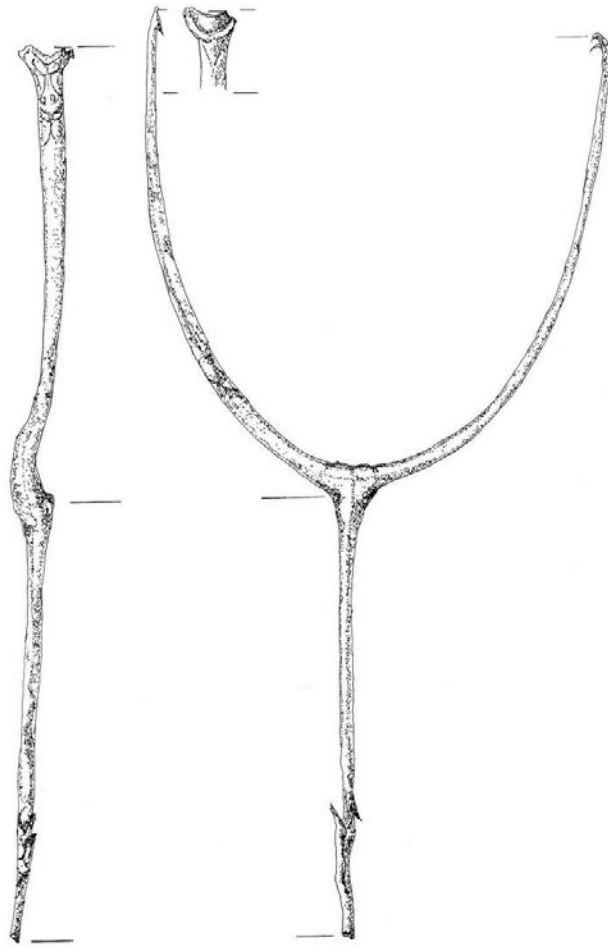


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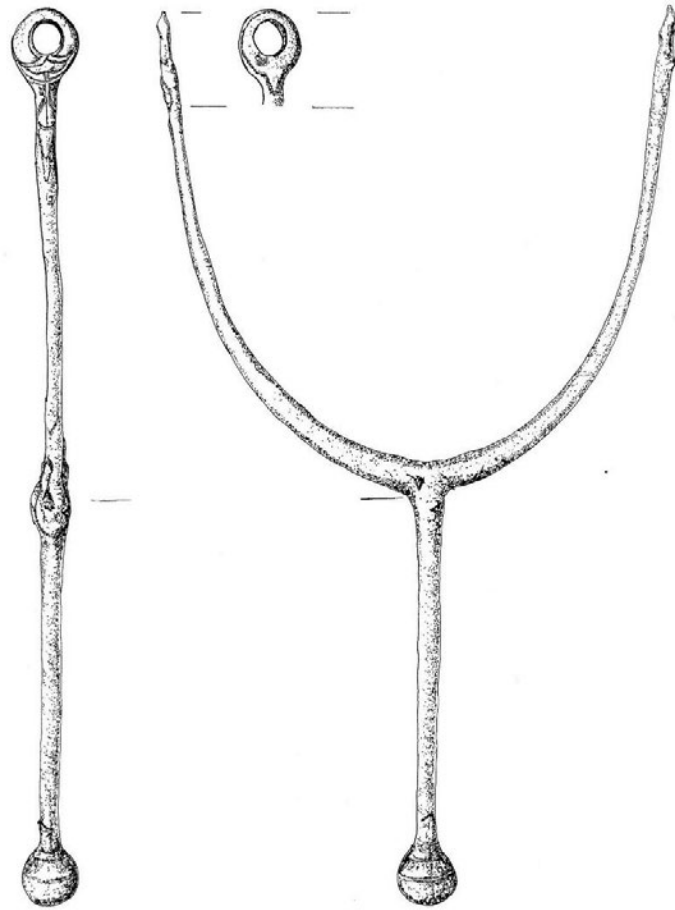


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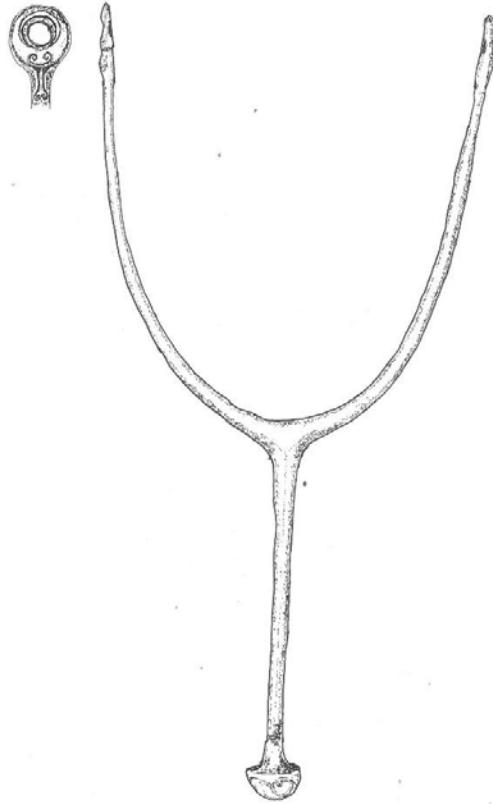


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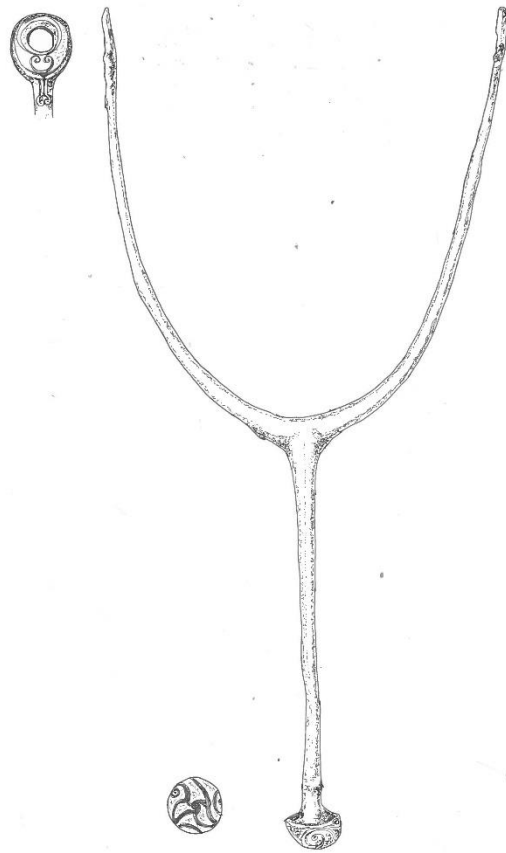


