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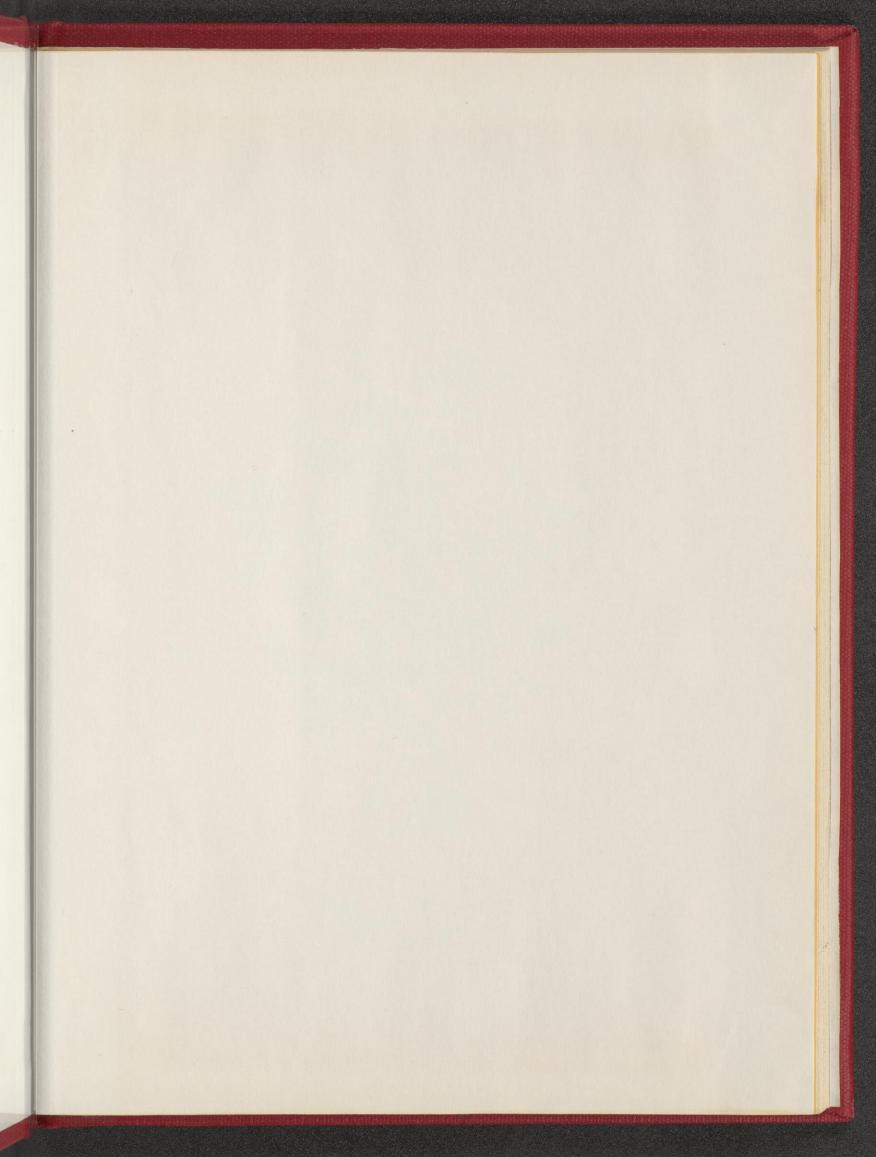
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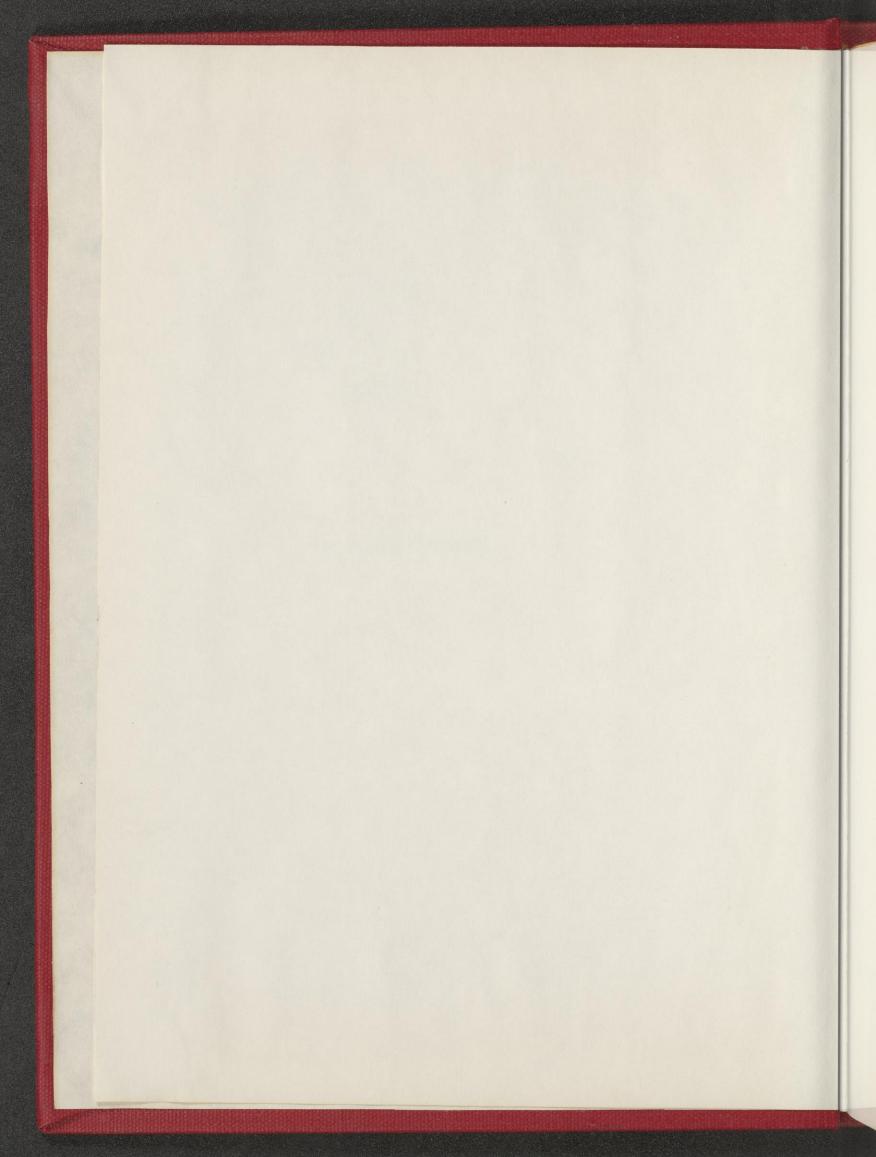
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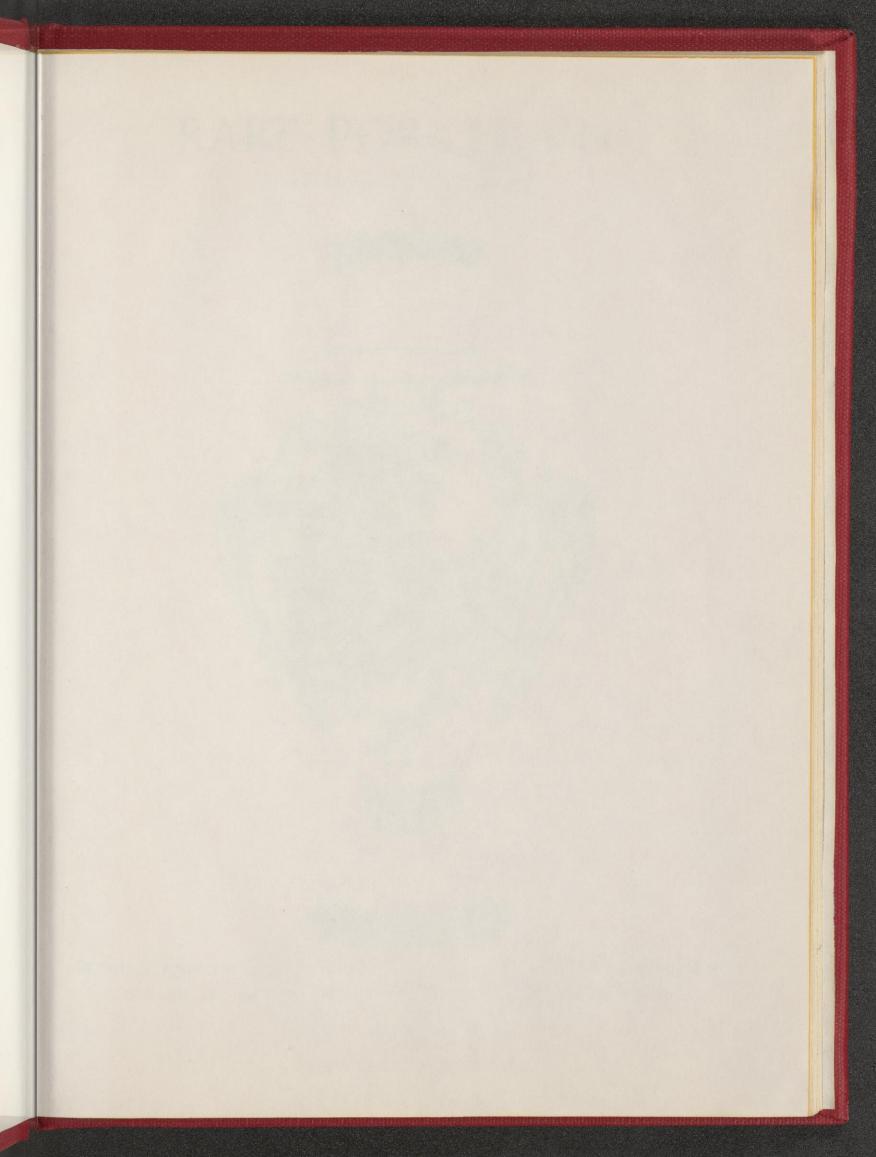
