

## 6. A QUERN FROM MULLOCHARD, DUTHIL, INVERNESS-SHIRE.

The upper stone of a rotary quern was found in September 1957 by Mr Ian Walker, Department of Agriculture for Scotland, at a point near the right bank of the River Dulnan distant 2 miles below Carrbridge, when a gravel mound was being removed by a drag-line excavator to provide material for a flood-bank (Nat. Grid ref. NH/938239). The stone, of micaceous schist, measures 16 ins. in diameter, 3 ins. in height at the rim of the central hole and 2 ins. near the outer edge, and has a single vertical socket for the handle. The surface of the stone is roughly dressed, but those sectors of the face of the outer edge that remain (left and top right in fig. 5) are smooth. The bottom of the stone, which has been smoothed with use, is flat with a slight rise towards the centre. Owing to the circumstances of its discovery the exact place in the ground from which it was dislodged by the excavator could not be recorded, but no other relics or signs of structure were noticed. The stone was brought to Edinburgh by Mr W. G. Parker, Department of Agriculture for Scotland, who kindly allowed it to be examined and presented it to the National Museum of Antiquities.

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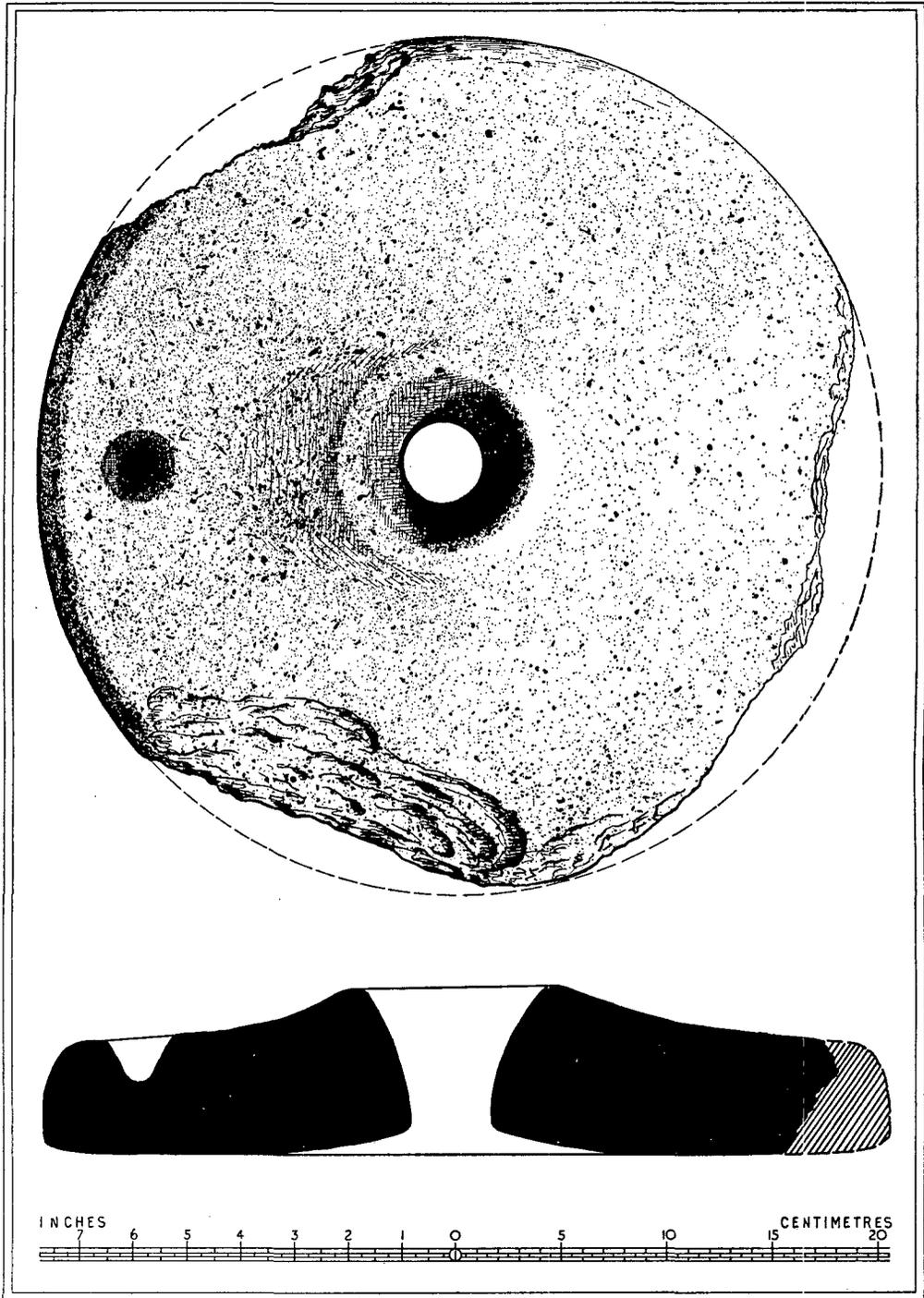


Fig. 5.