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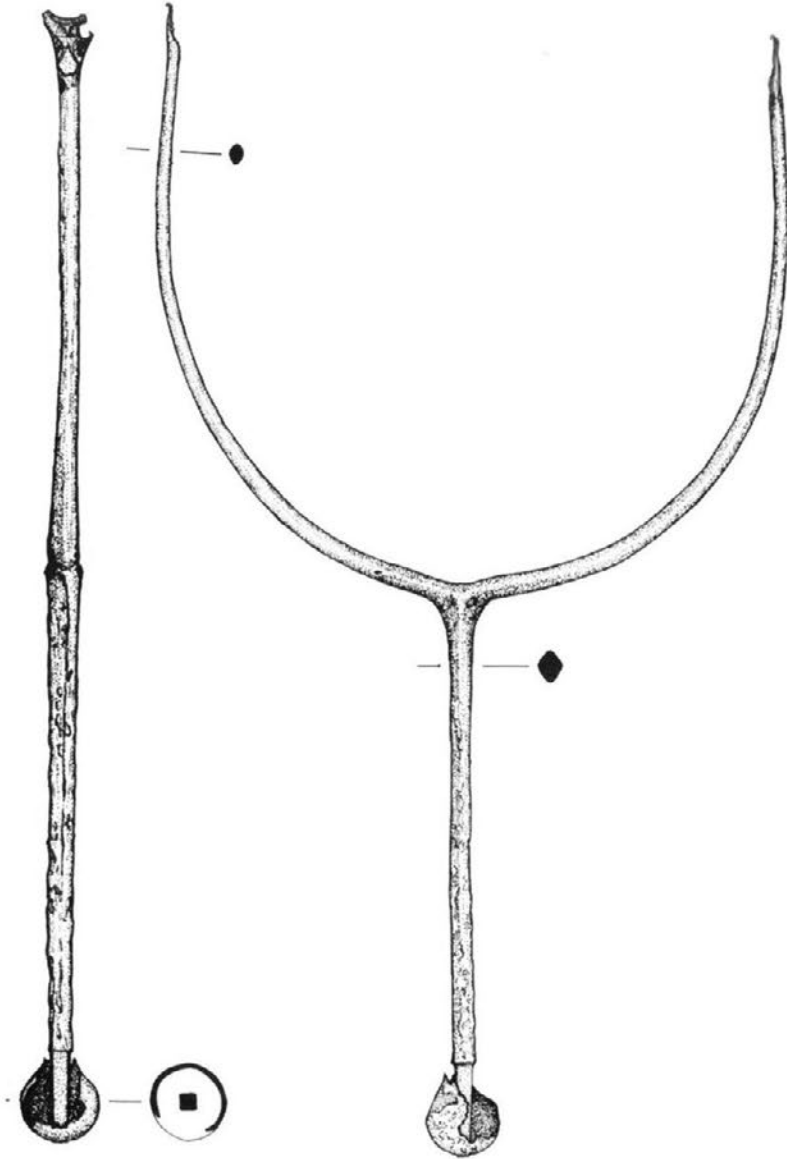


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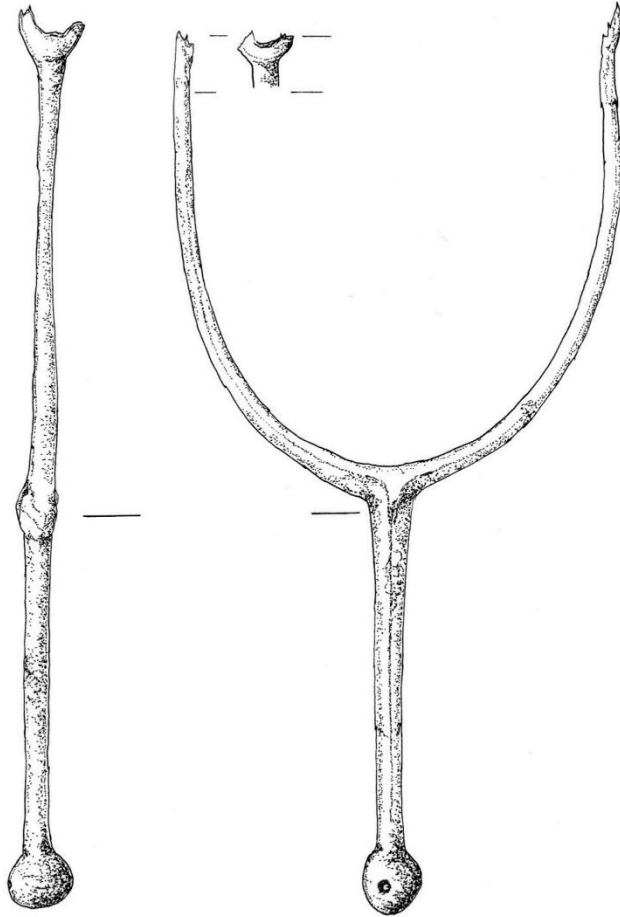


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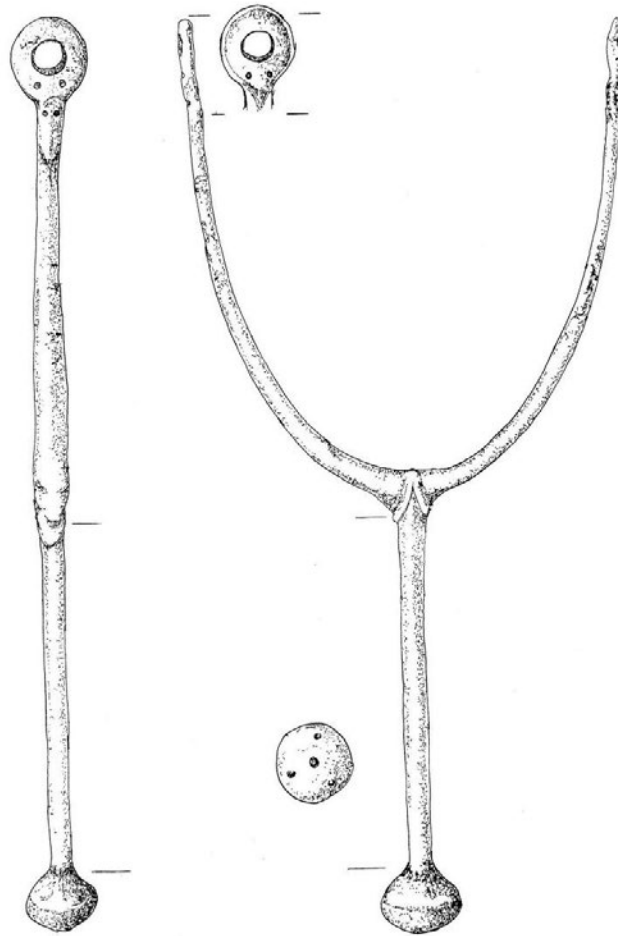


Plate 70. Y2A: 010. Scale 1:2. Provenance Durk Island, Lough Allen, Cormongan, Co Leitrim.

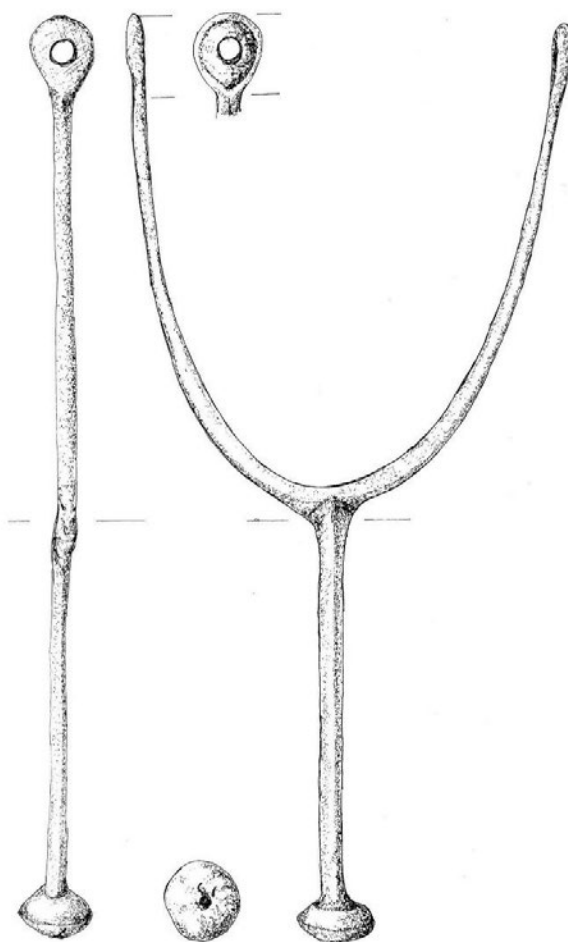


Plate 71. Y2A:011. Scale 1:2. Provenance Drumanone Portal Tomb, Boyle, Co Roscommon.