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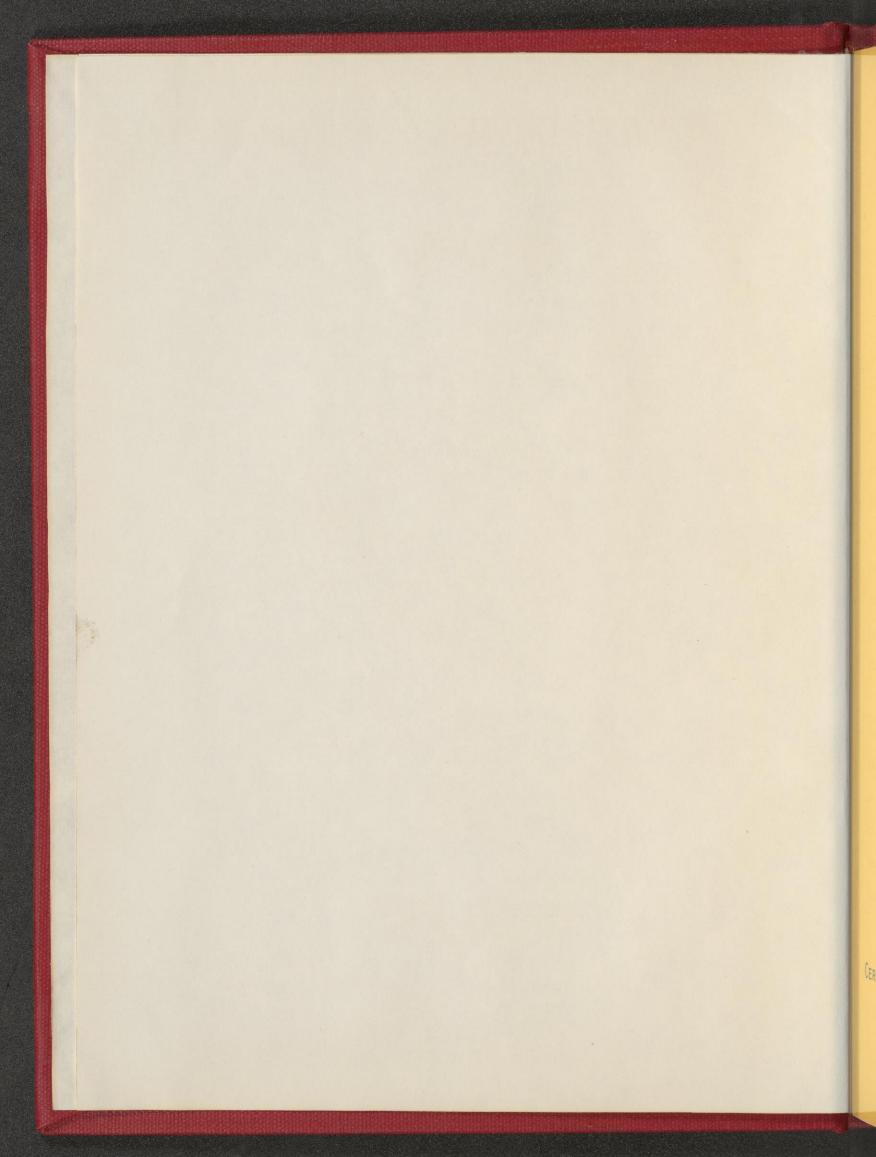


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The history of Old Paris porcelain is characterized by the struggle between the royal factory at Sèvres and the smaller factories which resented the privileges granted to Sèvres. In order to compete with Sèvres, they sought the patronage of the nobility. Following the discovery of kaolin in the Limousin region in 1769, French factories - including Sèvres - were able to manufacture hard-paste porcelain. But it was not until the Revolution of 1789, that the Paris factories were able to produce whatever designs they chose.

