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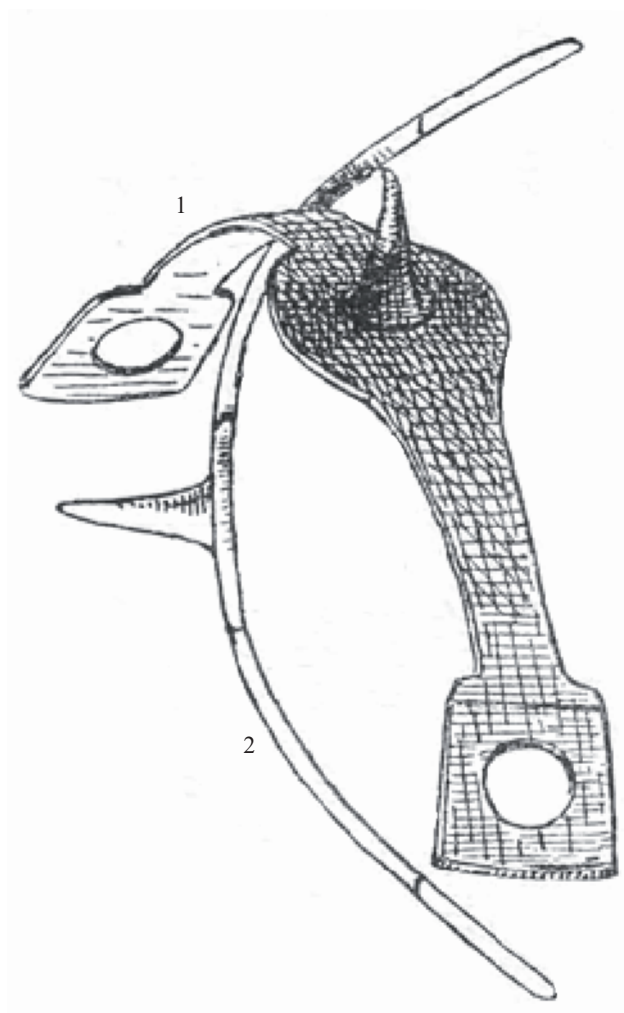
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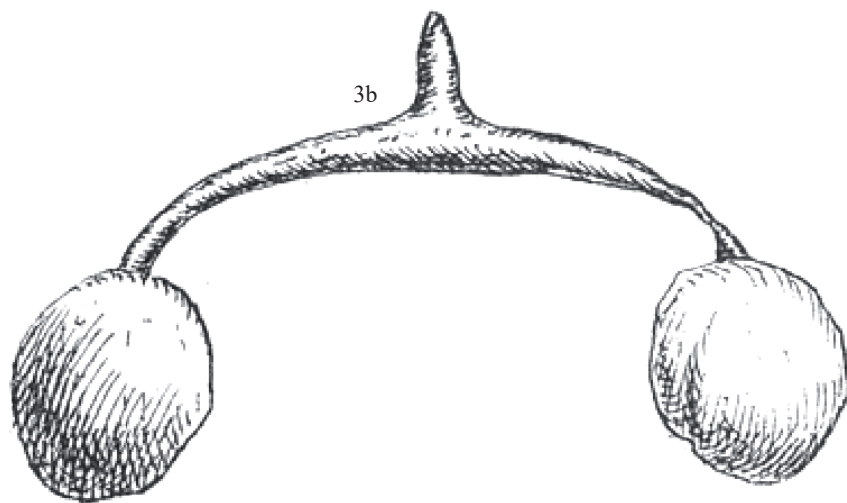
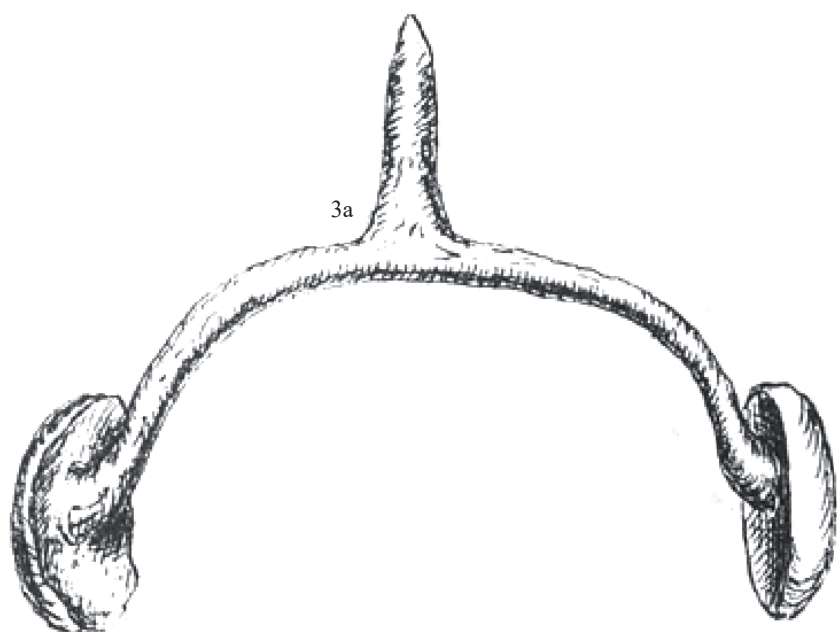