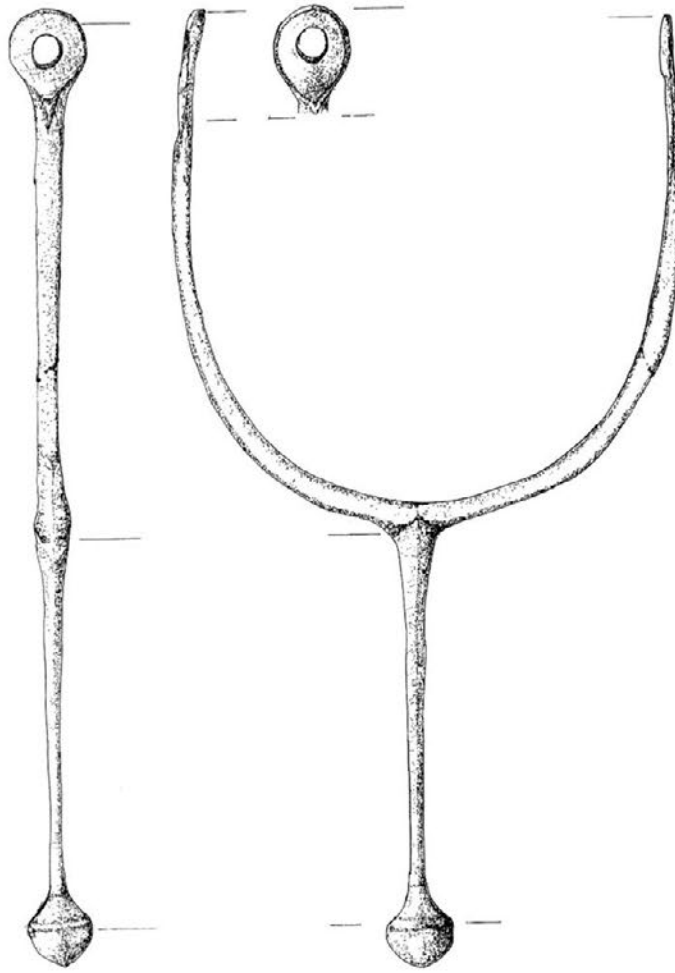


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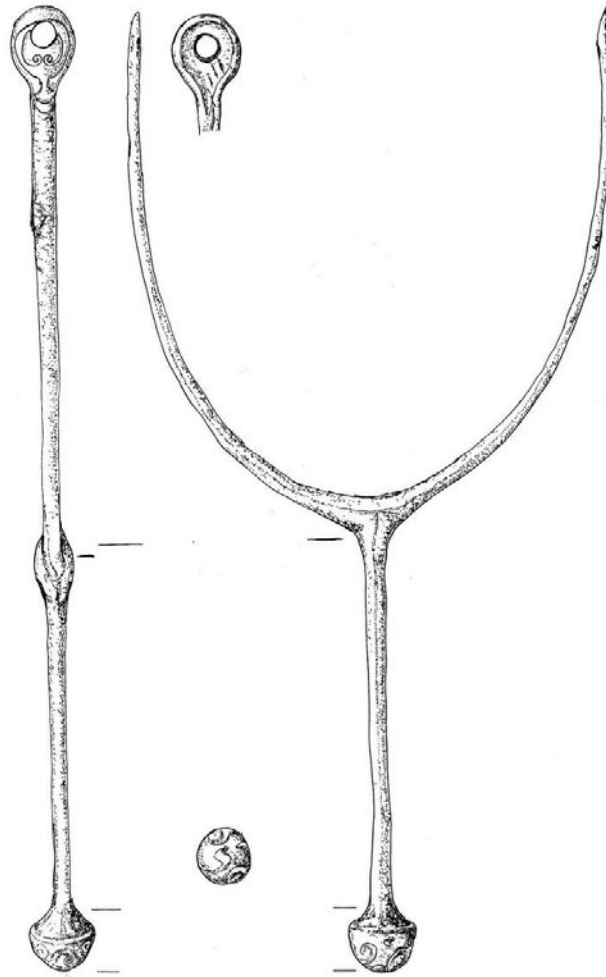


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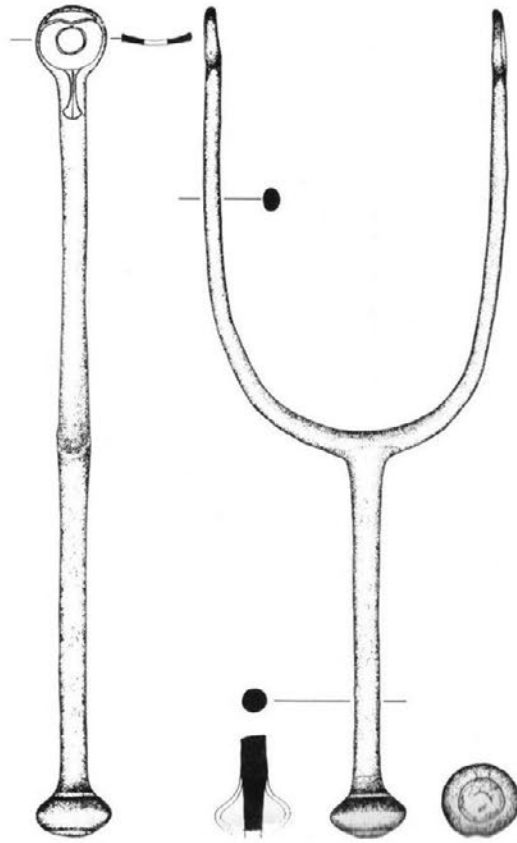


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Provenance Tara/Skryn Valley, Co Meath.

