



Fig. 9. Aklama figures (?).
Cat. no. V. L. 221 a and b.

graph of this piece in Buschan (1922: 539, Plate 239/2). The Museum für Völkerkunde, Berlin, possesses a similar figure with the number III C 20 834 published by Kurt Krieger (1965: 32, plate 35).

Collection A. Leix, 1908.

Tokple, Togo.

- 57 072 (fig. 2). Female figure, wood, height 75,8 cm. The figure is incrustated with what appears to be laterite. The flat buttocks take the form of two rectangles placed side by side.

According to the catalogue description the figure is called *venavi* and was carved in memory of a dead twin.

Collection A. Leix, 1908.

Aklaku, Togo.

- 57 096 (fig. 3). Female figure, wood, patinated, height 22,5 cm. The two marks on the cheeks, the hairline, the lines indicated the hairstyle, the three horizontal incisions on either side of the neck and the single incision at the back of it are stained black. The elbows are carved in the same manner as the knees. The low, squarish buttocks are separated from each other by a triangular indentation. The back of the legs form a smooth concave curve. The necklace of black beads is interspersed with pieces of coral.

According to the catalogue the figure is known as *venavi* and represents a twin girl. Such figures are carved in memory of dead twins and are carried around by the mother tucked into her lower cloth.

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Agome, Togo.