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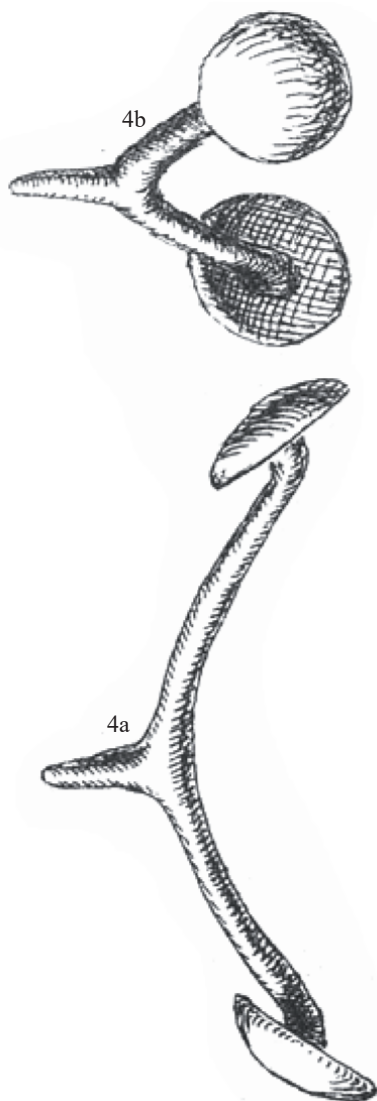
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Figs. 1 and 2: Early Roman spurs, 2nd - 1st century B.C., bronze. Find spot near Rome.