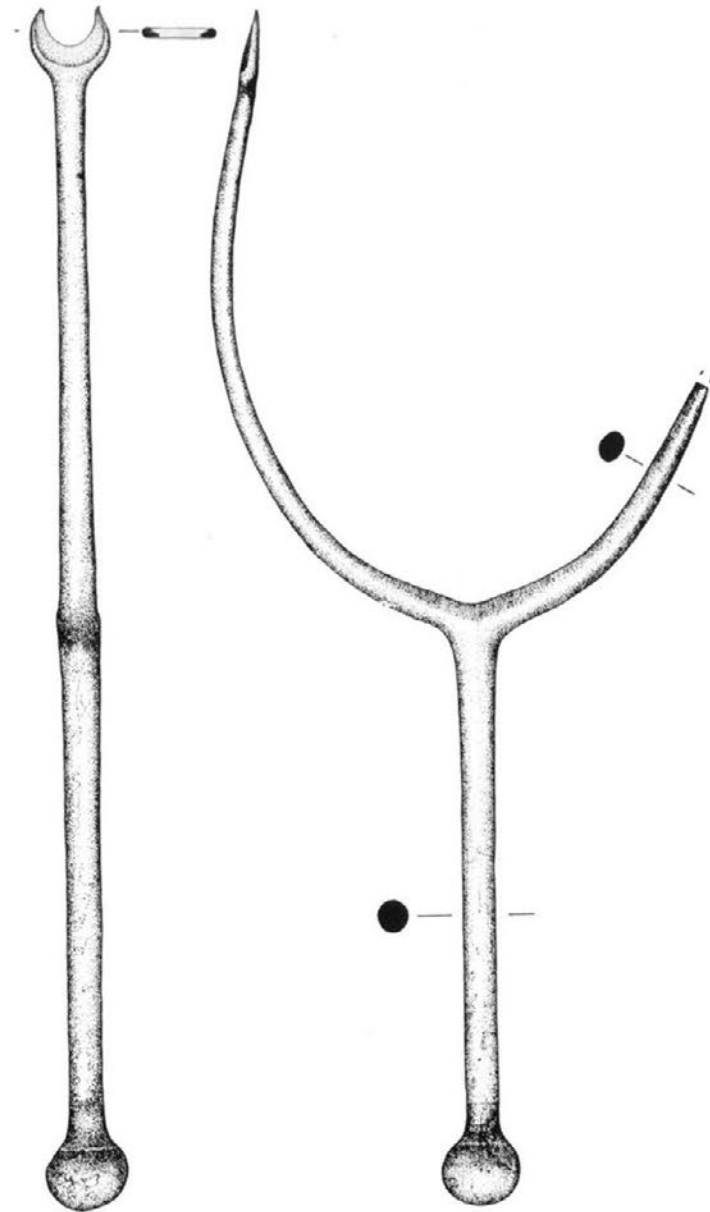


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Provenance Ballybrown, near Clarina, Co Limerick.

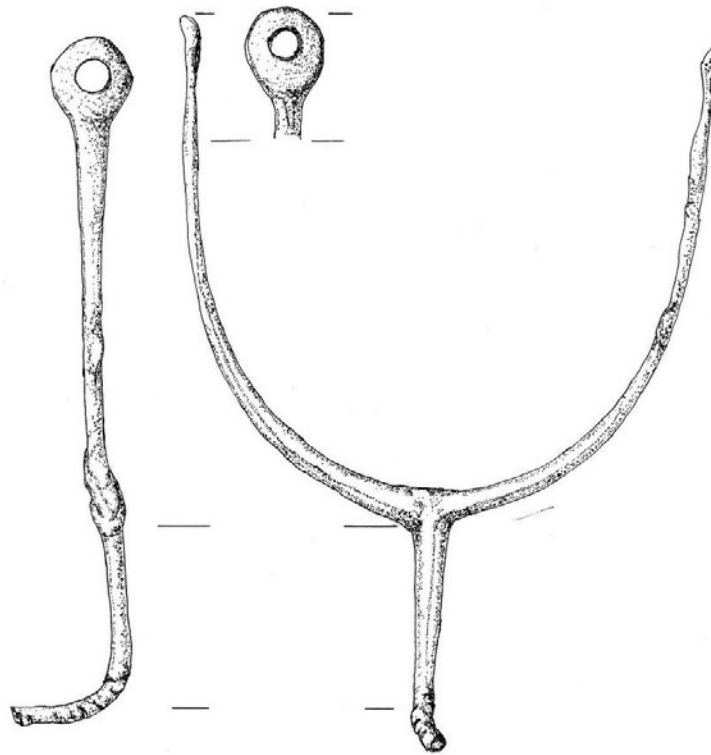


Plate 76. Y2A: 016. Scale 1:2. Provenance Glenatrace/ Clonetrace, near Ballymena, Co Antrim.

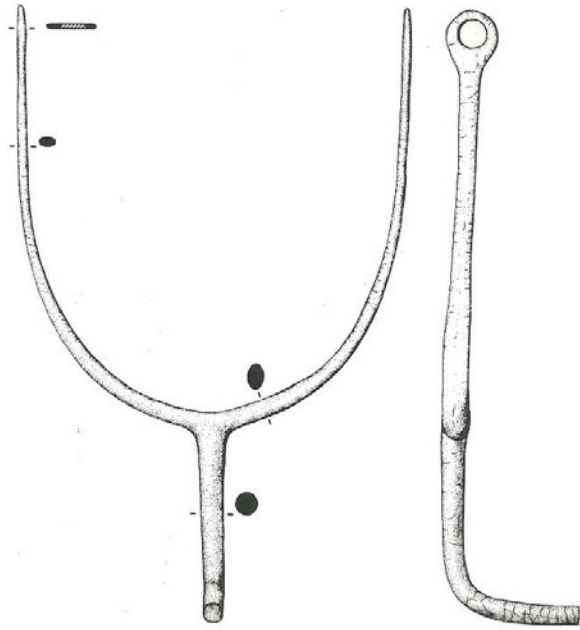


Plate 77. Y2A:017 . Scale 1:2. From Raftery, 1983, 73, No. 210. Provenance Mullingar, Co Westmeath.



8. St Clerans Galway MS. drawing Bit type E  
'Y' type II

Plate 78. Y2A: 018. Only details in Haworth, 1971, 45. Provenance St  
Clerans, Co Galway. MS missing.

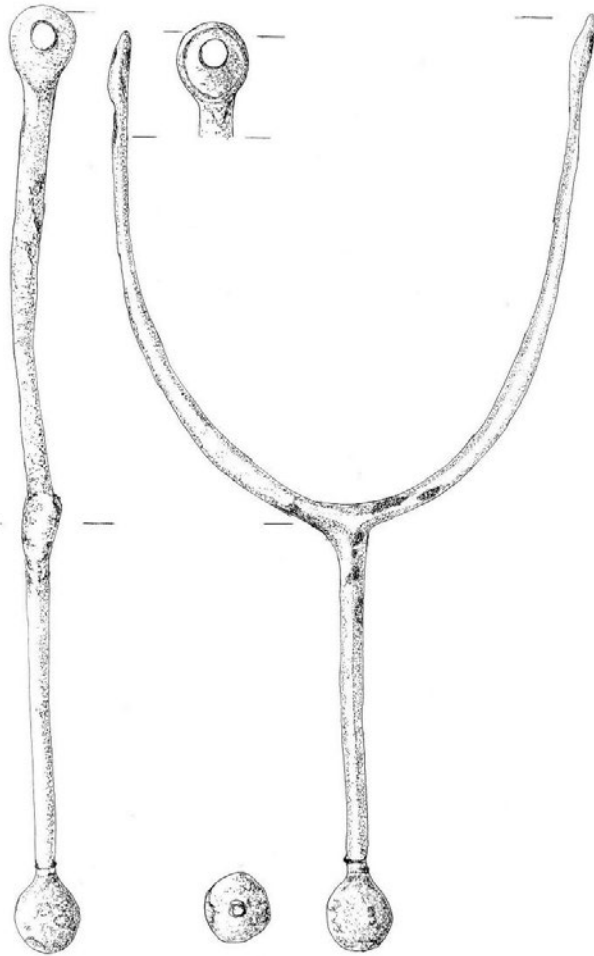


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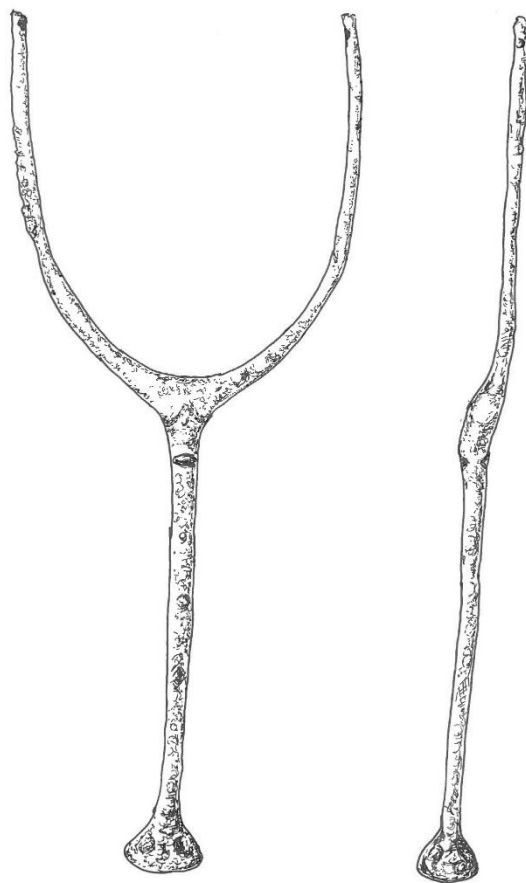


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Plate 81. Y2B:002. Scale 1:2. Provenance unknown.

