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1931-32		
1932	Oct. 10 - 24	Seven Public Schools in New York City Wesleyan University
	Oct. 27 - Nov. 10	Middletown, Conn. Grand Rapids Schools
	Nov. 16 - Dec. 5	Grand Rapids, Mich. Philadelphia Art Alliance
	Dec. 8 - 27	Philadelphia, Pa. Addison Gallery of American Art
1933	Jan. 1 - 28	Andover, Mass. Carnegie Institute
	Feb. 1 - 15	Pittsburgh, Pa. Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts
	Feb. 27 - Mar. 11	Columbus, O. Dallas Women's Club
	Mar 17 - 31	Dallas, Tex. Junior League
	Apr. 22 - May 5	Houston, Tex. New Orleans Arts and Crafts Club New Orleans, La.
	May 10 - 24	Federated Women's Club Richmond, Va.
	Sept. 1 - 30	Milwaukee Art Institute
	Oct. 2 - 14	Milwaukee, Wisc. Northern Illinois State Teachers College DeKalb, Ill.
	Nov. 12 - 26	South Carolina Art Association Charleston, S.C.
	Dec. 1 - 15	Shipley School Bryn Mawr, Pa.
	Dec. 27 - Jan. 10	Berkshire Museum Pittsfield, Mass.
1934	Jan. 15 - 30	Society of Greenwich Artists Greenwich, Conn.
	Feb. 26 - Mar. 12	Rhode Island School of Design Providence, R.I.
	Apr. 9 - 23	Knox School Cooperstown, N.Y.
	Apr. 30 - May 14	Kenyon College Gambier, O.
	May 28 - June 25	J. L. Hudson Co. Detroit, Mich.
	Sept. 24 - Oct. 8	St. Paul School of Art St. Paul, Minn.
	Oct. 15 - 29	May Company Denver, Colo.
	Nov. 5 - 19	Broadmoor Art Academy Colorado Springs, Colo.
1935	Mar. 25 - Apr. 8	Saracheck Fine Arts Kansas City, Mo.
	Oct. 1 - 15	Howard University Washington, D.C.
	Nov. 6 - 27	Maryland Institute Baltimore, Md.
1936	Jan. 6 - 27	St. Mark's School Southborough, Mass.
	Feb. 4 - 18	Yale University

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		DUCTIONS I, cont.
1936	Feb. 24 - Mar. 24	Addison Gallery of American Art
	Man 21 Ann 21	Andover, Mass.
	Mar. 31 - Apr. 21	Suffolk Conservatory
	July 12 - 26	Riverhead, N.Y.
	outy 12 - 20	Columbia University Library
	Sept. 1 - 21	N.Y.C.
	ocpt. 1 - 21	Kresge Department Store
	Oct. 4 - 25	Newark, N.J. Cass Technical High School
	200. 4 25	Detroit, Mich.
	Dec. 6 - 20	Art Club of Augusta
	200. 0 20	Augusta, Ga.
1937	Feb. 15 - Mar. 13	Addison Gallery of American Art
		Andover, Mass.
	Oct. 4 - 18	Kentuckiana Woman's Institute
		Louisville, Ky.
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 8	Society of Fine Arts
		Evansville, Ind.
	Nov. 15 - 29	Middlebury College
		Middlebury, Vt.
1938	Jan. 17 - Feb. 7	Pennsylvania State College
	E . 12 W E	State College, Pa.
	Feb. 14 - Mar. 7	Rosemary Hall
	A 11 05	Greenwich, Conn.
	Apr. 11 - 25	Olivet College
	May 22 21	Olivet, Mich.
	May 23 - 31	Monticello College
	May 31 - June 7	Godfrey, Ill. Blackburn College
	riay 31 - oune 7	Carlinville, Ill.
	July 17 - Sept. 1	University of North Carolina
	54.5 17 5cp 0. 1	Chapel Hill, N.C.
1939	Dec. 5 - Jan. 22	Middlebury College
4.00	200. 0 0411. 22	Middlebury, Vt.
1939	Jan. 29 - Feb. 22	University of North Carolina
		Chapel Hill, N.C.
	Mar. 1 - 22	University of Alabama
		University, Ala.
	Apr. 29 - May 20	Hotchkiss School
		Lakeville, Conn.

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1933	Mar. 15 - 30	Fieldston School N.Y.C.
	Apr. 1 - 30	Wocester Art Museum
	May 5 - 19	Worcester, Mass. Radcliffe College
	Aug. 10 - 26	Cambridge, Mass. Vancouver Art Gallery
		Vancouver, Canada
	Sept. 1 - 14	Portland Art Association Portland, Ore.
	Sept. 18 - Oct. 2	Los Angeles Museum of Art Los Angeles, Cal.
	Nov. 1 - 30	Faulkner Memorial Art Gallery
1934	Jan. 1 - 15	Santa Barbara, Cal. The Principia
	Feb. 12 - 26	St. Louis, Mo. Shortridge High School
	Mar. 5 - 19	Indianapolis, Ind. Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney
		St. Louis, Mo.
	Apr. 16 - 30	University of Delaware Newark, Del.
	May 7 - 21	E. W. Edwards & Co. Rochester, N.Y.
	May 28 - June 11	John Wanamaker N.Y.C.
	Oct. 22 - Nov. 5	University of Florida
	Dec. 3 - 17	Gainesville, Fla. Duke University
1935	Jan. 3 - 17	Durham, N.C. Swarthmore College
	Feb. 11 - 25	Swarthmore, Pa. College of William & Mary
	Oct. 1 - 29	Williamsburg, Va. Kalamazoo Art Institute
	Nov. 5 - 26	Kalamazoo, Mich. Bradley Polytechnic
	D 2 04	Peoria, Ill.
	Dec. 3 - 24	Peoria Art Institute Peoria, Ill.
1936	Jan. 1 - 22	University of North Carolina Greensboro, N.C.
	Mar. 9 - 30	Schenectady College Club Schenectady, N.Y.
	Apr. 6 - 27	Richmond Academy of Arts Richmond, Va.
	May 4 - 25	Black Mountain College
	July 12 - 26	Black Mountain, N.C. Middlebury College
	Oct. 4 - 18	Middlebury, Vt. Bennett Junior College
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 8	Millbrook, N.Y. Mary C. Wheeler School
	Nov. 15 - 29	Providence, R.I. Public School
	Dec. 6 - 20	Providence, R.I. Simmons College
		Boston, Mass.

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1937

Feb. 28 - Mar. 14

May 2 - 16

Middlebury College Middlebury, Vt. Cornell University Ithaca, N.Y.

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Number 6	Artist Manet	Title Boating
23	Gauguin	Arearea
24	Gauguin	Ta Matete
19	Cezanne	Village
7	Monet	Summer
35	Matisse	The Pumpkin
2	Daumier	Drama
20	Cezanne	The Red Waistcoat
26	van Gogh	Landscape with Cypresses
46	Picasso	Mother and Child
28	van Gogh	Chestnut Blossoms
17	Cezanne	Still Life
38	Derain	Pine Trees
9	Degas	Two Dancers
14	Homer	Nor Easter
21	Cezanne	Bethers
37	Derain	South French Landscape
25	Gauguin	Eorsemen on the Beach
53	Marc	Red Horses
4	Daumier	Crispin and Scapin
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Number	Artist	Title
44	Picasso	Absinthe Drinker
27	van Gogh	The Old Peasant
1	Corot	Woman with a Pearl Ring
12	Renoir	Woman Combing Her Hair
55	Demuth,	For Sir Christopher Wren
54	Marin	Downtown New York
11	Renoir	Venice
18	Cezanne	Railroad Cutting
5	Manet	Boy with a Fife
33	Munch	Girls by the Sea
10	Renoir	Paris Boulevard
22	Seurat	Three Models
15	Eakins	John Biglen in a Single Scull
36	Matisse	Odalisque
8	Degas	Race Horses
50	Severini	The Dancer
31	Bonnard	The Farmyard
57	de Chirico	Evangelical Still Life

# BOX # 3

43	Pascin Dickinson	Seated Girl Harlem River Bridge
56	Klee	Plan for a Garden
52		Benks of the Seine
32	Utrillo	Cubist Composition
47	Leger	
45	Picasso	Still Life
13	Renoir	Women and Children
51	Kandinsky	Improvisation
(58	Rivera	While the Poor Sleep
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(41	Modigliani	Portrait of a Girl
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(60	Rivera	Cane Workers
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(40	Chagall	Rabbi
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49	Mondrian	Composition in Rectangles
34	Matisse	Nasturtiums and "The Dance"
29	Redon	Dream
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# BOX 4 (23 pictures)

	Artist	Title	Nun	ber
-789	Daumier	Crispin and Scapin	R.	1
790	Daumier	Drama	R.	2
1991-	Manet	Boating -	R.	3
796 -	- Monet	Summer		78 -
70.5	Degas	Two Dancers	R.	5
783	- Homer	Nor' Easter	R.	
429	Cézanne	Still Life	R.	
-199	Cézanne	Bathers	R.	9
772	Cézanne	The Village	R.	83
706	Gauguin	Arearea	R.	11
170	Gauguin	Ta Matete	R.	12
100 -		Landscape with Cypresses	R.	13
790	van Gogh	Chestnut Blossoms	R.	14
791-	- van Gogh	South French Landscape	R.	15
735	Derain	The Pumpkin		16
100	Matisse	Pine Trees		17
100	Derain		3.	
172 -	Marc	Red Horses		50
787	Corot	Woman with a Pearl Ring	R.	
781	wan Gogh	Old Peasant	R.	
796	Picasso	Mother and Child		
183 -	Cézanne	The Red Waistcoat	R.	
782 -	Rodchenko	Composition with a Black Circle		25
792 -	- Munch	Girls by the Sea	R.	. 27

