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Sometimes flans were cast in strips of round blanks connected by a narrow bridge, or sprue. There is a distinction to be drawn between true collectors and accumulators.

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The period during which the hoard was assembled may have coincided with the entire period of the issue of one of these types and not of the other two, or of two of them and not the remaining one.

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Common flaws are irregularities in the shape of the flan, impurities in the surface, and preparatory marks such as file marks.

Chemical Analysis of Metals

Furthermore, in the course of the investigation a few other ancient silver coins were analyzed chemically and the specific gravities of these coins and their blanks were taken, so that their fineness as determined by chemical analysis might be compared with that estimated from specific gravity.

Coin Specifications

This is the presence of arsenic in these coins and its absence from the debased silver coins. Issues of the Notes and Monographs, Museum Notes, Hispanic Numismatic Series, and Numismatic Literature are distributed to all members.

Penny reactions

Additionally it would be good to know if it's a little or a lot. Since it is practically certain that all, or nearly all the gold, was introduced into the coinage alloy along with the silver, the intended fineness of the coins is in all probability their total fineness, and not that due to their silver content alone.

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