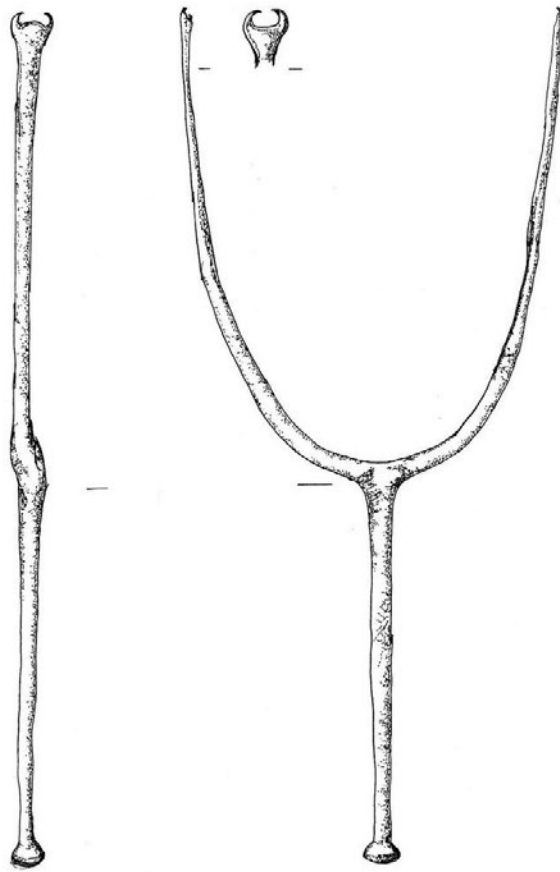


Plate 82. Y2B:003. Scale 1:2. Provenance Loughan Island/Camus Ford, near Coleraine Co Derry.

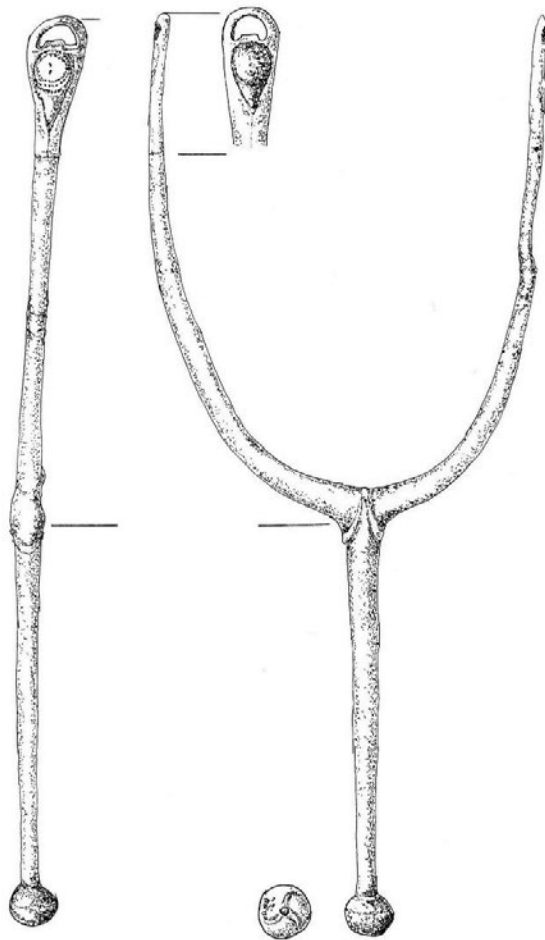


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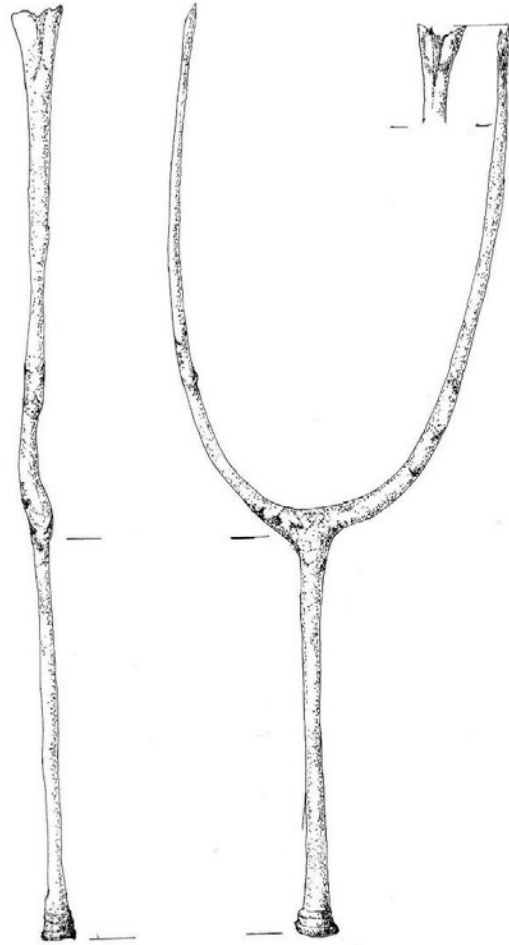


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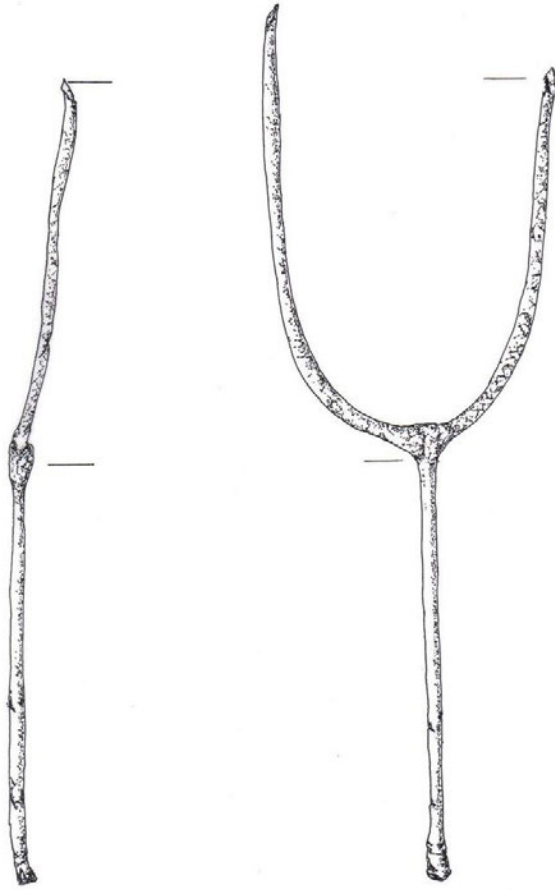