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# BOX 5 (37 pictures)

	Artist	Title	Number
790	Gauguin	Horsemen on the Beach	R. 19
781 -	Picasso	Absinthe Drinker	R. 21
707	Renoir	Girl Combing Hair	R. 24
7 7797	Manet	Boy with a Fife	R. 26
785	-Cézanne	Railroad Cutting	R. 28
705	-Renoir	Paris Boulevard	R. 29
172	-Renoir	Venice	R. 30
751	- Matisse	Nasturtiums and La Danse	R. 31
787-		The Farmyard	R. 32
795-	-Bonnard	Composition with Rectangles	R. 33
793-	- Mondriaan	Race Horses	R. 34
784-	Degas	The Dancer	R. 35
779-	Severini	Metaphysical Still Life	R <sub>2</sub> 36
794	de Chirico	Cubist Composition	R. 37
794-	- Léger	Seated Odalisque	R. 38
794	Matisse	Three Models	R. 39
175-	Seurat	John Biglen in a Single Scull	R. 40
400	Eakins July 190	The Bridge at Night	R. 41
Indover, Ma	Daumier	Toilers of the Sea	R. 42
788		Seated Girl	R. 43
100	Pascin	Downtown New York	R. 44
181	Marin	Still Life	3. 45
787	Picasso	Plan for a Garden	R. 46
788	Lickinson of 786	Harlem River Bridge	R. 47
784	Renoir	Woman and Children	R- 48
7.95-		The Customs House	R. 49
780 -	Rousseau	Portrait of a Girl	R. 50
194-	— Modigliani	Girl	R. 51
779-	Laurencin	Dream	R. 52
784 -	Redon	Shrieking Woman	R. 53
790-	Rouault	The Rabbi	R. 54
82	Chagall	Banks of the Seine	R. 55
784-	Utrillo	For Sir Christopher Wren	R. 56
784-	Demith	Improvisation	R. 57
779-	Kandinsky	While the Poor Sleep	R. 212
2	Rivera	Head of a Slain Indian	R.213
2 -	Rivera	Cane Workers	R. 214
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60 labels for the pictures 4 framed wall placards

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# BOX # 1

Number 14	Artist Homer	Title Nor'Easter
7	Monet	Summer
26	van Gogh	Landscape with Cypresses
24	Gauguin	Ta Matete
19	Cézanne	The Village
23	Gauguin	Arcarca
46	Picasso	Nother and Child
40	Manet	Boating
6 35	Matisse	The Pumpkin
20	Cézanne	The Red Waistcoat
37	Derain	South French Landscape
28	van Gogh	Chestnut Blossoms
17	Cézanne	Still Life
71	Degas	Two Dancers
9 21	Cézanne	Bathers
25	Gauguin	Horsemen on the Beach
4	Daumier	Crispin and Scapin
38	Derain	Pine Trees
2	Daumier	Drama

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# BOX #2

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Number	Artist	Title Simple Coull
15	Eakins	John Biglen in a Single Scull
R115	Redon	Bernadette L'Arche
55	Denuth	For Sir Christopher Wren
8	Degas	Race Horses
R.90	Daumier	Third Class Railway Carriage
40	Chagall	Rabbt
48	Rodchenko	Composition with a Black Circle
54		Downtown New York
	Marin	Plan for a Garden
52	Klee	Toilers of the Sea
16	Ryder	
56	Dickinson	Harlem River Bridge
13	Renoir	Women and Children
51	Kandinsky	Improvisation
43	Pascin	Seated Girl
R.97	Munch	Landscape
45	Picasso	Still Life
30	Rousseau	Customs House
42	Laurencin	Girl
41	Modigliani	Portrait of a Girl
59	Rivera	Head of a Slain Indian
-58	II .	While the Poor Sleep
60	11	Cane Workers
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	Placard #3	
	Placard #4	On the Bridge at Night
3	Daumier	Ou oue purage as urbus
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53 5 18	Marc Manet Cézanne	Red Horses Boy with a Fife Railroad Cutting
44	Picasso van Gogh	Absinthe Drinker Old Peasant
27 1 12	Corot Renoir	Woman with a Pearl Ring Girl Combing Hair
11	11	Venice Paris Boulevard
22 R100	Seurat Utrillo	Three Models Mt. Cenis Street
47 50	Léger Severini	Cubist Composition
36 31	Matisse Bonnard	Seated Odalisque The Farmyard
57	de Chirico Matisse	Metaphysical Still Life Nasturtiums and La Danse
34 49	Mondrian	Composition in Rectangles

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Artist Title

Daumier Crispin and Scapin

Daumier Drama

Manet Boating

Monet Summer

Degas Two Dancers

Homer Nor'Easte

Cezanne Still Life

Cezanne Bathers

Ceganne The Village

Gaugin Arearea

Gaugin Ta Matete

Van Gogh Landscape with Cypresses

van Gagh Chestnut Blossoms

Derain South French Landscape

Matisse The Pumpkin

Derain Pine Trees

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Corot Woman with a Pearl Ring

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Picasso Mother and Child

Cezanne The Red Waistcoat

Rodchenko Composition with a black Circle

Munch Girls by the Sea

Gaugin Horsemen on the Beach

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Artist Title

Renoir Girl Combing Hair

Manet Boy with a Fife

Ceganne Railroad Cutting

Renoir Paris Boulevards

Renoir Venice

Nasturtiums and La Danse Matisse

Bonnard The Farmyard

Composition inth Rectangles Mondrigan

Hace Horses Degas

For Sir Christopher Wren Desauth

Severini The Dancer

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Cubist Composition Leger

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Three Models Seurat

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The Bridge at Night Daumier

Toilers of the Sea Ryder

Seated Girl Pascin

Downtown New York Marin

Still Life Picasso

Plan for a Garden Klee

Harlem River Bridge Dickinson

Woman and Children

The Gust ms House Rousseau

Portrait of a Girl Modigliani

Girl Laurencin

Renoir

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A BRIEF SURVEY OF MODERN ART

SECTION II: 20TH CENTURY PAINTING

Part 1: Our Older Contemporaries

Part 2: The Modern "Isms"

The 20th century paintings have been arranged somewhat arbitrarily into the two groups which appear above.

The previous section was devoted in part to six paint/of the late

19th century - Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Seurat, Henri Rousseau and Redon.

Four of these men were at one time in their careers Impressionists; that is,
they tried to paint a fleeting impression of light and atmosphere. But they
were not satisfied with Impressionism. Cézanne, in his own words, tried to
"make of Impressionism something solid and permanent like the art of the museums";
Gauguin turned from Impressionism to the study of decorative, simplified forms;
Seurat tried to make Impressionism systematic and scientific; van Gogh transformed
Impressionism into a vehicle for violent and highly personal emotional expression;
Redon painted dreamlike fantasies of extreme sophistication; and Henri Rousseau's
work is like that of a self-taught primitive.

Different as these men were in their attitudes toward art, they had one feeling in common; none of them believed that the exact representation of nature in painting was necessary or even desirable. Each of the six was influential in the early years of the 20th century, during which this divorce of "art" from "nature" became more self-conscious and deliberate.

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# Part 1: Our Older Contemporaries

Many of the important painters in this section - Matisse, Rouault,
Bonnard, Munch - are over 60; Derain and Utrillo are about 50, while Modigliani
has been dead 10 years (?). These facts are mentioned lest it should be supposed
that these paintings are the work of youthful rebels. On the contrary, they
represent the achievement of the older generation of artists who are generally
considered to be among the foremost of our time.

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EXPRESSIONISM (Small)

Expressionism, although primarily a German term, usually restricted to the many phases of insurgent German art from about 1910 to the advent of the Third Reich in 1933, when all of its forms were suppressed, can be extended to include art movements and personalities (which broke new paths twenty-five years) ago outside of Germany as well. For the purpose of simplifying our description of certain parallel trends in Europe and America during this period, we shall therefore arbitrarily include under the Expressionist category such independent artists as Chagall, Matisse, Rouault and Marin, because of certain aspects of are approach common to Expressionism.

Expressionism is, broadly speaking, the opposite of Impressionism.

The Impressionist was the humble student of nature, who painted the momentary impression of the outside world without much care for composition and without much use of his imagination, his intellect or his emotions. The Expressionist, in contrast, looked within himself, not out, for guidance and often for subject matter, depending upon his inner eye, because he wished to create a new vision rather than to record the familiar world. The Expressionists art is more personal and therefore more difficult to understand without some tolerance and sympathy on the part of those unaccustomed to his attitude.

Psychological and Decorative Expressionism. There are, of course, many varieties of Expressionism. The face of a woman shrieking is naturally distorted; Rouault in his picture carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The face of a woman shrieking is naturally distorted; Rouault in his picture carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries when the face of a woman shrieking is naturally distorted; Rouault in his picture carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction. The carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque extreme, but without loss of conviction to a grotesque

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aesthetic qualities of decorative pattern. These two pictures are excellent illustrations of how the advanced artists of about 1910 succeeded in transforming their impressions of nature into decorative patterns even more completely than had van Gogh or Gauguin twenty years before.

The Fauves (Wild Animals), "The School of Paris"

Matisse, Rouault and Derain were leaders among the Parisian group which, about 1905, was called les Fauves, or the "Wild Animals". This group, drew with bold black outlines and used brilliant flat color. They combined in varying proportion both decorative and psychological Expressionism. They shocked the public which did not understand their work, just as had Monet and Renoir in the 1870's. Since 1905 the work of all three has grown less "wild", less Subistyxasxanaxxax Expressionist, as one may see by comparing Matisse's Seated Odalisque (1928) with his Nasturtiums (1910), or Derain's Pine Trees (c.1920) with his South French Landscape(c.1908).