Figs. 3a and 3b: Latène spur, 3rd - 1st centuries B.C., iron. Find spot La Tène. Place of storage: Swiss National Museum.



Figs. 4, 5, 6: Latène spurs, 3rd - 1st centuries B.C., iron. Find spot: Stradonic. Middle, perhaps already early Latène time.

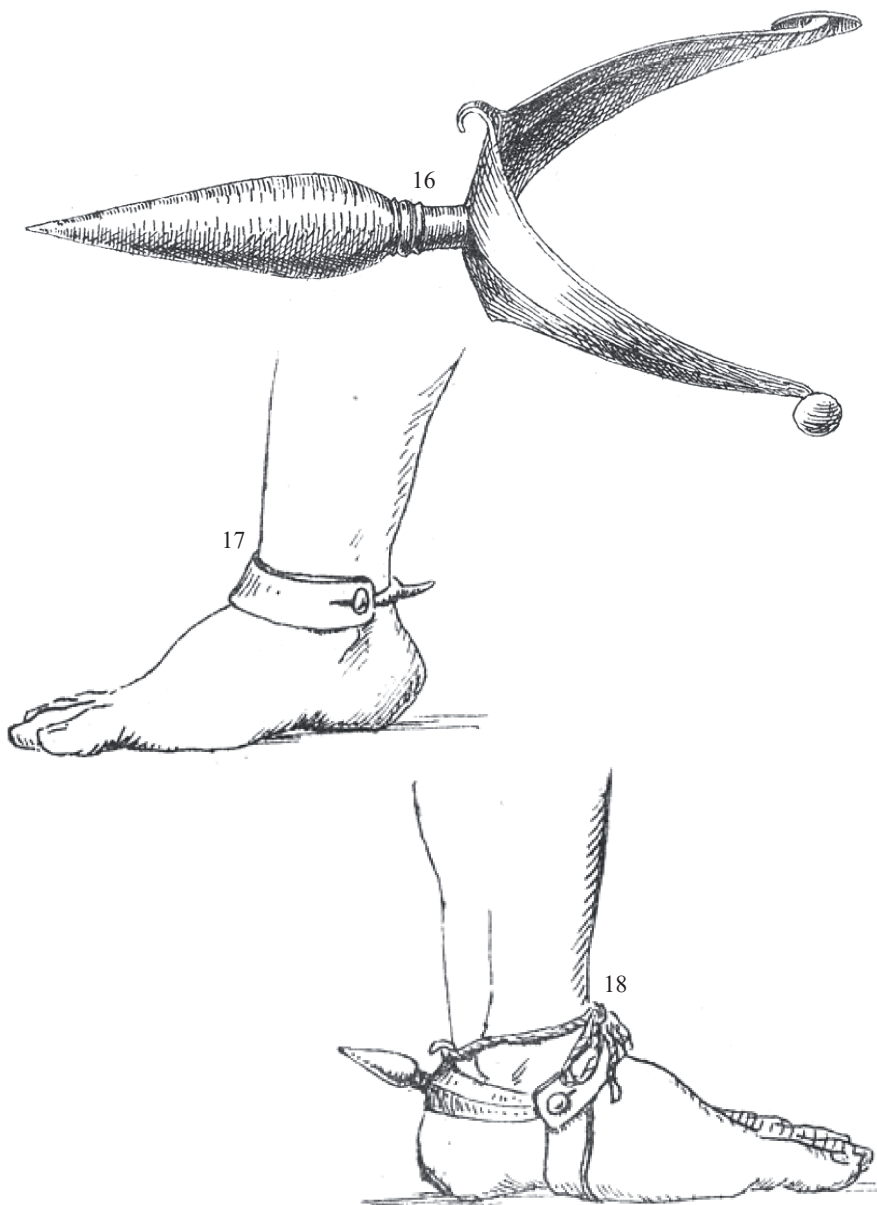


Fig. 16: Latène spur, 2nd - 3rd century A.D., iron. Find spot: Kyffhäuser, Germany.

Fig. 17: Mounting at the foot of Latène spurs: Figs. 3 to 15.

Fig. 18: Mounting at the foot of Latène spur: Fig. 12 during the Roman Empire.