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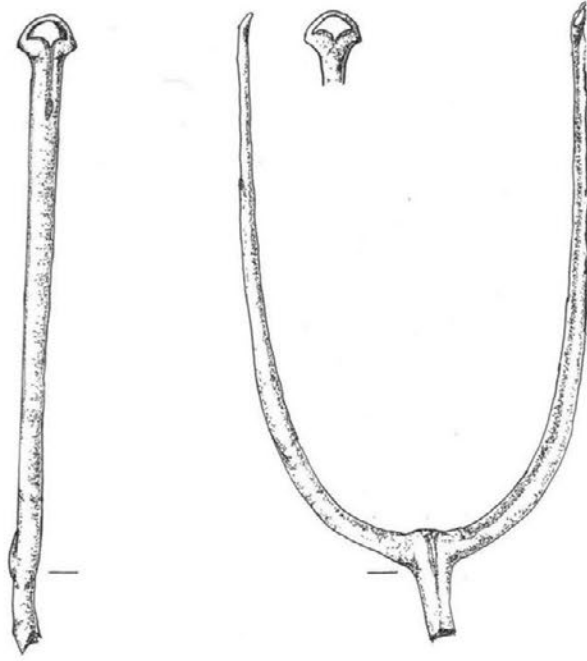


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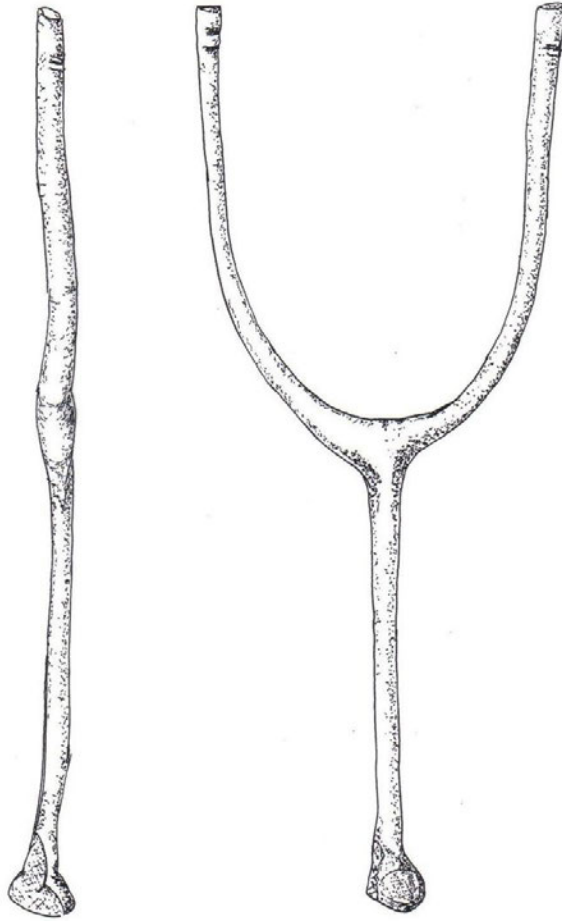


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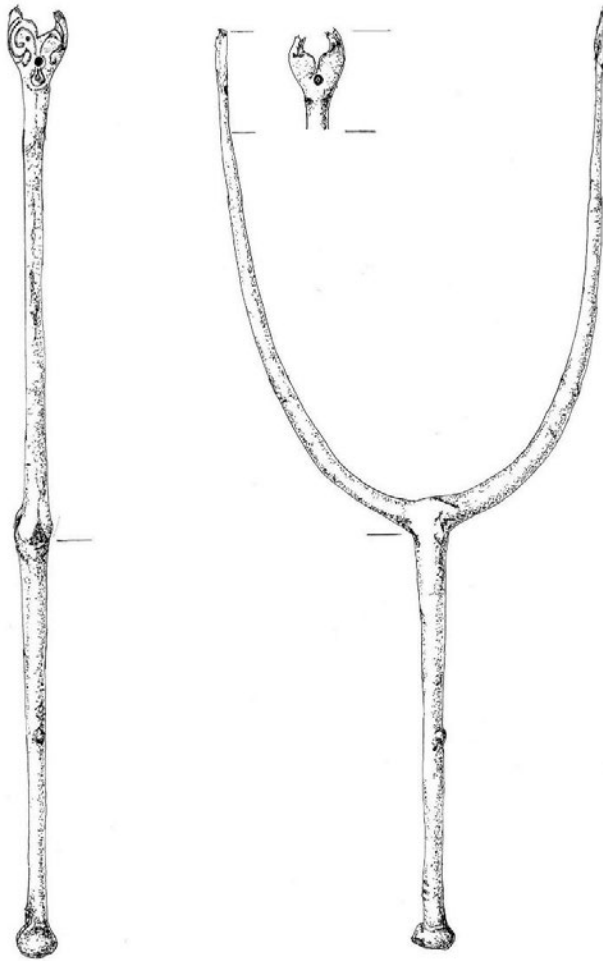


Plate 88. Y2B:009. Scale 1:2. Provenance Derlangan, Co Meath.

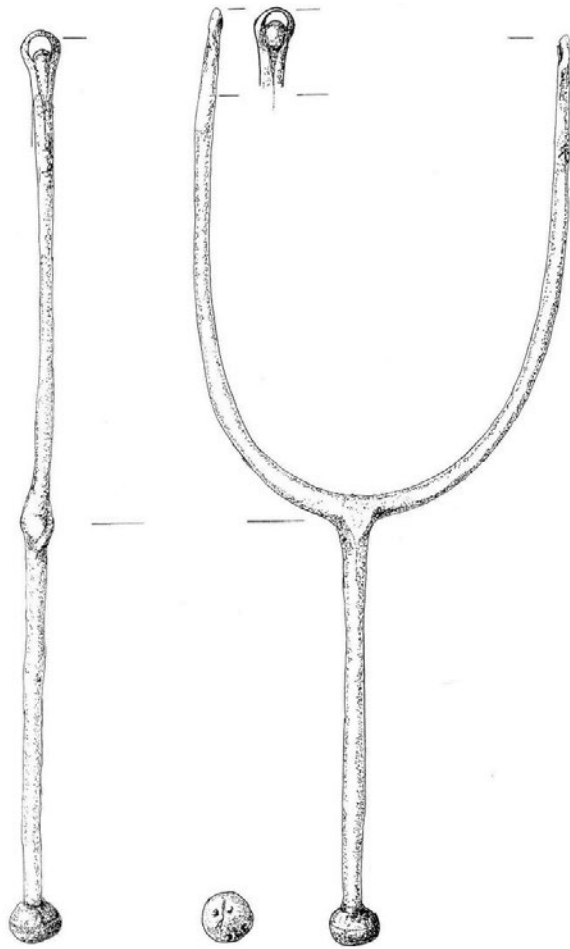
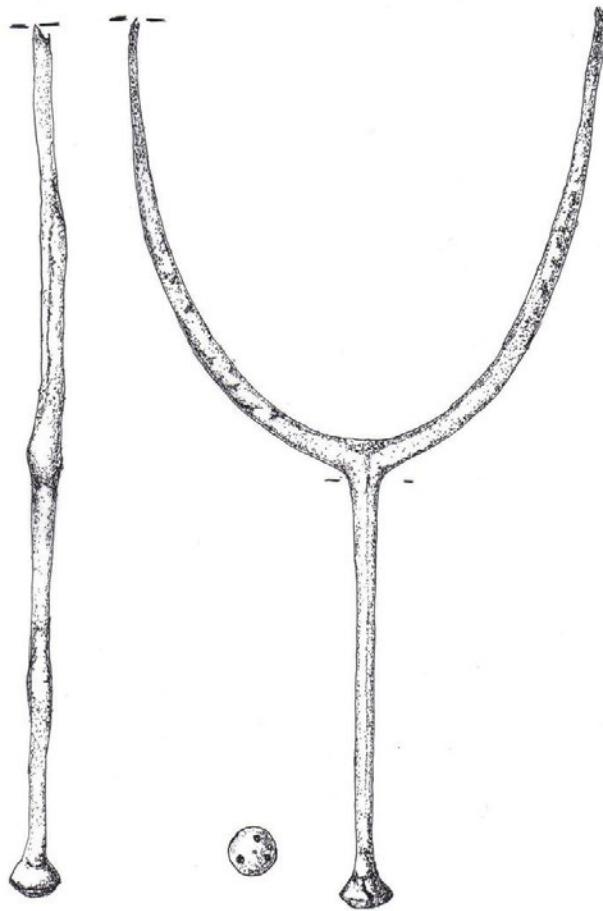


Plate 89. Y2B:010. Scale 1:2. Provenance Clongill, Co Meath



Plat 90. Y2B:011. Scale 1:2. Provenance unknown.

