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"THE EMPRESS WOULD BE AMUSED"

# FIGURES AND FANTACIES

by

RALPH ROWNTREE

o/p 1931

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## FOREWORD

by

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Texan artists usually choose subjects associated with rough-riders, rodeos and ranch life, therefore we are surprised when we learn that Ralph Rowntree hales from that State, for his art is not suggestive of life as spent in the great out-doors; rather it reflects the thoughts of one who dreams in quiet interiors where exquisite objects and colors are woven into lovely patterns.

A visit of two years to the land of the Dragon seems to have had a powerful influence upon this young artist whose color sense makes one think of jade and porcelain, while his designs are in harmony with Chinese screens and Japanese kakemonos.

That Rowntree is original in his point of view is evident, but he does not strive for originality, it is natural.

He successfully combines European traditions with those of the Orient. Take for example his beautifully conventionalized design entitled "Sea Rhythms," or the little pictures "The Story" and "In a Japanese Garden." The artist tells us he endeavored to render these subjects with the fewest lines possible.

But Rowntree's works speak for themselves and unlike most modern art they do not need literary explanations.

They are pictures to be looked at and lived with.

## TITLES OF PAINTINGS

1. AND SOME ARE FRAGILE
2. THE RUGGED ONE
3. UNDER SOUTHERN WATERS
4. BROODING
5. SEA RHYTHMS  
Lent by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Biggs, Jr.
6. DEATH'S BLOSSOMS  
Lent by Mrs. Ida M. Palmer
7. FLOWER AND FAN  
Lent by Dr. Forry R. Getz
8. UNDERSEA FANTASY  
Lent by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Biggs, Jr.
9. MRS. GEORGE W. BIGGS, JR.  
Lent by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Biggs, Jr.
10. A CHINESE AMBASSADOR
11. LIFE CYCLE  
Lent by Miss Ruby Fleming
12. THINGS THAT FADE
13. QUIET POOL
14. THE YOUNG GARDENER
15. THE EMPRESS WOULD BE AMUSED
16. OLD LACQUER BOX
17. IN A JAPANESE GARDEN
18. ASIAN GODDESS
19. THE STORY