During the 18th century, Old Paris porcelain was manufactured and decorated in Paris factories. By the 19th century, the porcelain was manufactured elsewhere; but official addresses or sales rooms remained located in Paris. The hard-paste tea service, decorated with hand-painted gilt and polychrome animals, was executed between 1800 and 1805 at an unidentified Old Paris factory.

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- French, Honoré plate with a view of L'Etang de Ville d'Avray in polychromy and gilt. Hard-paste. 1820-24.
- English, Derby pair of small, footed bowls with gilt and polychrome floral decoration. c.1800.
- English, Worcester, Chamberlain's factory set of four dessert plates with different scenes of English countryside, houses and figures in gilt and polychromy. Regent-paste. c.1811.
- French, Dagoty and Honoré plate decorated with eagle, gilt and marbleized blue border. Hard-paste. From White House service of President Monroe. 1816-20.
- French, Marc Schoelcher pair of plates with gilt and mauve border and polychrome floral bouquets. c.1810.
- French, Sèvres floriform cup and saucer in gilt, red and green. Hard-paste. c.1814-24.
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English, Grainger's Worcester bisque figure group with putti. c.1850.

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- 6 French, Monsieur factory, verrier with gilt and polychrome cornflower decoration. Hard-paste. c.1780-85.
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There are several pieces in the Liebman collection that were made for French Royalty. Napoleon III's cypher and coronet can be seen on the blue coffee can (#13), and a portrait of Louis XVIII appears on the gilt teacup (#8). Several services were made for Louis Philippe. Number 11, which depicts the Château de Fontainebleau, and number 12 were used at the Château des Tuileries in Paris, and the pair of plates (#9) are from the Château de Dreux. Plate no. 10 was made in China for French royalists as a secret memorial to Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and their two children. Their profiles, facing each other, form the base of the urn. Profiles of the children are camouflaged by the foliage. The subject was taken from an engraving called "The Mysterious Urn."

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### Unless otherwise noted, all pieces are soft-paste porcelain decorated with polychrome over-glaze enamels and gilt. Fruit cooler with cover by Julien de Choisy. 1777. Cup and saucer. 1771. Cup and saucer by Denis Lévé. Hard-paste. 1778. Cup and saucer. Hard-paste. c.1770. Cup and saucer. Hard-paste. c.1770. Vase with reserves after Boucher by Dodin. Ex. coll.: Baron Elie de Rothschild. c.1760-70. Saucer painted by Chapuis (aîné) and gilt by Chauveaux (aîné). 1733. Cup and saucer by Fontaine. 1779. Bowl and underplate. c.1765. Pair of egg cups by J.-B. Etienne Genest. 1780. Cup and saucer. Saucer by Denis Lévé. Hard-paste. 1778. Plate. c.1765. Cup and saucer by Pierre-Antoine Méreaud (aîné). Cup 1778. Saucer 1763? Cup and saucer by Sioux (aîné). 1778. Bowl. Hard-paste. 1788. Coffee can matching #15 by Charles Tandant (jeune). Hard-paste. 1788. Note that the square shape of the coffee can originated at Sevres and spread to England in the 1790's, where it remained popular until the 1820's. Cup and saucer. 1771. Cup and saucer. 1770. Pair of sherbet cups by Chapuis. Ex. coll.: Donohue. 1767.

