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Steatite bead-seal from near Knossos L.M. III  $b(\frac{2}{1})$ 

highly convoluted and ornamentalized design of an Argonaut with its three tentacled fish. This design is of great interest as a glyptic version of the Argonaut types of the Ceramic 'Late Revival' Seal-stones, L.M. IIIb (cont.) style of the close of L.M. IIIb—itself a derivative of the Knossian 'Palace Style' of L.M. II, and presenting at times the tell-tale 'three Cs'.

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