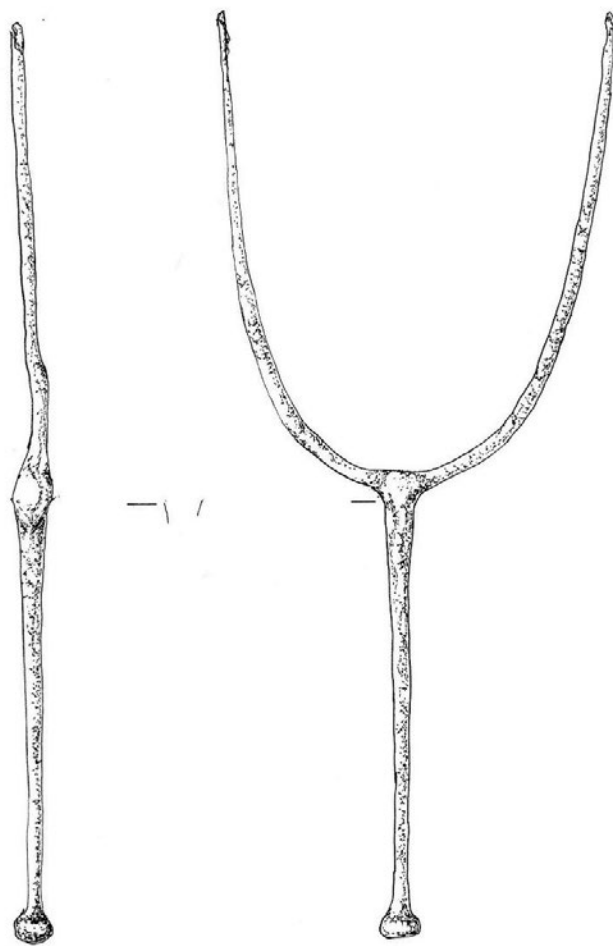


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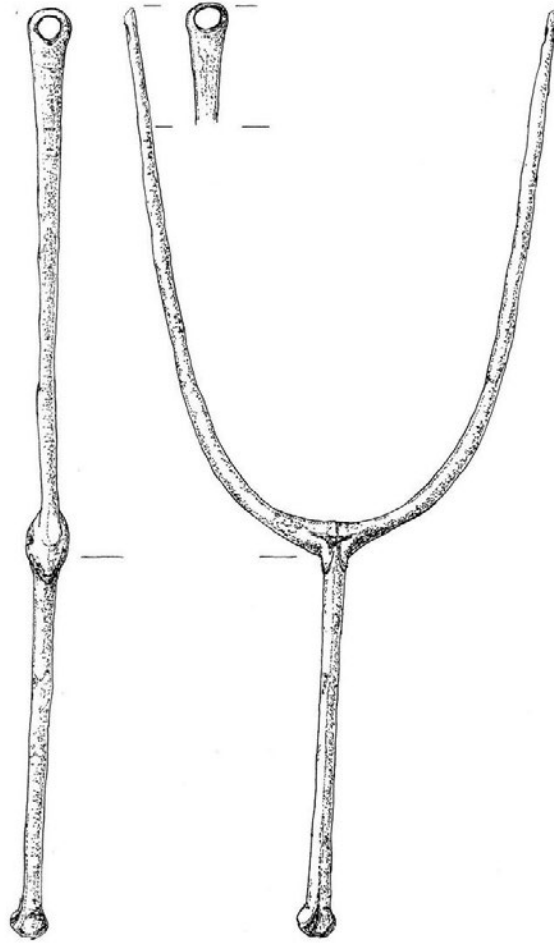


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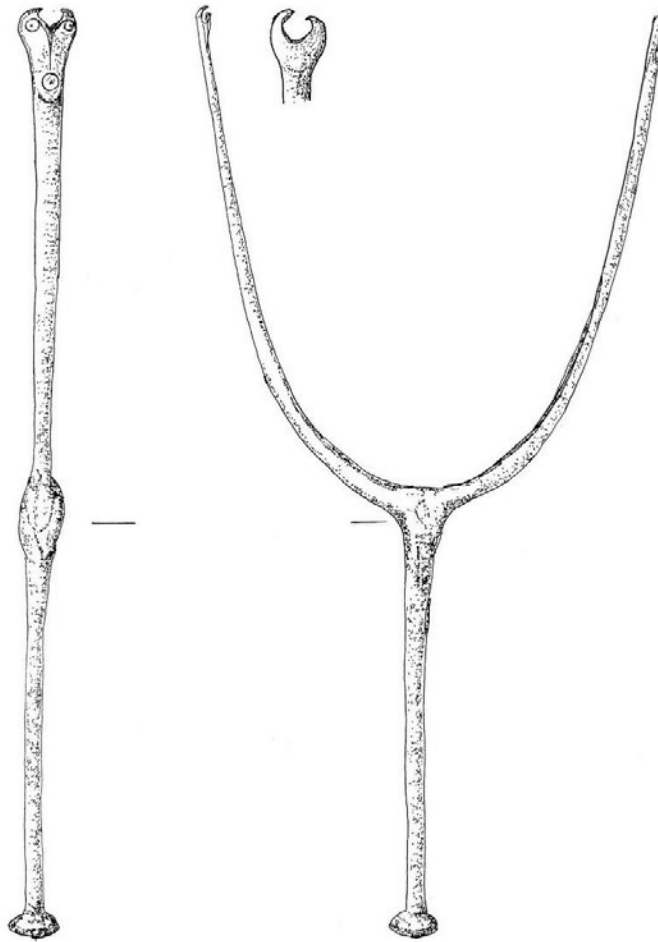
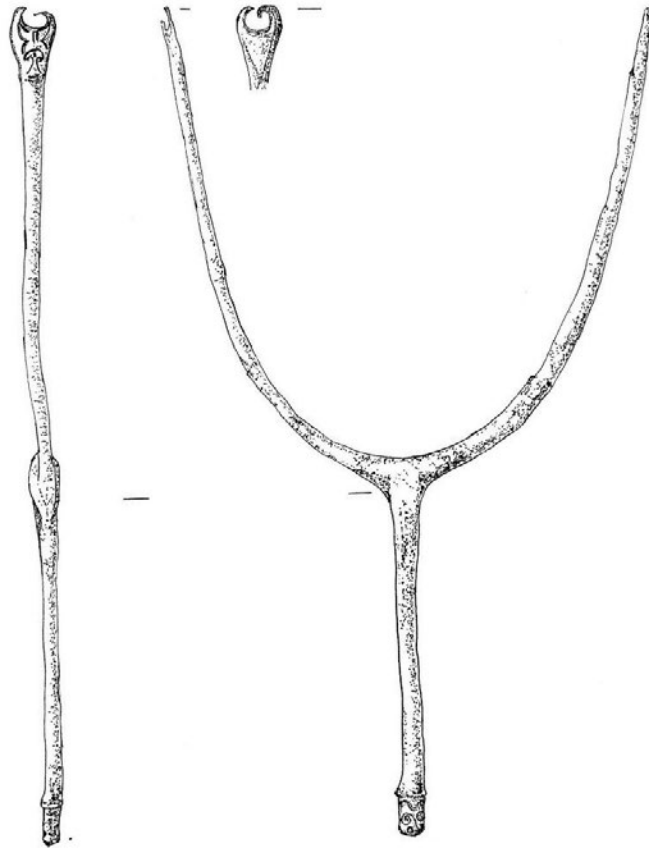


Plate 93. Y2B: 014. Scale 1:2. Provenance Cloonconra, Co Roscommon.