Deep saucer with gilt by Chauveaux. c.1770.

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- Campagna-shape urn with ram's head handles, decorated in relief. 1759-74.
- Pair of plates with reticulated border, showing unidentified arms in brown. Second half of 18th century.
- IX ENGLISH SOFT-PASTE PORCELAIN

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- Nantgarw plate decorated with gilt rim and polychrome floral bouquets. 1817-22.
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- 7 Chelsea lattice work basket decorated with molded and handpainted flowers in polychromy. 1752-58.
- 8 Chelsea covered tulip-shape polychrome box. 1752-58.
- Worcester teapot decorated with polychrome floral bouquets and gilt. 1776-93.
- 10 Chelsea cabbage leaf bowl in polychromy. 1752-58.
- 11 Chelsea candlestick with molded and hand-painted polychrome flowers. c.1765.
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- Chelsea-Derby covered tureen and ladle with blue and gilt bandings, and polychrome floral decoration. c.1770.
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- Spode plate in pattern #282 depicting Japanese design of branch and blossoms in gilt and polychromy. Bone china. c.1792-4.

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- 3 China-Trade lighthouse coffee pot with sepia landscapes and gilt and blue border. Hard-paste. c.1785-95.
- China-Trade teacup with handles depicting European maidens offering floral sprays to romantic couple in gilt, black and polychromy. Hard-paste. c.1750.
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- Pair of teacups showing Cupid and Venus in black ink and gilt. Probably for Danish market. c.1750.
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- Tea caddy with cover of later date showing ship flying Union Jack in polychrome enamels. English market. c.1790-1800.
- Rice bowl showing Cape of Good Hope and ships flying

  Dutch flag in black ink, gilt and famille verte enamels.

  Dutch market. c.1750-60.
- Teapot showing Batavia Harbor and ships flying Dutch flag in black ink, gilt and polychrome enamels. Dutch market. c.1770.
- Bowl showing ships with Swedish flag in famille rose enamel. Swedish market. c.1800.
- Cup and saucer showing ships with Dutch and other flags in black and polychrome enamels. Dutch market. c.1785.
- Pratt-type pottery milk jug showing sailor's farewell and return in under-glaze brown, blue and green. c.1780-1800.
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## A more elegant treatment of the ship motif can be seen in #21 and 22.

- Miniature covered teabowl and saucer with TC monogram and depiction of ship with red pennant in gilt and polychrome enamels. c.1770-85.
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Fluted coffee pot. c.1751-65.
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English, Bow shell-shaped sweetmeat dish, hand-painted in under-glaze blue. Soft-paste. 1750-60.
Dutch, Delft plate with Crucifixion, hand-painted in blue on tin-glaze earthenware. c.1710-30.
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XVI BLUE AND WHITE - Continued Large, shallow bowl depicting ladies wearing hair in the 16 mode Fantanges, hand-painted in under-glaze blue. Probably for French market. c.1750-1800. Deep plate depicting ladies wearing hair in mode Fantanges, 17 hand-painted in under-glaze blue. c.1750.

