after a little digging, to our amazement, we saw that what we had in front of us was the upper part of a *colossal head.* It had sunk deep into the soft ground, and it was out of the question to expose it (fig. 76).

The visible part of the head measures 6 meters in circumference, and protrudes 1.35 meters from the ground. In the lower right hand corner of the photograph which we made of this monument one

FIG. 69—La Venta, Tab. Stela No. 2.

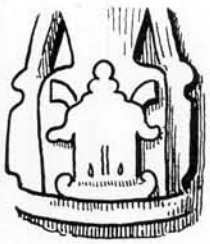

FIG. 71—La Venta, Tab. From head-dress of main figure Stela No. 2.

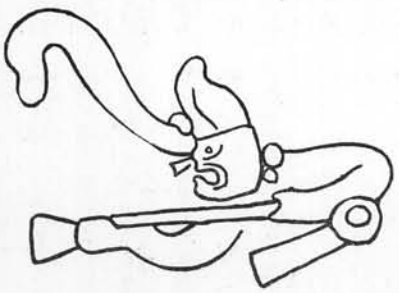

FIG. 72—La Venta, Tab. Small figure on Stela No. 2.

FIG. 70—La Venta, Tab. Detail of main figure Stela No. 2.

sees the left eye of the head. The colossal head reminds one of the one found by the Selers between Los Lirios and Tres Zapotes in the Canton of the Tuxtlas. La Venta is certainly a place of many puzzles, and further work should be done there in order to ascertain more definitely where this ancient city should be placed in our sequence of cultures.*

*Seler, C., 1922. Plate VI.