

RITUAL BASKETS

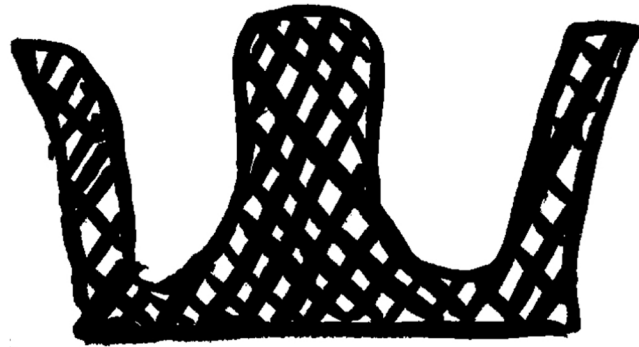


This pot in the Great North Museum is called a pelike. It was a container for oil. The picture shows a young girl holding a special basket, called a kanoun, which was used when an animal was sacrificed to a god. The older woman behind her is helping.



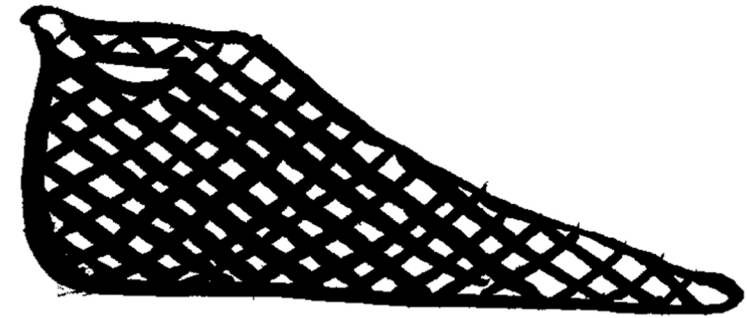
This broken pot in the Great North Museum is a cup for drinking wine. The picture would have been on the inside and shows a column (of a temple) and altar (on the right) with a streak of blood. The woman on the left is holding a special basket, called a liknon, which was used to make an offering to a god.

THE KANOUN



This basket was used when an animal was sacrificed to a god. It has 3 corners. It contained the knife for killing the animal, ribbons to decorate the animal and barley to sprinkle.

THE LIKNON



This basket was usually covered with a piece of cloth. It is a bit like a tray with one end higher than the other. It may have contained special cakes or branches or even a model of the head of Dionysus the god of wine.



Sacrificial Knife



Ribbons



Barley



Cakes



Branches



Dionysus' Head