Bonnard and Utrillo, standing outside this group, carry on the traditions of Impressionism to which each adds his own personal treatment.

The secondary French painter, Marie Laurencin; the Italian, Modigliani; the Bulgarian, Pascin; and the Russian-Jew, Chagall; have all helped to form the contemporary "School of Paris".

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### BONNARD.

Pierre Bonnard (pronounced "Bonnarh") is one of the group of "older contemporaries". He has been painting in France since 1890 and seems to increase the fullness of his prime as he goes on. His art is quiet and gentle, primarily of landscapes, figures and interiors, sumptuous in color and exquisitely sensitive in its forms. He derives from the Impressionists in that he paints with a full awareness of atmosphere between himself and the object he is painting. He open employs a free juxtifposition of colors, brushwork and a close attention to light as the source of color luminosity and variation. But the careful organization of his pictures, his genius for selection and the reshaping of objects to meet picture requirements, places him far in advance of their achievement. Because of his tenteress and his interest primarily in the intimate, pleasureable themes of life, he has been called, with Vauillard, one of the "Intime" painters. One

PICTURE # 32 . The Farmyard, about 1915

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### UTRILLO.

Maurice Utrillo (pronounced "Ootrillyo") has painted in Paris since
1908. His subjects are architecture and street scenes, almost exclusively.

Sometimes he has used colored postcards as a starting point for his pictures, which at their best are remarkable for their quiet harmony and feeling for local atmosphere. In many of his earlier pictures of Gothic cathedrals he has revealed a nobility and mystic depths scarcely rivalled in representations of the kind, earning him the title in some quarters of a religious painter.

PICTURE #33 . Banks of the Seine. Original painting in gouache on paper.

A sensitive impression of Paris suburb on a dull winter's day.

Marine Proportion

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### MUNCH.

The Norwegian, Edvard Munch (pronounced "Moonkh") has been painting in northern Europe since 1885. He paints in a bold, vigorous manner with a vitality of line and a sweeping brush stroke expressive of the rugged northern temperament. He emphasizes line over tone and builds up the dramatic emotional effect of his pictures primarily by these means. Previous to 1919 he lived and worked in Germany for 15 years where he was acknowledged the master of an important revolutionary group of German artists, known as Die Brücke (the bridge) and which, under his and van Gogh's inspiration, led to German Expressionism. Paris, where he lived for five years had negligible influence upon him and we find little of Latin "intellectuality and ellegance" in his work.

His insistence on the elements of human feeling and emotion in art, has had an essential influence on German Expressionism as well as his use of line expressive and his attempt to make line expressive of spiritual and psychological walks

Munch has also had a great influence in central European countries, especially Czecho-Slovakia.

Today in his old age, he is considered one of the pioneers of modern European art.

(Sources: Herbert Read. See Grohmann, Kunst Thutte zu Chemnitz)

PICTURE #34. Girls By The Sea, about 1905. The figures are simplified and grouped as if in a dance, forming almost an architectural design with an atmosphere of strange northern melancholy.

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### MATISSE.

Henri-Matisse (pronounced "Mateece"), has painted principally in Paris and the south of France. As a young painter he copied old masters and subjected himself to a severe artistic discipline. He studied the art of the past and of other races and continents vicariously. With this as a foundation, he launched himself into a radical experiment with color which in 1905 earned him the leadership of the Fauve (wild animal) movement in Paris. His genius for formal composition and the invention of significant form and distinctive color brought him the reputation in the opinion of many critics as the liberator of painting and the greatest living painter.

PICTURE # 35 . Nasturtiums and "The Dance", 1910, original in private collection

Massachusetts.

The corner of a studio with a chair and pot of flowers and a large picture of dancers against the wall, all composed into a flat bright pattern; three large areas of blue, green and dull red with small concentrated accents of dark blue, dark green and dark red, heightened by a single line of light violet. The original is over 6 feet high and is designed as a mural decoration.

PICTURE #36. The Pumpkin, about 1910, original in private collection, Berlin

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PICTURE # 37. Seated Odalisque, 1928, original in private collection, Baltimore

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DERAIN, (pronounced "Dare-anh")

Andre Derain has painted in Paris since 1910. After an early period of brilliant color work in the manner of the Fauves, his development follows an intricate path. He touched upon Cubism, both in figure and landscape painting, and then after an exhaustive study of the work of old masters and of later Renaissance painters in Italy and France, set out to recapture the secrets of their freet in modern terms. Thus we see classical figures, portraits, with old mustically painted landscapes often expressing the full beauty of originals, but realized in modern ways. For example, one may see him attempt to capture the delicate green flesh tint which the masters of the Venetian Renaissance struggled over and see him succeed with great skill after a process of only a few minutes duration. We way he see that he had been had the work to must be sufficiently formed but the work to must be sufficiently formed but the work to must be sufficiently formed but the picture # 38. South French Landscape, about 1908.

PICTURE # 39 . Pine Trees, about 1920

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ROUAULT (pronounced "Roo-oh").

Georges Rouault has been working in Paris since 1890. He uses deep blues and reds furrounded by heavy black lines, a style which suggests Gothic stained glass. His subjects are often ugly, but his power is undeniable. He has been compared to Daumier, both for certain similarities of subject matter and force of characterization. He may distort natural proportions or introduce things into his picture which would ordinarily, in a more realistic view, not be there. But on the whole every so-called distortion and addition expresses a definite character and bears some essential significance in harmony with the unity of the whole. His vision is that of some spiritual or spirited mystic who stands alone and he has been called one of the great religious painters of this age.

PICTURE # 40. Shrieking Woman, about 1910.

A grotesque head drawn with savage power in accordance with inner deep feeling or vision. Characteristic of Expressionism, strongly emotional and with psychological significance.

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CHAGALL

Marc Chagall was born in Russia but has painted most of his life at first in Germany and more recently in Paris. He is one of the great poetic spirits among Expressionistic painters of this age and his works reveal a profound fantasy. He dislikes the material and intellectual approaches to art and \_\_wishes only to lead us into the realm of the interior, to the center of the multiple movements of the heart and the spirit. He uses reality but he transforms it to such an extent that hardly anything remains but a view of imagination."

PICTURE #42. Rabbi, 1918. Original in gouache.

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# MODIGLIANI

Amedeo Modigliani was an Italian, but worked principally in Paris from 1905 until after years of neglect, poverty and disappointment he killed himself in 1920. Since his death his reputation has increased enormously. His style, based upon Italian primitives and negro sculpture, is remarkable for its severely simplified drawing.

PICTURE # 44. Portrait of a Girl, about 1918. Original in private collection,
New York.

The contours of the head and shoulders and eyes are reduced to simple noble shapes.

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# LAURENCIN

Marie Laurencin, who has been painting in Paris since 1910 is, with Suzanne Valadon, the mother of Maurice Utrillo, one of the best known of living women artists. She paints delicate portraits and figures in oil, tempera and watercolor. She has done work as an illustrator and decorator as well as easel pictures. Her art, contrary to that of Suzanne Valadon, is frankly feminine in the refined sensitiveness of its silvery tones and lightness of line.

PICTURE # 45. Girl, about 1925, original in private collection, New York.

The pretty feminine color scheme of pinks, pale blues, greens and blacks is characteristic.

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# PASCIN.

Jules Pascin, a Bulgarian by birth, became an American but lived most of his life in Europe where in his later years he was recognized as belonging to the international School of Paris. He killed himself in 1930.

PICTURE # 46. Seated Girl, about 1927, original in private collection, New York

Pascin first won fame for his satirical illustrations, but during
the years before his suicide in Paris he painted a long series of
young girls, sensitively drawn and painted with transparent opaline
colors.

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# Part 2: Modern "Isms"

Picasso and Cubism, Futurism, Abstract Design, Surrealism and the return to realism.

"Impressionism", "Futurism", "Expressionism" "Modernism", "Cubism", are used almost interchangeably by the general public when referring to novel, strange or often misunderstood aspects of modern art. Most of these terms, however, are applicable to definite movements or periods.

Impressionism, which began about 1860 and reached its climax toward 1880, is illustrated by the painting of Monet, Manet, Pissarro, and to a certain extent, Renoir. See "Impressionism" and the references to these artists in Section I, pp.

Expressionism is illustrated partly by the works of van Gogh, Rouault,
Munch and in the French version, Matisse and Chagall, and also by the German

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European movement during the War, although its popularity as a word still continues.

(Include here "Modernism": Modernism refers particularly to certain superficial decorative fashions in common industrial and architectural arts of the past decade).

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Cubism, which Picasso invented and developed during the decade after 1907, marks a very important phase in the progressive withdrawl of pre-war painters from the imitation of nature. We have already seen in Section I how, in their later works, Degas and Renoir sacrificed realism for a more complete unity of design.

In the first Section the work of Cezanne, Gauguin, van Gegh mund Seurat and marked a further removal from realism - a realism carried still further by the flat brilliam patterns of Matisse, between 1905 and 1910.

Cubists in Paris led by Picasso were conscious of this tendency and step by step they extended it until there were few traces of any recognizable objects in their pictures, but even in the Still Life of Picasso or the Cubist Composition of Leger and one can discover fragments of familiar objects—a table, a lemon, an eye, a cup—but the painters have made it quite clear that their chief interest is in the design, in aesthetic qualities of line, color and texture, rather than the objects poutraiture. The conception of the state of significance of form in nature, and the basis of the form I and special organization of the picture.