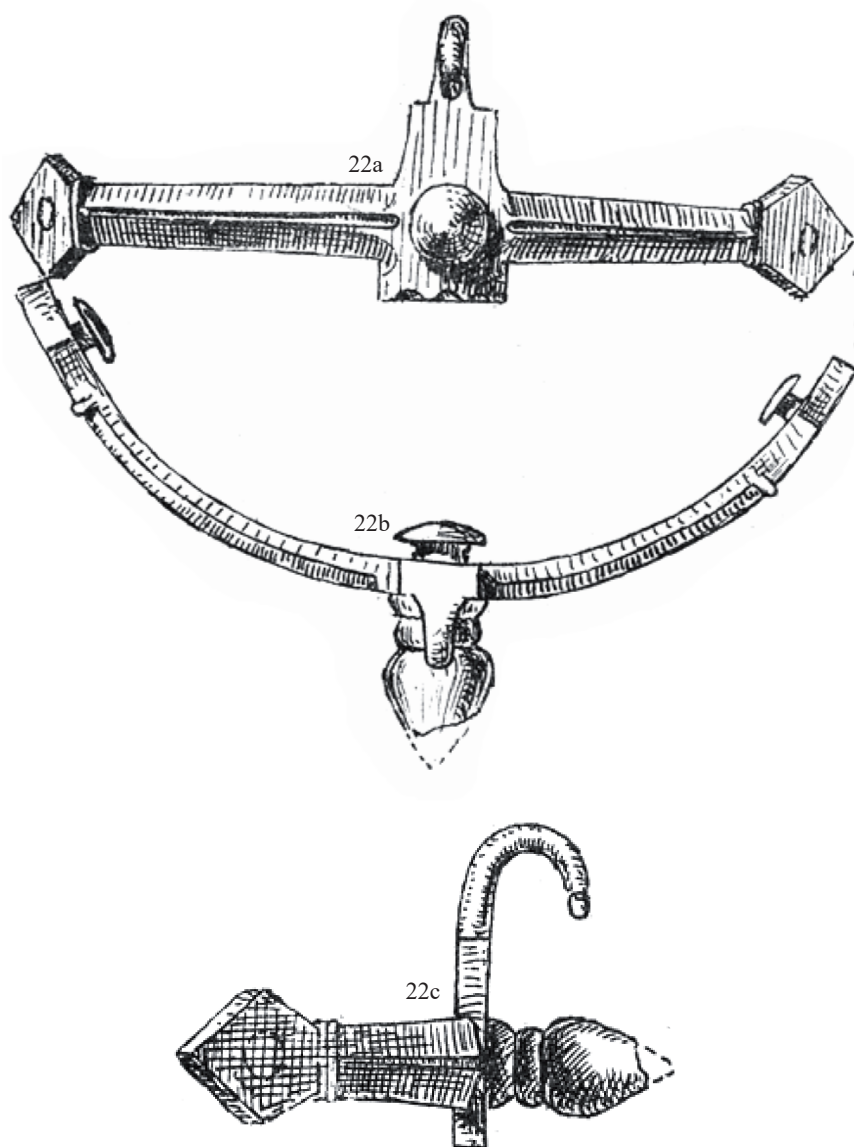


Fig. 22: Roman, 1st - 3rd century A.D., bronze with iron tip. Find spot: Kreuznach, Germany. A front view, b. from above, c side view.