**Plate 94. Y2B:015. Scale 1:2. Provenance Emlagh Abbey, Co  
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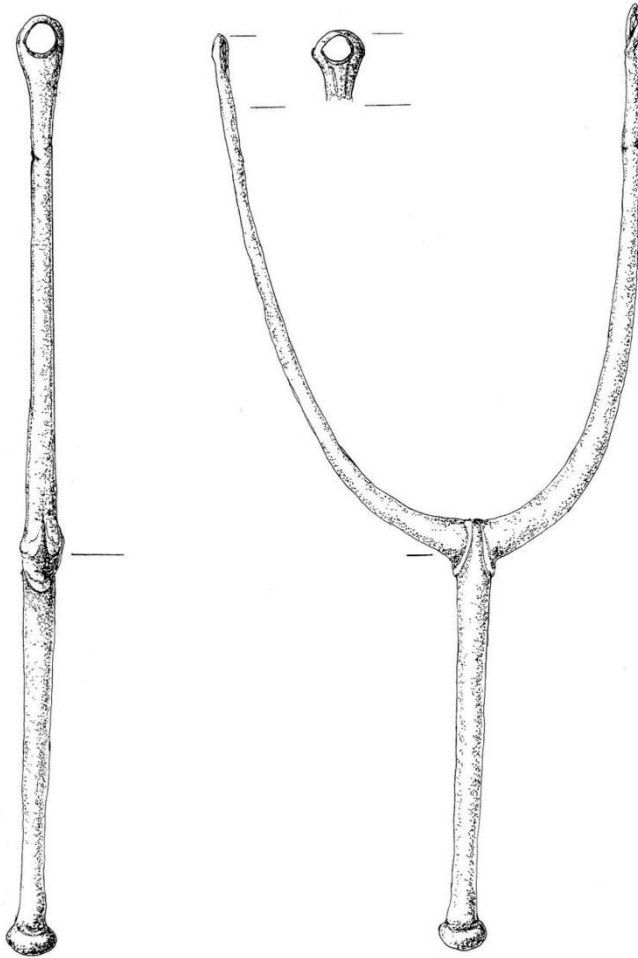
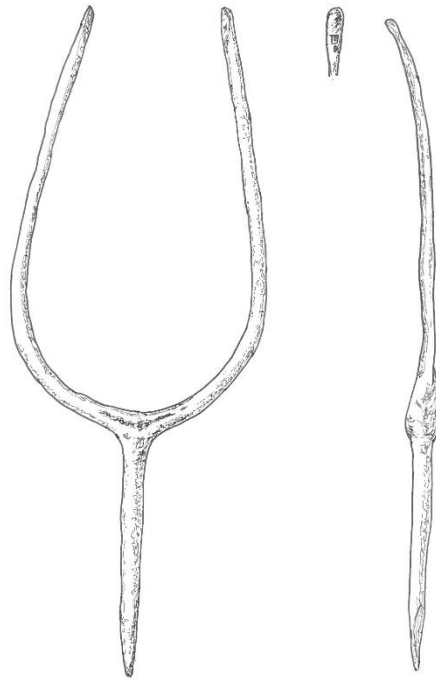


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**Plate 96. YUC:001. Scale 1:2. Provenance Northern Ireland , as part of Beresford Collection.**

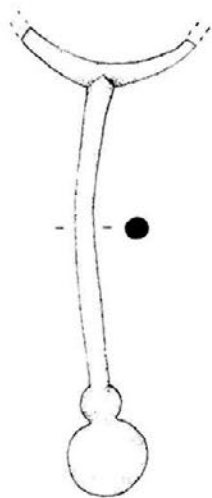


Plate 97. YUC: 002. From Eogan, 1991. Scale 1:2. Provenance unknown.

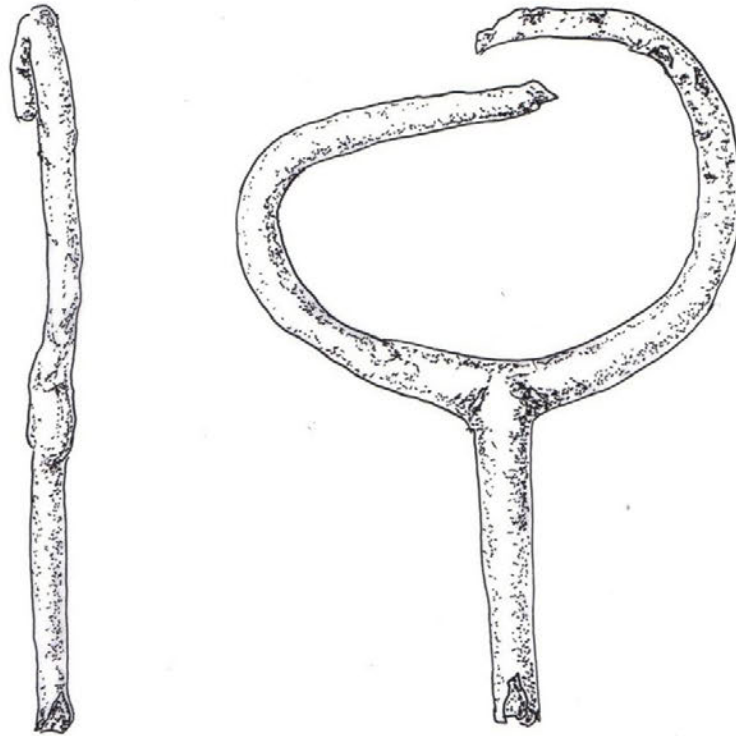


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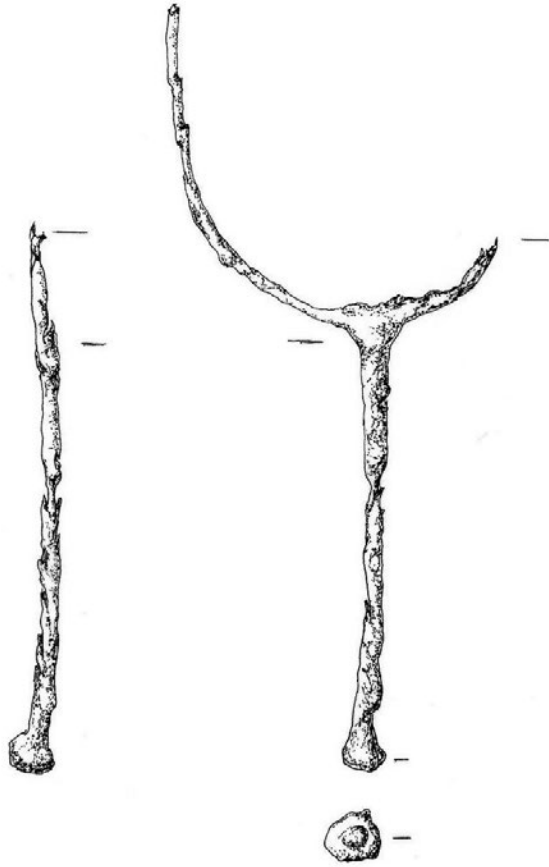


Plate 99. YUC: 004. Scale 1:2. Provenance Kilbeg, Horseleap, Co Wetsmeath.



**Plate 100: YUC:005. Scale 1:1. Provenance Drumbo, Co  
Monaghan.**