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#### Abstract Design.

Meanwhile other artists outside of France developed the idea of "pure" or "abstract" design to its logical extreme; i.e., the elimination of all reference to nature. Kandinsky began to paint in this way in Germany about 1913. He improvised abstract forms in color with free, rather fluid, technique. About the same time Mondrian in Holland invented compositions of rectangles drawn with a ruler and painted in primary colors of yellow, red and blue. In Russia, also before the War, Rodchenko used compass and ruler to construct brightly colored geometrical compositions.

Kandinsky has been called an "Abstract Expressionist", Mondrian and Rodchenko might be called "Geometrists".

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-2-CUBISM (CONT'D.)

The principles of Cubism and Abstract Design spread all over the world and influenced many of the artists in this exhibition. For example, the Germans Marc and Klee; the Americans Marin, Demuth and Dickinson; the Italians Chirico and Severini. Cubism and Abstract Design have also had an immense influence upon "modernistic" furniture, textiles, architecture, printing and advertising.

Two Americans.

Since 1915 many American painters have been influenced by the European Cubists and Expressionists. An interesting contrast is provided by John Marin's Downtown New York, Demuth's For Sir Christopher Wren. Both pictures are very much removed from realistic paintings of architecture, though in both the buildings are easily recognizable. Here the resemblance between them stops for the Demuth is designed with precise sensitive calculation, while the Marin watercolor seems to have been splashed on the paper with a sudden explosive fury. Demuth is on the side of the Cubists, Marin on the side of the Expressionist: If Demuth were to turn his back entirely upon nature he might by fellowing his method of design arrive at something like Mondrian's rectangles; but Marin would perhaps approach the spontaneous, lyrical Improvisation by Kandinsky.

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# Variety of Contemporary Painting.

Modern painting may seem confusing, but it must be remembered that the whole history of art as well as much scientific and psychological knowledge is available to the contemporary painter. He picks and chooses whatever he wishes in the attempt to work out a synthesis of expression. Side by side today are artists who paint exactly what they see in nature and artists who paint story pictures of remembered that the whole history of art as well as much scientific and psychological knowledge is available to the contemporary painter. He picks and chooses whatever he wishes in the attempt to work out a synthesis of expression. Side by side today are artists who paint exactly what they see in nature and artists who paint story pictures of remembered that the

To enjoy the work of these artists it is well to forget prejudice, both modern and old-fashioned, to give the picture itself a chance to live.

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## PICASSO

Pablo Picasso was born in Spain but has painted in France since 1900 and so identified himself with the milieux of Paris that he may be considered as belonging to the French tradition. He is now 58 years old. The blue Absinthe Drinker was painted in 1903 at the beginning of his career. Shortly afterward, in 1908, he began experiments to disintegrate the outward form of nature in his pictures which led ultimately to Cubism. The picture, Still Life, in this exhibit is a late example of Picasso's work as a Cubist. The Mother and Child belongs to his post-War "classical" period.

Picasso is one of the greatest of living artists, of phenomenal versatility and inventiveness, and great virtuosity of technique. He has started a dozen different movements but contrary to the attacks of certain critics he does not in hig own philosophic same scheme put the program of a movement before the artist's inner inspiration. Through Cubism alone his influence has been enormous, not only in painting but in decorative and industrial arts throughout the world.

PICTURE # 47. The Absinthe Drinker, about 1903, original in the Art Museum,
Hamburg.

A strong example of Picasso's "Blue Period" with its form, sweeping line and pathetic sentiment. That it is a picture of the "Blue Period" does not mean that blue was the only color used. Brown, green and yellow are to be seen as well, and together they are made to produce a blue effect of many public variation.

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PICTURE # 47. Still Life, 1914, original in private collection, Berlin.

This is a Cubist picture composed in pencil, watercolor and crayon with bits of pasted paper. It forms a half-way point between the angular lines and planes in Cezanne's picture (1st section) and the pure geometric compositions of Mondrian and Rodchenko in the present exhibition. It is ingeniously composed and may be enjoyed as an arrangement of fregments into a sensitively design and rhythms of line, colors and texture and peculiar algebras design and rhythms of

Mother and Child, 1921, original in private collection, Berlin.

A monumental composition, painted during Picasso's classic period.

An illustration of Picasso's ability to take over certain elements of a past style such as Roman sculpture and transform them into something of original beauty. Strength of figures; unity; nothing loosely done.

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## BRAQUE

Georges Braque, has been painting in France since 1900.

Collaborated with Picasso in the invention and development of Cubism before the war.

PICTURE #50. Still Life

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TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, painted in Paris between 1882 and 1901.

"Henri-Raymond de Toulouse-Lautrec was born at Albi in 1864,
the descendant of the crusading Counts of Toulouse. Studied in Paris at the
Ecole des Beaux Arts with , 1882 and with . Influenced by Degas
and Japanese prints and to a less degree by Pissarvo, Forain and Whistler. Crippled
by an early accident to his legs, he assumed the role of an observer and recorded
with irony, penetration and passionate curiosity the life of Paris - race horses,
night clubs, bars, brothels and circuses. A draftsman of consummate style and
a piquant colorist, he produced lithographs and posters which are in their way as
fine as his paintings. He died in a santorium at
in 1901.

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## LEGER

Fernand Leger (pronounced "Layzhay"), although an artist of great independence of style, has been, since 1910, one of the foremost French Cubists. His work originally suggested an interest in polished or enameled surfaces of machines, but his recent trend has been toward more biomorphic forms - of plants and other organic subjects - very simply rendered. His work is brilliant and fresh in color; striking in outline. One often finds wide areas of white in his canvas. He has become famous as a decorator and mural designer.

PICTURE #51. <u>Cubist Composition</u>, 1922, original in private collection, New York

A striking design in flat, brilliantly colored semi-mechanical shapes.

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## MONDRIAN

Piet Mondrian is a Dutchman who new lives in Paris. His paintings

who began to paint abstract compositions using making seem only of the rectangles and the three premiary colors: red, blue, and yellow as a member of the de Stifl groups in Holland, 1917. This groups, which included owned some of the friest artists of Senishe, has had a gest influence upon architecture and thought mot mis in germany, and Holland but thought the mostern

PICTURE #53. Composition in Rectangles, about 1922.

Rectangles in yellow, blue, red, and different shades of white divided by heavy, black lines, drawn with a ruler and painted with great care. Pictorial design reduced to clean, precise, reposeful, geometric purity.

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## RODCHENKO

Alexander Rodchenko, a Russian, has been painting since 1905. By 1914 he had completed his first purely geometrical picture. After the revolution his painting was looked on with favor by Soviet cities, but since 1927, feeling that painting was useless, he has devoted himself to photography, the theatre and the cinema.

PICTURE #52. Composition with a Black Circle, about 1918, original in the artist's collection, Moscow.

A geometrical design in compass-drawn circles and ruled diagonals which swing like a clock's pendulum. As abstract as Mondrian's rectangle, but much more dynamic owing to the use of circles and geometrical forms in suspension.

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### SEVERINI

Gino Severini was one of the original Italian Futurists of 1909. He has left Futurism behind him and now paints figures of a decorative elegance. He was associated with Picasso in Paris for a time and painted Cubist compositions with great preciseness of form and detail and in cool harmonies of color. He now lives and works independently in Rome.

# PICTURE #54. The Dancer, painted about 1913.

The painter tried to show the various aspects of objects in motion by painting the same figure in several different and continuous positions in the same picture. They were inspired by the dynamic action and instability of present times. "Destroy the cult of the past, the obsession of the antique.." "Exalt every kind of originality. If boldness, of extreme violence.." "Consider art critics as useless and noxious." "Rebel against the tyrammy of the words 'Harmony' and 'Good Taste'..." "Take and glorify the life of today - tumultuously transformed by the triumphs of science" - are some of the aspects of their program from their manifesto of 1910.

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## KANDINSKY

Wassily Kandinsky, the founder of "Abstract Impressionism", is a Russian who has painted in Germany the larger part of his life but now lives and works in Paris. He was born in 1866 but the vitality of his work and freshness of personality today greatly belie his years and his long creative career. As the founder and leader of modern abstract art his green theory of art is mystical, based upon an awareness of the spiritual in the material. He has frequently thought of painting in terms of music as Scriabin thought of music in terms of painting. He gives his more casual and spontaneous painting the musical term of "Improvisations" and his more calculated works the name "Compositions".

## PICTURE #55. Improvisation, 1914.

Kandinsky was one of the first to paint pure abstract designs without any kind of subject matter. They are really improvisations in line and color made without any preconceived plan and depending upon the free play of the imagination.

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## KLEE

Paul Klee (pronounced "Clay") was born a Swiss but has worked in Germany since about 1905. He is now considered one of the foremost living artists, for the depth and charm of his fantasies and for his mastery of imaginative design. Much of his work has been an inspiration to the Surrealists and is allied to their own. He has never collaborated with them. His work has been characterized by the term "lyricism of signs".

## PICTURE #56. Plan for a Garden

More abstract than the Picasso <u>Still Life</u> and more nearly a whimsical invention than a construction.

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### MARC

Frans Marc, and "excellent designer and original colorist as well as an able and provocative theorist, was one of the most promising of the younger German painters until his death at Verden in 1916. Red Horses is perhaps the best known German painting of the 20th Century, but its theme became the subject of numerous variations of equal or even greater beauty." There is a deep feeling for nature in his work and a close attachment to the beauty of living and moving forms - such as horses, trees, the sea.