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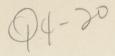
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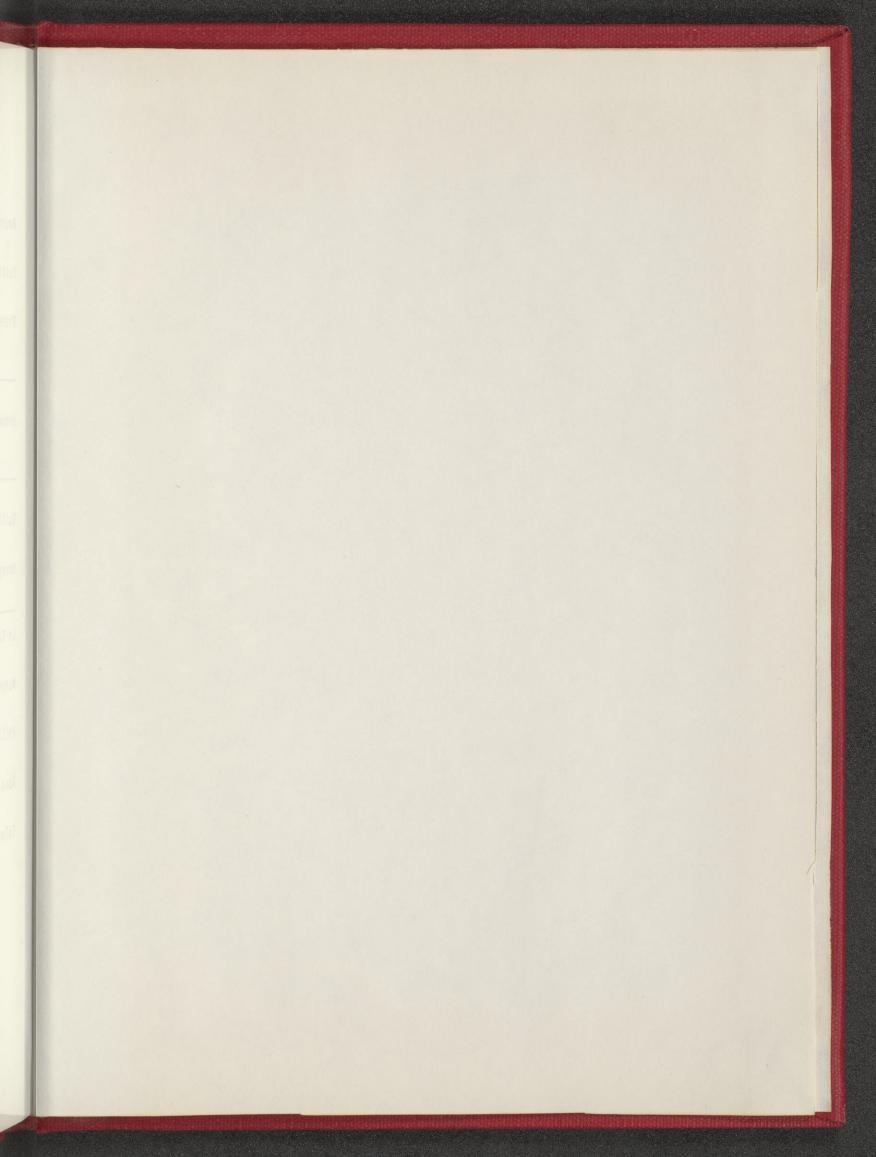