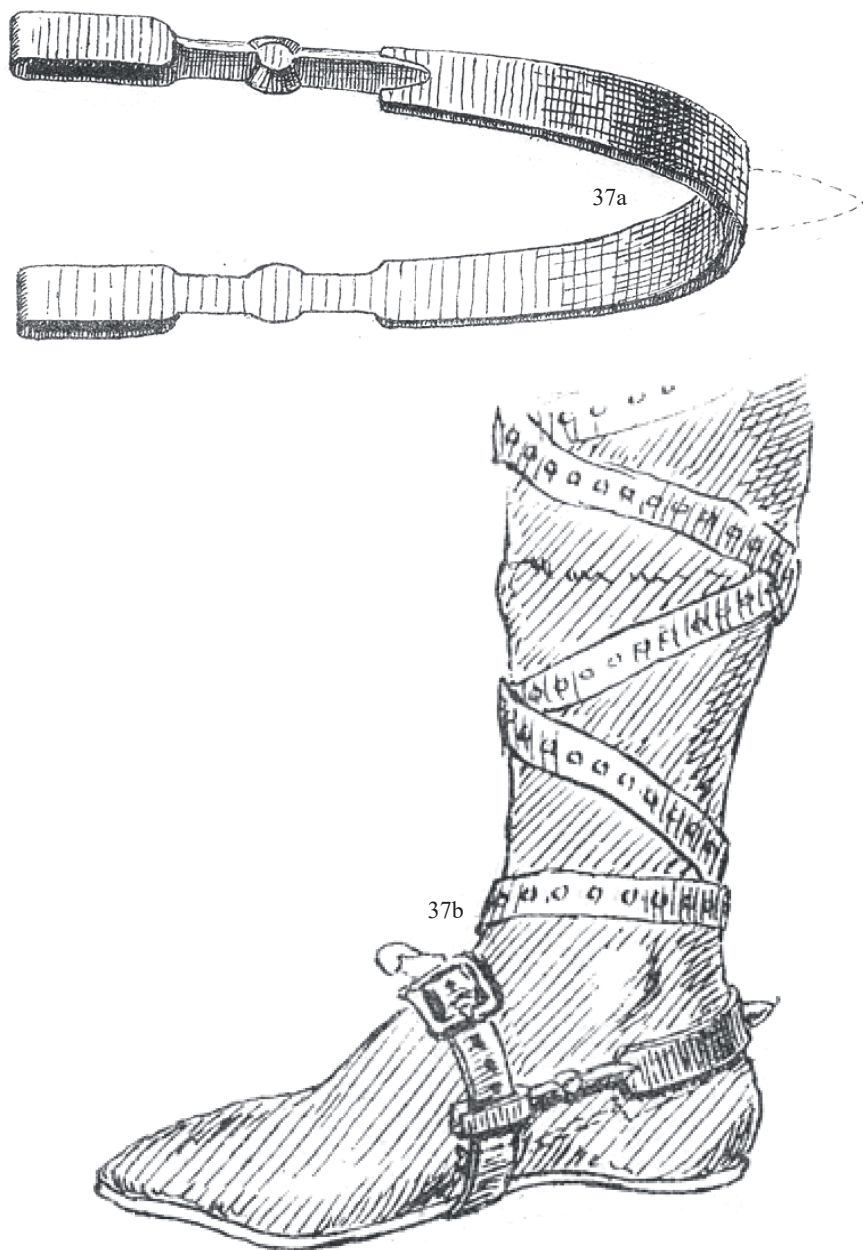


Fig. 37: Lombard 6th - 7th century, bronze. Find spot: Castiglione del Lago, Italia. Private collection of Richard Zschille. B view of mounting at the foot.