PICTURE #57. Poor Land, Tyrol

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## A BRIEF SURVEY OF MODERN PAINTING

## Foreword

This is the new catalog of the revised exhibition, A Survey of Modern Painting in Color Reproductions, which is now available for circulation in two parts: (1) an Introduction to Modern Painting (the 19th Century); Twentieth Century Painting. The exhibition is also available in four sections as they are indicated in this catalog.

The original exhibition, which began its itinerary in October, 1932, has been shown in nearly one hundred museums, colleges, schools, women's clubs and department stores in cities throughout the country. As an introduction to the painting of our time it has been most useful to colleges, schools and study groups. Its continued success over a period of eight years in meeting the need for this type of instructive exhibition has prompted us to revise and amplify the material included to bring the exhibition up to date. It is regretted that certain important artists, pictures and movements of the present century could not be included because adequate color reproductions of their work are still not in existence. The Museum has nevertheless tried to improve upon the previous exhibition and catalog by giving as enlarged a picture of the essentials of modern painting as the availability of new material permits.

The history of American painting has been shown in a separate exhibition of color reproductions, also available for circulation. Special one-man shows on the art of Cézanne and van Gogh have been prepared as well as other exhibitions of painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, industrial art and films which are available for circulation.

For information regarding the exhibitions please write to the Director of Circulating Exhibitions, Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York.

Many of the color reproductions included in this exhibition may be purchased from the Museum. Exhibitors are allowed a discount of 25% on the purchase price.

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The catalog contains a short introduction to each of the various movements represented followed by brief notes on each painter and on each picture.

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## I. AN INTRODUCTION TO MODERN PAINTING

Pert 1 The 19th Century Through Impressionism

Art changes gradually. Even radical innovations develop step by step. Much contemporary) modern ) art may seem queer and unintelligible to us simply because we may not have followed these successive steps. "We dislike pictures which we do not understand and often condemn them as radical. Fifty years ago there were young revolutionaries in painting just as there are today. In Paris, the art capital of the world, there were Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, van Gogh and the group led by Manet and Monet which was already known as the Impressionists. They are all dead now and are revered not only by living 'radicals' as their highly respectable pioneer ancestors, but by the rest of the world as well. But in their day they themselves looked back to the rebels and innovators of a previous generation among whom were Delacroix, Corot, Courbet and Daumier."

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## DELACROIX

Pronounced "Dellakrwa", painted in France between 1820 and 1863.

Delacroix was chosen to introduce this Survey of Modern Painting because he is perhaps the first ancestor in direct line to the innovators of the
19th and 20th centuries. He was a great emancipator, breaking away from the
rigid specifications of subject matter, picture organization, and emotional reserve by which the French Classic Tradition had immobilized painting. He turned
instead to romantic subjects, composed his pictures in a bold swashbuckling
manner.

Partly through the inspiration of the Englishman, Constable, he also developed a technique of open brushwork and the free juxtaposition of pure colors on the canvas. This brought him the vicious reproach of the academicians of his day but profoundly influenced the method of the most important 19th century, after him. In his work one finds the germs of Impressionism.

evident in this little sketch.

PICTURE #1. Sketch for the Massacre of Scio, about 1835(?) (original in the Louvre, Paris(?))

This theme, which became the subject of the great painting of the same name in the Louvre, Paris - the painting which the artist Gros too hastily called the "Massacre of Painting" - Delacroix worked upon in many separate sketches of which this is one. His preoccupation with romantic subjects, his broad handling of the composition, and the freedom of his brushwork are all

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## COURBET

Pronounced "Koorbay", painted in France and Switzerland between 1840?and 1877.

Courbet said, "Only things seen should be painted - invent nothing; the function of the imagination is to find the fullest expression of the chosen subject." Among artists he was one of the most wholesome influences of the 19th century for his strong realism represented a bold resistance to the disillusionment and sentimentality which came in with the dying older traditions of his time. He painted monumental land and sea-scapes, robust figures, simple scenes of every day life. His solid treatment of heretofore unaccepted subjects - peasants breaking rocks , mourners at a grave, picnickers, animals in the forest, etc. caused people to regard him as a dangerous "socialist".

His work has influenced such painters as Derain and, in their early stages, Monet and Renoir.

PICTURE #2. Woods of Fontainebleau, about 1850-60, original in Carlsberg Glyptothek, Copenhagen. This simple scene of picnicking is a fine example of Courbet's naturalism, and reveals his technique of representing the impression of objects under light - in this case the leaves and trees of the forest.

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Camille Corot was not able to sell a picture until after he had been painting for over twenty years. His early landscapes, painted after a trip to Italy, show the same pleasure in piling up planes and masses which we find in Giotto or Poussin before him, Cezanne, Berain and Picasso after him. Later he painted in the style of the Dance of the Nymphs, today one of the most popular of all landscapes. Yet its soft, misty lighting and silvery grey foliage seemed "unnatural" to the

CORCT - pronounced "Coro," painted principally in France between 1820 and 1875.

public of the 1850's. (It is said that the monotone quality of these paintings may have been due to the interest in photography which was developing at that time.)

Although Corot considered himself to be primarily a painter of landscape, modern artist-have come to value more highly his figure paintings. Degas knew and emulated his portraits and today, Derain, Segonzac, Berard and others declare their debt to him.

3 WOMAN WITH A FEARL RING, oil, about 1870, original in the Louvre, Paris.

The most famous of Corot's figure paintings. Its grandeur and repore reminds one of Esonardo's MONA LISA, but its spirit as simpler and more intimate. It represents the classical spirit in 19th century painting at its best.

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## DAUMIER

Pronounced"Domeyay", worked in Paris from 1830 to 1879.

Honore Daumier was the greatest of the 19th century caricaturists. He made over 5,000 drawings for newspapers and magazines which were so daring in their satire and materiless in showing up the infamies and absurdities of tradition that he was one of the most hated and feared people of his time. He aimed particularly at the academicians, the lawyers and government officials, and when the issue justified it he did not hesitate to make fun of the King himself. For such a breach of propriety he was put into jail for several months.

But Daumier was really more interested in painting than caricature although during his lifetime only a few friends found his oils of much value. To-day the Crispin and Scapin and Drama are considered among the masterpieces of 19th century painting. In his love of dramatic chiaroscuro we see the direct influence of Rembrandt; in his mastery of composition even his contemporaries compared him to Rembrandt.

In contrast to Corot whose art is quiet, unconcerned with the emotions of living, Daumier was passionately interested in humanity, violently concerned with injustice and blessed with a vast and unfailing sense of comedy. He painted the excited audience in the "peanut gallery" or the tired washerwoman plodding home at night. His pictures are equally remarkable for their superb draughts-

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## DAUMIER (cont'd)

manship, deep color, quality of painting, moving contrasts of light and shade and noble composition built on powerful thrusting diagonals. The proportions of his figures and general monumental effect of even his small pictures is attributable technically to the great care and economy with which he chose the elements of his composition and the severity with which he eliminates all irrelevant detail.

- PICTURE #4. Drama, about 1860, original in the New State Gallery, Munich.

  Daumier saw drama not only on the stage but in the gallery.

  This is but one of many pictures which reveal his profound interest in humanity.
- PICTURE #5. On a Bridge at Night, about 1865, original in the Phillips
  Memorial Gallery, Washington, D.C. A small picture, but
  grandly designed in form and movement.
- PICTURE #6. Crispin and Scapin, about 1865, original in the Louvre, Paris.

  These two whispering comedians are not drawn from life but are inventions powerful masks born of Daumier's insight into human character and made real by a draughtsmanship of supreme vitality and intelligence.

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MANET, pronounced "Manay"; painted in Paris from 1855 to 1883.

Edouard Manet is one of the most important painters of the 19th century. He turned his back on the academic traditions of French art, refused to accept the formulas dictated by the official salon, and painted with a marvelous dexterity the appearance of things as he observed them.

The public ridiculed his work because, like Corot, he handled his subjects broadly, omitting details. He tried to simplify what he saw so that one large flat brushstroke might do the work of five.

In his early work he concentrated on painting figures in a quiet indoor light. His studies of the work of Velasquez, El Greco, Goya and Hals strongly influenced his palette and open brushwork. Later he became interested in the difficult problem of suggesting bright outdoor light by means of patches of pure, high-keyed colors. Admired by the younger artists - Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Degas and Sisley - his theories were ultimately carried into Impressionism. He was never, however, content with mere technical problems of rendering atmospheric light, but continued to paint pictures as clever in composition and in gay in spirit as they were brilliant in technique.

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BOY WITH A FIFE, oil, 1866, original in the Louvre, Paris.

Manet suggested roundness not by modelling in light and shade so much as by flat tones or patches of color. Often in his early work his figures are like silhouettes against a flat background.

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(MANET)

BOATING, oil, 1874, original in the New State Gallery, Munich

The casual, snap-shot-like compositions, the brilliant out-of-door lighting, the rapid brush strokes, the fresh, pure blues, whites and blacks qualify this as one of the finest paintings of Manet's Impressionist period. The people in the boat are Manet's friend Claude Monet and his wife.

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## IMPRESSIONISM

Impressionism represented a continuation of Manet's revolt against the classic tradition in French painting.

Taking their cue from Turner and the Pre-Raphaelites in England the young painters Monet, Pissarro and Sisley began to paint out-of-door subjects by means of "divided color". They discovered that small patches or dots of pure color juxtaposed with one another on the canvas blended when seen at a distance and had a sparkle and brilliance which mixed colors did not. Accordingly they restricted their palettes to primary yellows, oranges, reds, blues and greens and concentrated exclusively on the problem of expressing nature not as it "existed" in three-dimensional reality, but as an aspect of light. They recorded their impression of an object at a given moment under the light conditions of that moment. The object in nature therefore was no longer the subject of the picture, but the impression of that object in light or light itself.