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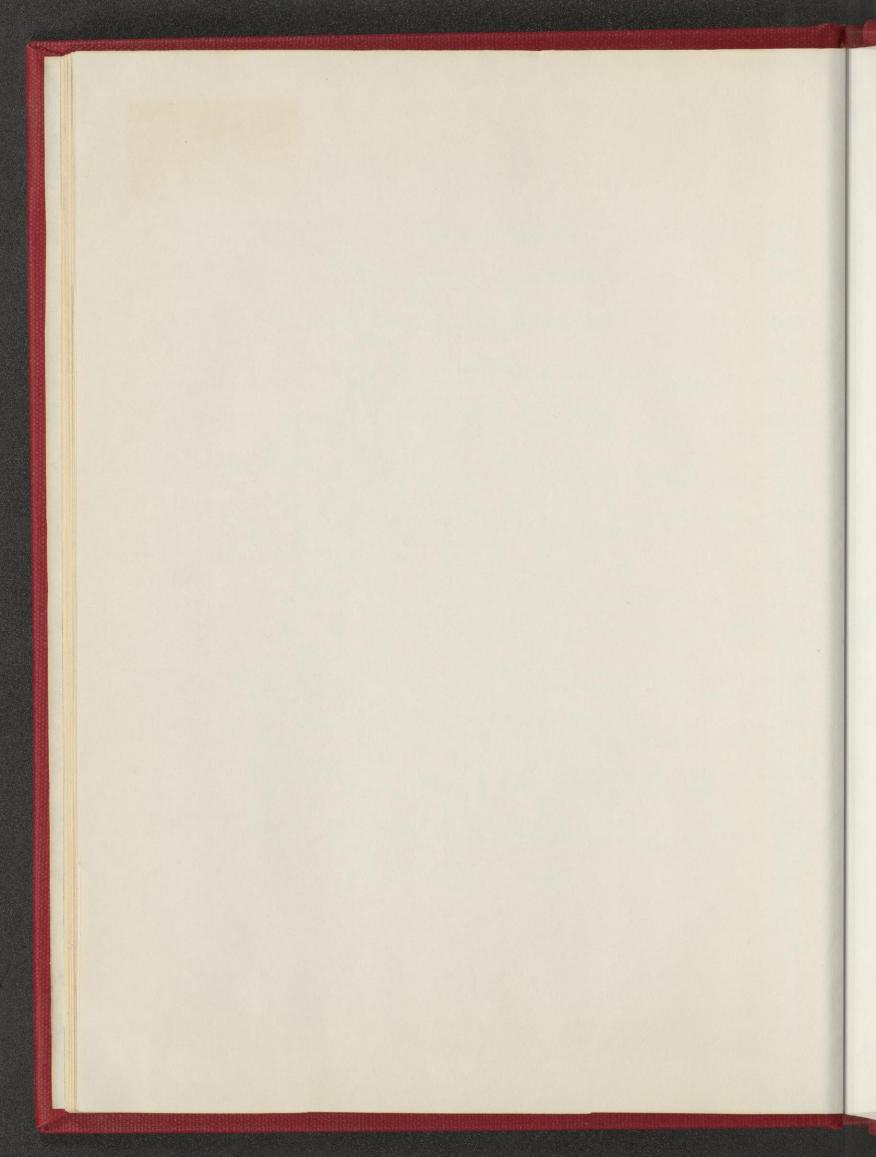
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