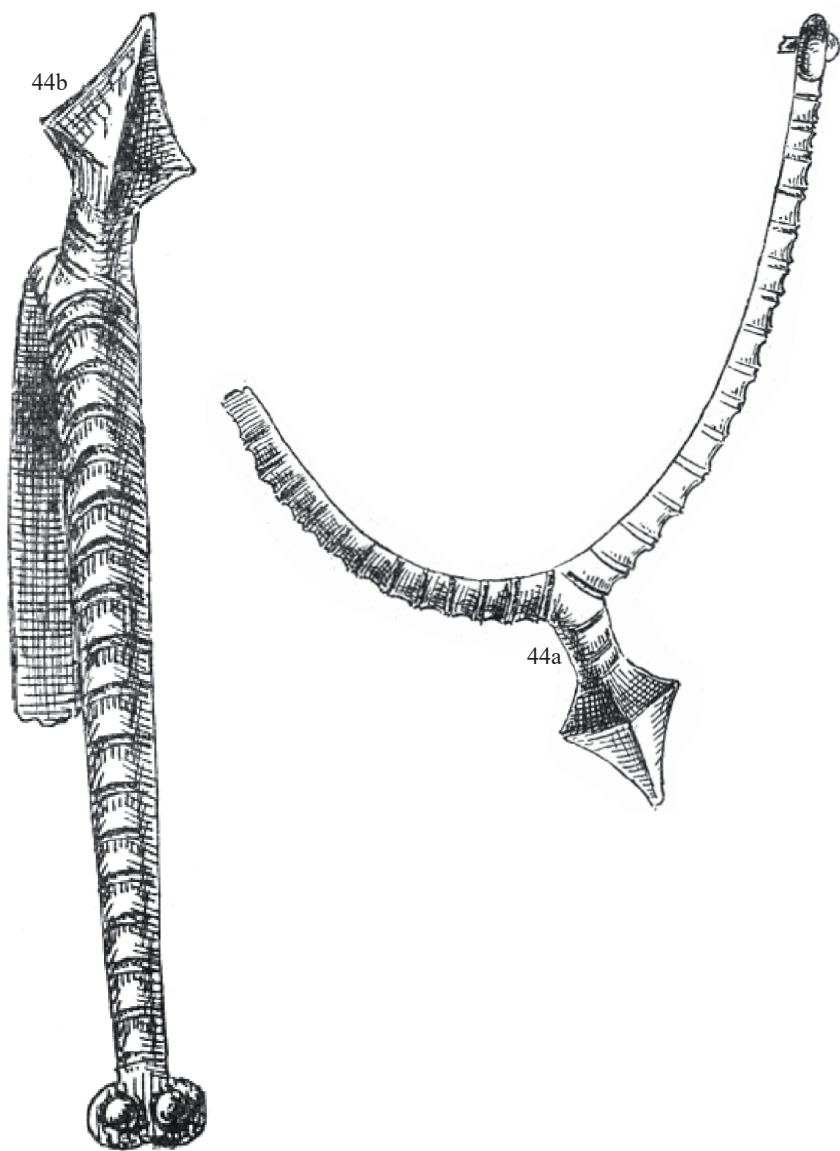


Fig. 44: Carolingian, 9th - 10th century, bronze with silver rivets.  
Find spot: Kreuznach, Germany. Private collection Richard Zschille. A front view, b side view.

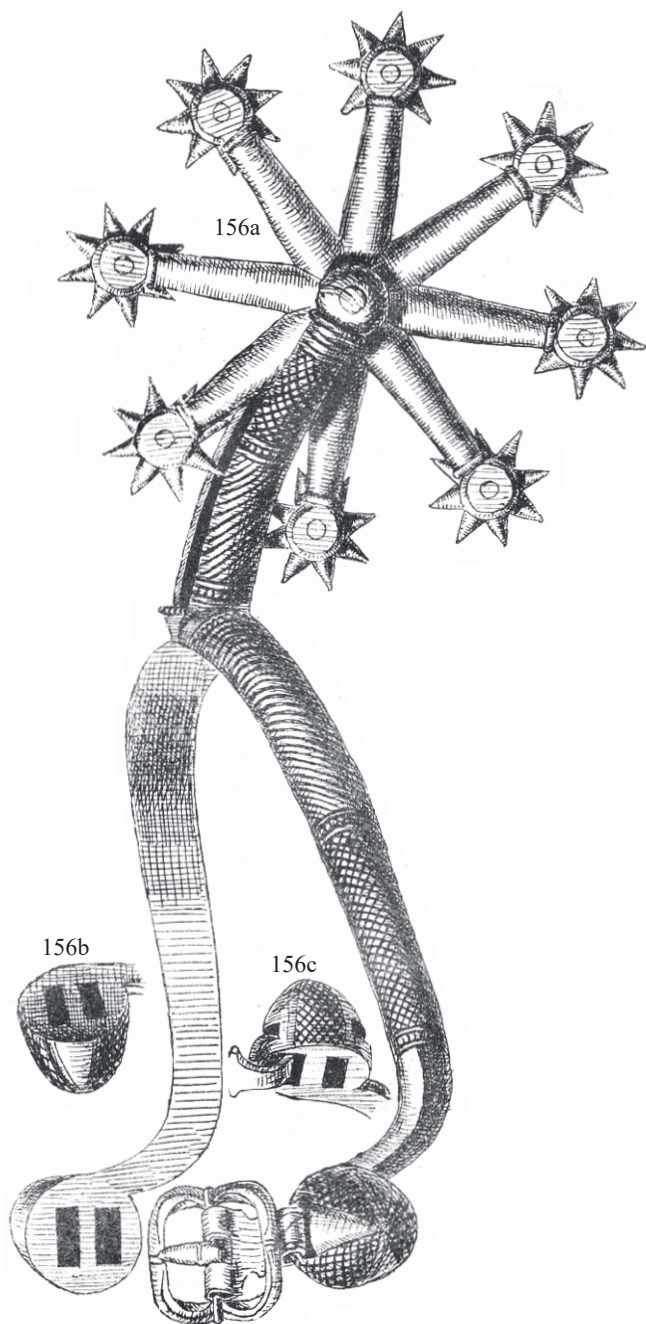


Fig. 156: Multi-wheeled spur, 2nd half of the 17th century, iron, Germany. B and c show the ends of the brackets for the straps.