Although ridiculed at first, the work of the Impressionists slowly gained recognition. Ultimately, however, it developed an academy of its own against which the painters of the 20th century, especially the Fauves and the Cubists, rose in revolt.

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## MONET

Pronounced "Monay"; painted in France from 1860 to 1925.

It was Manet who summed up one of the main objectives of Impressionism when he said: "The principal person in the picture is the light." Claude Monet, Manet's disciple and friend, who became the leading exponent of the Impressionist school that followed, together with Pissarro Sisley and other Impressionist painters, developed this theory of painting light. They broke up Manet's bright patches of color into tiny strokes of contrasting colors., which, seen together, produced the same effect. They bried to make paint on canvas seem as brilliant as light, even butdoor sunlight.

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## PISSARRO

Pronounced "Peezarro", painted in France between 1855 and 1903.

Camille Pissarro was born in the West Indies of a Creole mother and a French Jewish father in 1830. He exhibited in the Salon des Refuses along with Corot, Delacroix and Manet during the bitter controversies of the '60's and greatly admired the work of these artists before they were officially recognized. His life, like those of other independent painters of his time, was one of struggle, even for the mere bread and butter essentials of existence. For thirty years he was forced to peddle his pictures from door to door and seldom was he able to keep space of his creditors. In 1884 he wrote to Monet, "I can go no farther......I am at my wit's end......In Rouen they would heave rotten apples at me........We are still outcasts and vagabonds....

It is impossible for an art which upsets so many old convictions to win general approval....." Only in 1890 did his work begin to find a market; then for the last ten years of his life he was free to work as he chose.

He was a prolific worker devoting himself to etching, drypoint, engraving and lithography as well as painting. Monet's senior by ten years, he was associated with the Impressionists from the time of their first exhibition in 1874.

PICTURE 1. Boulevard des Italiens by Night (original in the National

(I Gallery, London) Luminous color, more remarkable because
the subject is a night scene. An Impressionist technique
of high perfection.

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PICTURE #9. Summer, oil, 1874, original in the Picture Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany.

The Impressionists paid great attention to the changing aspects of light during the day. Here we have a landscape under the intense, dazzling light of a summer noon. The trees are painted in yellow, blue and violet so that at a little distance they make a vibrating mixture which comes as near as paint can to an effect of radiating light. In their early work the Impressionists were more deliberate in their application of color, the structure of objects appeared more solid, the organization of the picture more firm, than later.

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PICTURE #10. The Doge's Palace, 1908, original

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DEGAS, painted in Paris from 1855 to 1917.

Even more than most great modern artists, Edgar Degas studied the paintings and drawings of the old masters. He developed prodigious skill as a draughtsman and was continually on the watch for difficult and interesting problems of figures in action, such as race horses and ballet dancers. He discovered strange unexpected movements and positions which the public thought impossible until the camera proved that the artist was right. But he did not stop at making sketches of figures in arrested action. He built them into beautiful compositions and supriri surprising original patterns. Regaszesombineszam

Degas combined an understanding of the positive aspects of Impressionism with a new interest in plasticity of form to create works of superb beauty in design and color.

- /2 RACE HORSES, pastel, about 1880.
  - The nervous, prancing horses and the alert jockeys offered problems of action which fascinated Degas. He mastered them superbly through his power of observation and draughtsmanship.
- TWO DANCERS, pastel, about 1885, original in the Picture Gallery, Dresden.

  A magnificent and striking composition constructed of figures caught in unexpected attitudes and drawn with merciless precision. That Degas was not merely aiming at the representation of arrested motion is shown by the fact that the figures and limbs are cut off at certain points by the edge of the

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# TWO DANCERS (CONT'D.)

canvas to emphasize the dramatic character of various lines and masses. A masterpiece of color and formal design.

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RENOIR, pronounced "Renwahr"; painted in France from 1860 to 1919.

Por a time Auguste Renoir exhibited with the Impressionists and painted landscapes which recall Corot. Gradually his color grew richer until it burst
into a full-throated symphony. To express his joy in the color of trees he
turned their yellow greens to emerald with purple shadows; and the pink color of
flesh he exaggerated until it became a luminous red. His forms, too, whether
fruit or trees or women, grew rounder and fuller in harmony with the fr
ripeness of his color. Yet in spite of his love for the sensuous luxuriance
of nature his pictures are never mere excesses of sensuality but are compositions put in order through long study and a compelling sense of form. His
late work came more and more under the influence of old masters such as Rubens and
Titian.

/ <u>VENICE</u>, oil, 1881.

A sketch done in Renoir's full Impressionist style.

GIRL COMBING HER HAIR, oil, about 1885.

Drawn with a broad sweeping line and painted with a sensuous delight in the texture of flesh and hair.

WOMAN AND CHILDREN, oil, about 1895.

One of the late compositions in which figures and foliage form a warm, luscious harmony.

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Until recently, and during the last hundred years, French painting has been a dominant influence among the artists of other Emropean kmm countries as well as of America. Fifty years ago, however, there were three Americans who are now considered of the greatest importance not merely because they were good artists but because they were practically independent of European influence. Homer, Ryder and Eakins are of the same generation as Degas, Monet and Renoir, but their art seems to belong to a different period as well as to a different country.

HOMER, Mainted believed 1855 and 1910; lived in Boton, Den Like Daumier, Winslow Homer made his reputation as an illustrator.

Only during his later years was his painting much appreciated.

Homer painted the American out-of-doors: Civil War scenes (as an eyewitness), Virginia negroes, hunting scenes, canoe trips, fishing or and yéachting off Flypida and the Bahamas. But he is most famous for his sea pictures. Like NOR EASTER they are painted with remarkable directness and realism. He loved the lift and pound of waves on rocket and he recorded his love with such simplicity of vision and gigor of technique that anyone can appreciate his pictures at first glance, when whereas those of Renoir or Menet or Degas require more study.

NOR'EASTER, 1895, original in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

The surging power of the green sea's assault upon the rust-red rocks

of the Maine coast. Painted simply and with a robustness appropriate

to the subject.

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EAKINS,/painted from 1865 to 1916, principally in Philadelphia.

Thomas Eakins was the most consistent, thorough-going and complete realist among the American painters of the last generation. He painted American people with an enthusiasm comparable to that which Homer painted the American land-and sea-scape but with more scientific and intellectual penetration. His work, having little romance or picturesqueness of subject, has never attained the popularity of many of his contemporaries.

He studied for a time in Paris but his mature work shows little if any French influence. His art was a record of his time and his environment. He painted sporting scenes, prize fights, baseball, rowing, sailing. He knew medical men and painted large compositions of surgical operations. His greatest works are perhaps his portraits which are at once ruthless and sensitive.

/ § JOHN BIGLEN IN A SINGLE SCULL, oil, 1872, original in the collection of Yale University.

Exact realism built upon profound knowledge of underlying structure. One of Eakins' simplest and finest compositions: Three equal horizontal bands with the poised oarsman in the center.

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RYDER, painted from 1865 to 1917, principally near New York.

Albert Pinkham Ryder, though equally independent of his European contemporaries, was the opposite of Homer and Eakins. They were respectable citizens who painted what they saw so accurately that their pictures are almost as documentary as photographs. Ryder on the contrary, was a poverty-stricken eccentric who painted who imaginary scenes with a childish indifference to rationality and logic. He was a romantic, the others were realists.

Smuggler stables in dark inlets, shadowy witches, death riding through the dark, and above all the uncanny mystery of the sea at night; these were the subjects which excited his imagination. But the real matter and purpose of his work is not the fanciful themes nor the landscapes and marines, but the artist's own insight and emotions. The mood-evoking power of his work seems at times to approach the subtlety of music.

7 TOILERS OF THE SFA, oil, about 1900, original in the Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

A small canvas grandly designed in its bold pattern of light and dark. In the hands of a lesser artist the picture might easily have been banal, but Ryder has suggested the beauty and terror of the moonlit ocean with authentic feeling and power.

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### POST-IMPRESSIONISM

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Although Renoir and Degas were greater artists than Monet, Impressionism, of which Monet was the leader, became the most influential movement during the 1880's. The Impressionists were interested primarily in the problem of painting light by means of tiny strokes of bright, pure colors which in juxtiposition with one another would produce a desired light effect. They succeeded in their purpose, but often lost sight of other important qualities such as the unified structural organization of the picture surface (what one may call its "closed compositional unity"); the solidity of form, spacial depth, and the planned arrangement of color areas . over the picture surface to fulfill its ornamental function. They completely ignored local color and qualities of surface texture. In other words they sacrificed the more positive elements of previous painting for the solution of a mere technical problem of rendering light. (It was a school of snapshot views and of dot-stroke technique). Much of late 19th and early 20th century painting took the form of a reaction against Impressionism and against the idea, which the Impressionist carried to such an extreme, of painting exactly what one sees at a given instant. through light.

Among the great French painters who rebelled against Impressionism were attended to coale a science Cezanne, "the father of modern painting"; Seurat, who tried to reduce painting to a science; Gauguin, who left Paris to paint deep-toned decorative compositions in the South Sea Islands; van Gogh, the Dutchman, whose art has both the profound formal vision and the tragic import of mad genius; Redon the painter of delicate sur-real fantasies; and the self-taught "primitive", Henri Rousseau.

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CEZANNE, pronounced "Sayzanne"; painted from 1865 to 1906, at first in Paris and then in the South of France.

