

A PERSIAN METALLIC LUSTRE PLATE

The large size and beauty of this plate seem to indicate that it was made for ceremonial purposes. It is said to have been found at Hamadan, ancient Ecbatana, and was as usual broken. It is, however, unusually complete, only a few small fragments being missing. It is a product of the Thirteenth Century and a fine example of the beautiful lustred ware that was invented in Persia. In the centre is a medallion with two seated figures surrounded by a band of inscription. The body of the plate, the main field of decoration, is covered with a design made up of vine scrolls and birds. This important piece of Persian pottery which has recently been acquired by the Museum measures 20 inches in diameter.



Persian Plate of Lustre Ware found at Hamadan, Persia. Diam. 20 inches. Made in the 13th Century.