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In 1322 Š./1943 Iron Age pottery was discovered in Darrūs, on land belonging to Mehdīqolī Moḵber-al-Saṭāna Hedāyat, who was prime minister from 1306-12 Š./1927-33 (Şamadī, 1334 Š./1955; idem, 1960; there are differences in the French and Persian texts, and both should be consulted). This material was not recovered in a properly controlled archeological excavation, so there is no certainty that it all belongs together or indeed that it is all necessarily authentic. A selection of ten pottery items was presented to the Iran Bastan Museum in 1331 Š./1952. The group included six vessels in gray ware: a jug with an open, trough-shaped spout and a vertical handle with a projection like a horn at the top; a strainer vessel with a conical base and a vertical handle; three bowls, each with a single horizontal looped handle; and a bulbous jar. This pottery apparently belongs to the Late Western Gray Ware tradition, or Iron II (ca. 1000-800 B.C.E.; Young; see [CERAMICS x](#)). There are close parallels with pottery from Necropolis B at Tepe Sialk. In the cemetery in the adjoining district of Qayṭariya graves with both Early and Late Western Grey Ware were excavated (Curtis). Also from Darrūs is a curious drinking cup made from yellow clay with a tripod base and an animal's head near the bottom. There is incised geometric decoration on the upper part, and a handle projects from the rim.



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