At first influenced by the work of Courbet, Daumier and Belacroix as well as the old masters he studied in the Louvre - Titian, Tintoretto, Rembrandt, Rubens, Poussin - his early paintings are heavy in color and vigorous in form. About 1895 he came under the influence of the Impressionists and although he exhibited with them several times he was never essentially one of them. He used the small patches of color, not to give an impression of shimmering light, but rather to build an effect of space and solid form. He worked with painstaking care, placing each parallel stroke with calculation for its effect in relation to the rest of the picture.

However one may rank Cezanne it is certain that his influence during the last thirty-five years is comparable in extent to that of Giotto, Roger van der Weyden, Donatello or Michelangelo. His maxim "to make of Impressionism something solid and permanent like the art of the museums" was instrumental in turning many younger painters to the problems of design and composition which the magnetical Impressionists had partially forgetten.

His technique of modelling with small facets or planes of color ultimately led the young painters Picasso and Braque to invent Cubism, perhaps the most revolutionary movement in twentieth century painting. But Cezanne's influence extended beyond Cubism until it fell upon most of the important painters of the first quarter of our own century.

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(CEZANNE)

STILL LIFE, oil, about 1870.

Though Manet's influence is evident in this early work, the emphasis on body and substance in the forms is cruder and more emphatic than in Manet's clean, flat painting. (Compare with <u>Boy with a Fife</u>). The thick paint and strong contrasts of light and dark give an effect of solidity and power.

THE VILLAGE, oil, about les (2)?, original formerly in the National Gallery, Berlin.

Space and solid forms constructed by light toned, thinly painted color planes.

Only after some study does the power and spacious beauty of these later

paintings appear. Look at the picture for a few moments and you will feel

the planes gradually taking their place in a beautifully ordered space.

THE RED WAISTCOAT, oil, about 1865. Reber Collection, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Verticals and horizontals in the background form an involved counterpoint for the main figure motive. Note the manner in which the solid modelling of the figure is accomplished by the flat patches or planes of color - the technique which later inspired the Cubists.

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SEURAT, pronounced "Sirrah"; painted in France from 1880 to 1891.

Georges Seurat died almost forty years before the world began to appreciate his extraordinary art. His brief career as an artist - little more than ten years - produced a scant seven major paintings by which his genius is conclusively acknowledged.

Seurat's theory of art rested upon a very simple and purely formal aesthetic. Briefly, he believed that the art of painting depended upon the relations between tones, colors and lines, and on the harmony of these three elements. He took the small brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into dots of equal size. Each dot is a light or dark shade of the six primary colors/-blue, yellow, red, green, violet and orange. With similar logic he analyzed lines and tones and their emotional effects of sadness, calm and joy.

His contemporaries laughed at this <u>Pointillism</u> or spot painting, for they did not study the incomparable structure of the pictures. The dots alone would have meant little - but this painstaking method combined with an architectural sense in composing have made artists today regard him as the supreme example of intelligence and discipline.

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THREE MODELS, oil, 1888, original in the Museum of the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa.

Remarkable for the technique of tiny dots of pure color, the complex and carefully calculated composition and especially for the cool, almost classical serenity. Though his method seems over scientific, Seurat painted several of the most beautiful pictures of moden times. In the original painting the figures are almost life size.

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GAUGUIN, pronounced "Goganh"; painted in France from 1880 to 1889, then in the West Indies and South Sea Islands. Died in 1903.

Paul Gauguin discarded entirely the small dabs used by the Impressionists and painted instead in large, flat tones of solid color. He pareting are decorative composition which was on thick sometimes of the medicinal Italian or other "primitive Like the primitive painters Gauguin simplified outlines and employed "unnatural" colors in order to enhance the decorative effect of his compositions. Maurice Denis, one of the members of the Synthetist group of which Gauguin was considered a leader, writes: "Gauguin freed us from the restraints which the idea of copying nature had placed upon us. For instance, if it was permissable to use vermilion in painting a tree which seemed reddish .... why not stress even to the point of deformation the curve of a beautiful shoulder or conventionalize the symmetry of a bough unmoved by a breath of air?" The possibilities of this "expressionist" attitude were later to be realized by a The Fauves younger generation of artists who determined one of the important courses of painting in the 20th century.

Gauguin's life is a parable of the romantic artist's revolt against the materialism and banality of modern civilization. He gave up a successful career as a stockbroker to become a painter, and finally, disgusted with Europe, left for Tahiti in the South Seas where he painted his best known pictures.

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(GAUGUIN)



AREAREA, oil, 1892.

Painted in Tahiti, one of the South Sea Islands. Sumptuous harmonies of deep glowing colors convey his content with this gentle, unhurried flower-strewn life. To increase the decorative effect, Gauguin has painted the tree trunk blue and the dog red.

# TA MATETE, oil, 1892.

The subject is Tahitian but Gauguin may have had in mind the flat pallermo made by Egyptian figures with their heads in profile, their shoulders full face, and their stiff, angular gestures.

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## VAN GOGH

The preferred pronunciation is part G as an H, O like "aw" in hawk, OH like the German CH-van hawch. Painted in Holland and France from 1860 to 1890.

Throughout his life van Gogh was consumed by a deep and overwhelming religious fervour. For a time he laboured as an evangelist, preaching to Belgian miners, but soon turned to painting as a means of expressing his agony of spirit.

an art dealer, who introduced him to the leaders of Impressionism, to Seurat, Gauguin and others. Their work had an immediate influence upon the direction of his painting but in his enthusiasm the Impressionist dots grew into whirling, vibrating ribbons of color. The crude gaiety of Japanese prints which flooded the market in Paris at that time revealed to him new possibilities in patterns of color. In the brilliant sumlight of Provence, where he painted steadily for years, he devoured the rich colors, painting furiously in bold patches of scarlet, startling greens, blue, orange and sulphur yellows. His inner torment finally drove him to insanity - epileptic fits seized him and he spent the last two years of his life in an asylum at St. Remy and at Auvers under the care of Dr. Gachet. In July, 1890 he shot himself, leaving this last note to his brother, "...my own work. I am risking my life for it and my reason has half foundered in it".

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# VAN GOGH (cont'd)

Few painters before or after him have shown greater talent, few have possessed such intuitive ability to transform objects into significant formal patterns. The brilliance of his color perception is unique. He violates unconsciously, rules of color harmony, of proportion, of picture unity in ways which even radical painters would have avoided, yet the unity and beauty of his work remain unaffected. Many of his pictures truly deserve the title of "miracles in paint".

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(VAN GOGH)

oil, Landscape with Cypresses,/1889, original in the National Gallery, Millbank ("The Tate"), London.

Van Gogh saw clouds, trees and fields as living things and painted them in rippling, swirling rhythms of line and color.

THE OLD PEASANT, oil, about 1889.

Inspired by Japanese prints which he had seen in his brother's art gallery in Paris, van Gogh used bold colors in strong flat patterns in painting many of his subjects.

13 CHESTNUT BLOSSOMS, /about 1889.

> In his enthusiasm van Gogh has transferred to the canvas his own inner excitement over the beauty of these spring flowers. The intensity of feeling is so strong that the blossoms seem to quiver and crackle with electric vibrations.

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REDON, worked in France from 1880 to 1916

Odilon Redon's art, which stands almost alone in the 19th century, is that primarily of the visionary, whose works spring from reverie and a world of dreams. His substances have the lightness and transparency of gossamer. His colors are mystical. Before his works one senses the presence of a serene but unearthly music or the sound of distant voices. He painted strange faces, mists, fantastic flowers, moths and jewels.

His approach to art as a vision and his use of the mysterious subject matter of dreams makes him a forerunner of the Surrealist.

PICTURE #32. Dream, about 1905, in watercolor. A mysterious vision painted with the colors of exotic birds.

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ROUSSEAU, painted in France from 1880 to 1910.

Henri Rousseau was a customs house officer who learned to paint in his spare time without any official training. During the last decade of his long life, he was discovered by young artists such as Picasso, who loved his naively simple spirit and the instinctive perfection of his design. He is the greatest of a group of modern painters who have been given the name "Primitives", because of certain similarities in their work - wholly unintended - to the primitive pictures of the early Middle Ages and Renaissance. Their work is significant not only because of the stellar qualities of design and their refreshing child-like view of nature, but because they represent the refusal of the untrammeled spirit to fall into the pitfalls of photographic naturalism and the scientific analysis of art. Through their works they quietly asserted their belief in the free fancy and thus helped protect the integrity of painting as an independent art.

Seurat and van Gogh died about 1890, Cezanne and Gauguin about 1905, Rousseau in 1910. But their ideas survived them and developed in the work of their successors whose paintings are shown in the two succeeding sections.

# PICTURE #33. The Customs House.

A picture of the place where Rousseau worked, painted perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. Although it lacks technical skill in drawing and brushwork it possesses a fine sense of design and reveals marvellously imaginative conception of nature. It shows that Rousseau knew precisely what art was - something beyond practical function, such culturates and far beyond superficial appearance, which finds its rest in the audenlightworf the spirit.

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# POST-SCRIPT

Seurat and van Gogh died about 1890, Cézanne and Gauguin about 1905, but their ideas survived them and developed in the work of their successors.

Different as these men were in their attitudes toward art, they had one feeling in common. None of them believed that the exact representation of nature in a painting was necessary or even desirable. Each of the four was influential in the early years of the twentieth century during which the divorce of "art" from "nature" became more self-conscious and deliberate. The inspiration for the revolutionary experiments of "the Fauves," Expressionists, Cubists, Abstract painters, Surrealists, may be traced to these nineteenth century encestors who in their turn had rebelled against accepted traditions of their own time.

