

[Indian Village]

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Some time ago I went out Ed Aults place, three miles up the river on the right from Gila, about thirty miles from Silver City, to take several plows. When I arrived at the place I received one of the biggest surprises in my life. Ed had a fellow breaking up a place for a garden, and that place was nothing more than an old Indian Village. I have quite a collection of Indian Metates and one and the only one yard in this country made up of Indian relics that are made of stone. I have spent many years collecting these stones in my yard, but the collection that Ed Ault was allowing to be destroyed was one of the most unusual collections that I ever witnessed.

Anything that caught the fancy of the teamster or Mr. Ault was salvaged, but otherwise the plow was allowed to just pass over the articles whether it be pottery or what not. Mr. Ault saved quite a few things and the fellow that did the plowing saved two truck loads of articles, and sent them back to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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The articles that were plowed up were in an unusual good state of preservation especially considering that a plow had passed over them. One article that attracted my attention was a large bowl that contained some balls, this was by all indications a game of some kind, I have inquired around and another such a piece has never been found. The balls in the bowl were striped one color of stripe running around the ball one way, and another color running another, thereby the lines making squares. There are many pit dwellings in this district, but this is one village that the pottery was in different colors and seemed to be made by different methods. The place should have been made a study of as well as the relics saved instead they were ruined, and most of them destroyed. There were many skeletons in the village and if these were buried bodies or the place was destroyed by fire or some other means cannot be ascertained now for there wasn't any care taken when the houses were opened, but the walls were nicely laid, and many still [?] place after I was there, a thing that I noticed was that the corners were square. How these people made perfect squares is amazing. What were their tools? Were they civilized? I hope time will reveal more of these people that we find relics of every day.