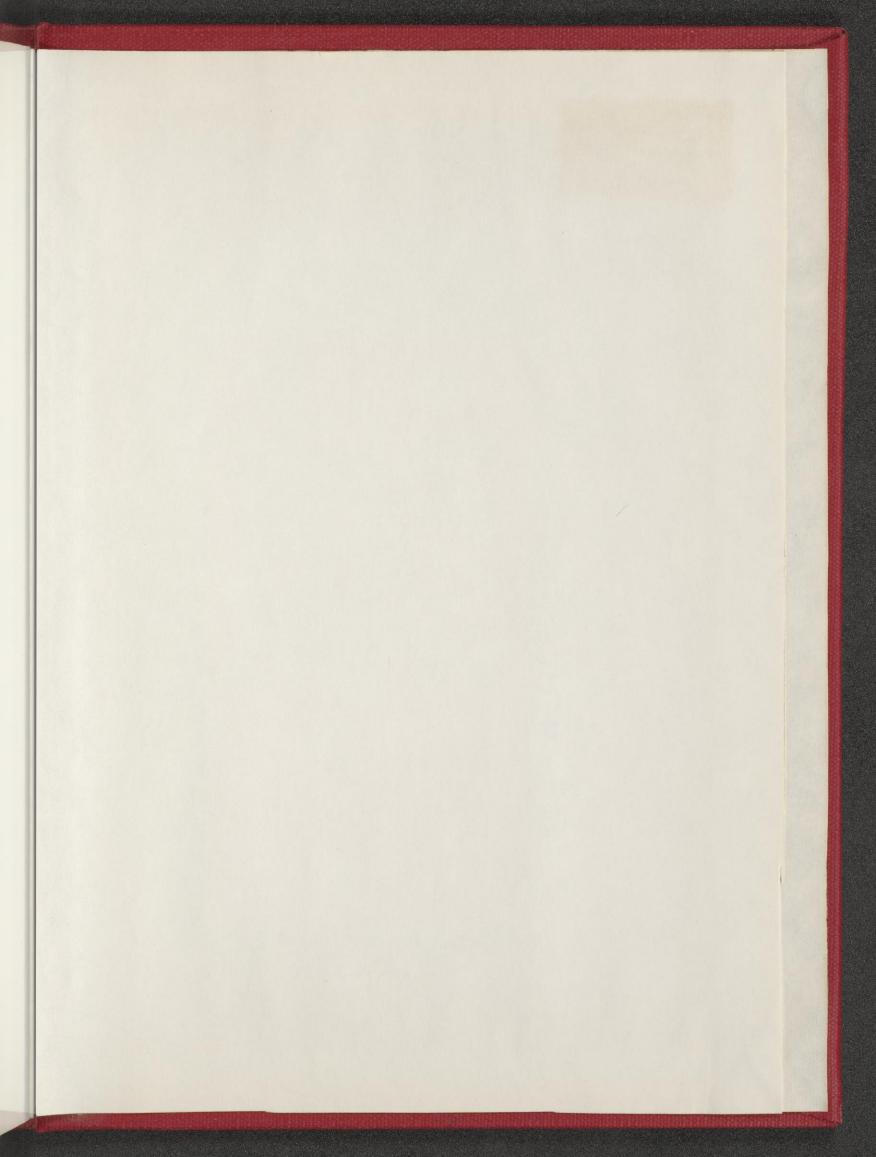
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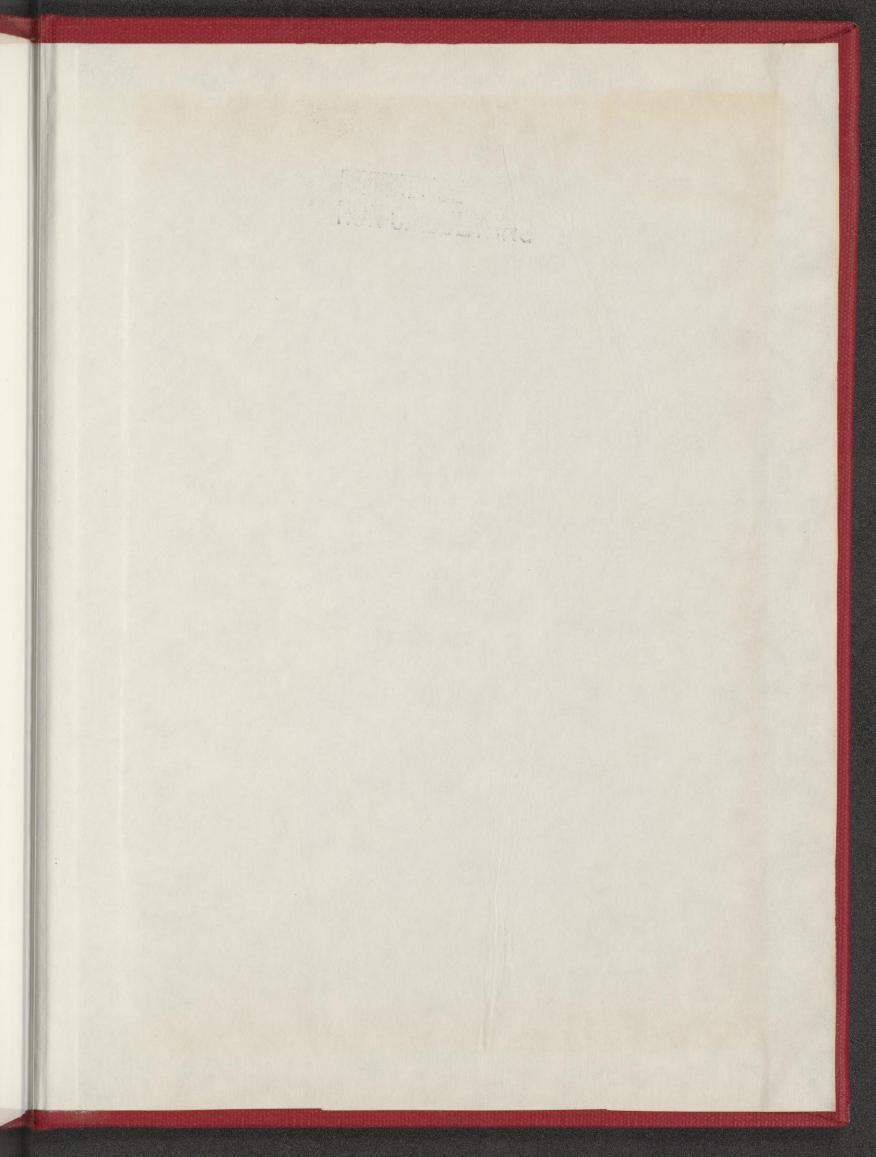
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