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#### POST-IMPRESSIONISM

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Although Renoir and Degas were greater artists than Monet, Impressionism, of which Monet was the leader, became the most influential movement during the 1880's. The Impressionists were interested primarily in the problem of painting light by means of tiny strokes of bright, pure colors which in juxtiposition with one another would produce a desired light effect. The succeeded in their purpose but offer lost sight of other important qualities such as the unified structural organization of the picture surface or what one may call its "closed compositional unity"; the solidity of form, spacial depth, and the planned arrangement of color areas ov r the picture surface to fulfill its ornamental function. They completely ignored docal color and qualities of surface texture. In other words they sacrificed the more important elements of previous painting for the colution of a mere technical problem early of rendering light. Much of late 19the century and 20th century painting took the form of a reaction against Impressionism and against the idea, which the Impressionist carried to such an extreme, of painting exactly what one sees at a given instant through light. (It was a school og snapshot views and of dot-stroke technique)

Among the great French painters who rebebled against Impressionis were

Cezanne, "the father of modern painting"; Seurat who tried to reduce painting to a

science; Gauguin, who left Paris to paont deep-toned decorative com ostions in the

South Sea Islands; Van Gogh, the Dutchman whose art has both the profound formal

vision and the tragic import of mad genius; Redon the painter of delicate fantasies;

and the self-taught "primitive", Henri Rousseat,

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CORINTH, painted largely in Germany between 1879 and 1925

Louis Corinth is one of the late German painters who, with Liebermann and Slavogt, struggled with the problems of the new art and means of expression which were beginning to rear their heads toward the close of the past century. He, with the others, received their inspiration from the Impressionists of France, but used it as a means to find a new sense of reality of his own. He broke up the atmospheric plan of the Impressionists and reached out to make contact with the purpose and endeavors of the next epoch. If he had been born half a generation later he would have become identified with the Expressionists about whom we shall hear in the following section.

Behind his impressionistic brushwork, his florid coloring and his sensual, earthy crudeness there is a deep spirited conflict in his work which is at once his own struggle for adjustment and that of his age. It is deeply tinged with the issues of his German nature and environment and in the Expressionist movement of the next generation bursts forth in a swelling current that involves the entire artistic produce of the German nation.

There are the deeper philosophic significances in his work - the "message" and the "emotion" of a particular temperament at issue with itself or its environment which is so characteristic of Modern German art : "the will to live and melancholy at the transience of life".

Corinth is an excellent example of the way in which the essentially French impressionism was taken up in Germany, what further meaning and bearing it assumed in this new and psychologically different environment to the North.

It was wedded not to the beauty of repose alone, but to struggle, and unlike its French prototype which led almost unmelested to realism, evolved as a part of a



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country s development into a dynamic outburst of a creative spirit that had been too closely confined.

PICTURE #18. Walchensee Landscape, painted in 1922; original in the State Art Collection, Chemnitz, Germany.

Impressionistic technique applied with a turbulent abandon and a cool earthiness of color which indicates that there was more behind the artist's purpose than the rendering of beautiful light patterns.

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VAN GOGH .

In the Dutch pronounced "fan Hoch"; painted in Holland and France from 1880 to 1890.

Throughout his life Vincent van Gogh was consumed by a deep and relentless religious fervor. His passionate love of beauty and nature struggled under the persistent and maddening compromise of his not being able to adjust to life about him and to find peace within himself. He was frustrated in love, he was unsuccessful as an art dealer, he ran away from a rectorship in England, and for a time labored as an evangelist, preaching to Belgian miners. Tormented incessantly, he left his native Holland and went to Paris and later Southern France where he flung himself into the one creative work which seemed to give him release — painting.

Few painters before or after him have shown greater talent, few have possessed such an intuitive ability to transform objects into significant formal patterns or to reveal the inner secret of nature. The brilliance of his color perception is unique. He violated, unconsciously, rules of proportion, of picture unity, formal relations, and even of color harmony in ways that the most radical of later painters would have avoided, yet the unity and beauty of his work remains unaffected. There is no explanation of this. It is the force and the automatic insight of genius. Many of his pictures truly deserve the title of "miracles in paint". As a pen-and-ink draughtsman he crowded the entire field of his picture with an infinite and complicated maze of heavy black strokes and hatchings, but the lucid unity of the result is but a further evidence of the triumph of his genius.

(The incandescent brilliance of his paint and the whirling vibrating strokes of color which had once been the small, bright-colored brush-strokes of the Impressionists are but two evidences of the intensity of his feeling.)

' His innter torment grew into insanity and finally drove him to suicide.

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# PICTURE #28. Landscape Near Auvers, 1890

No one has felt the pulsing life of Nature more deeply than van Gogh or expressed it with greater emotional intensity. His swirling rhythms of line and color have a force and an organic brilliance which put him in a class apart.

PICTURE #28 (alternative) Landscape with Cypresses, 1889, original in the Tate Gallery, London.

This picture shows the deep poetical insight of van Gogh. It is not a calm spirit - as that of the Japanese masters whom he studied and to a certain extent followed. Struggle is combined with delight. Incandescent brilliance of his paint - especially in the immediate foreground and the golden color of the wheat field.

#### PICTURE #29. Pieta

Van Gogh copied this picture from the original by Delacroix, but instead of imitating it detail for detail he reinterpreted it both composition and subject matter, according to what the original inspired in him.

PICTURE #30. Chestnut Blossoms, about 1889.

One of the most strikingly beautiful of modern pictures. Such brilliance of the organization - of the arranging of so many twigs, tiny blossoms, and leaves over the picture without losing in unity or getting lost in the maze of details - could only come from the wind of a genius. Supreme fantasy, as in oriental pictures. Color range small. Pink, two or three shades of delicate green, light ultransuris - and that is all. The poetry of painting at one of its high points in the west.

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PICTURE #31. Self-Portrait(?) (Bandage over ear, pipe), about

An example of a gruesome subject transformed into a picture of rare beauty. Harmonious effect of the solid colors of the coat and the background together, Brilliance of the flesh tones. His feeling for color and form is so instinctive, his method so mysterious, it is not only impossible to describe but treacherous for the painter to learn from.

PICTURE #31. (Alternative), The Old Peasant, about 1889.

van Gogh used the boldest colors to reveal the character of the people who interested him. Here we see the earthiness of the farmer's way of life and the effect of toil in the out-of-doors on his soul, expressed with great force and tragic meaning in an altogether new way.

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GAUGUIN, pronounced "Goganh"; painted in France from 1880 to 1889, then in the West Indies and South Sea Islands, Died in 1903.

"Nature is not art until it is transformed", is a fundamental axiom in art which had long been obscured by traditional painting of the last century. Although the recovery of this principle is suggested in the work of the leading Impressionists and highly evident in Cezanne and other great post-Impressionists, its new manifestation belongs to Gauguin, Using objects in nature as a mere starting point for the expression of the lyrical charm he saw in color and form he completely refashioned the external aspects of his landscapes and figures into liquid harmonies of exquisite beauty. The form of the object, although it is recognizable, does not follow the naturalistic outline, but flows over the picture surface at times almost with the freedom of water. The color, of an ecstatic poignancy, is no less arbitrary when compared to nature, but it is the consummate poetic vehicle of a profound spirit.

As seen in the pictures represented, Gauguin abandoned the technique of small dots of color and often blocked in his fluid forms with nearly solid colors of a strange and fascinating character.

His paintings may be partly analyzed as decorative compositions - and such they are. But the imagery of his forms and the psychological burden of the sometimes cool, sometimes burning, but ever-haunting effect of his color, carries him far beyond the category of mere decoration.

In re-establishing the ideal of the free interpretation of color and form in nature, Gauguin assumed great importance to the artists who came after him. Although his approach may be analyzed as being in the intuitive tradition of modern art, he established necessary precedents for both the intellectual and the intuitive innovations of the present century.

Gauguin's life is a parable of the romantic artist's revolt against the materialism and banality of modern civilization. He gave up a successful career as

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a stockbroker to become a painter, and finally, disgusted with Europe, left for idyllic Tahiti in the South Seas, where he painted his best-known pictures.

His life work may be considered as part of the reaction against Impressionism.

The romanticism of his li e and his art had a strong influence on later painters.

PICTURE #25. Areara, 1892

Painted in Tahiti where Gauguin had fled to escape civilization.

The formal beauty of his pictures not only justifies the pictorial aims which he had, but establishes him as one of the greatest masters of formal artistry in Western painting. This is a picture of gentle, unhurried, flower-strewn life painted in patterns of flat, bold colors. Sometimes to increase decorative effects Gauguin used "unnatural" colors as in the blue tree trunk or the red dog.

PICTURE #26. Ta Matete, 1892

The subject is Tahitian but Gauguin perhaps had in mind the flat patterns made by Egyptian figures with their heads in profile, their shoulders full-face, and their stiff angular gestures.

PICTURE #27. Horsemen on the Beach, 1902; original in the Folkwang Museum, Essen, Germany.

Gauguin liked large areas of solid color. Yet he endowed these color areas with a lightness and a piquancy as original and exotic as their shapes. Notice the charming character of the pink foreground, the radiant brown of the earth, the peculiar hue of the sea. He made use of the Impressionist technique to a certain extent to achieve these effects.

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SEURAT, pronounced "Sirrah"; painted in France from 1880-1891.

Georges Seurat, whose name is perhaps first associated with the invention of "pointillism", the terminus of Impressionism, is now, for other reasons, recognized as one of the most important artists of the 19th century who "helped to change the entire course of Western painting." His main effort, to develop an absolute formula for painting pictures, inspired by the desire to bring painting within the reach of the layman, ended in no more (or less) than the establishment of a definite scientific technique for the application of color and perhaps the highest standard of craftsmanship in picture painting of our time. From the layman's point of view, this left secret only the means whereby he might create and arrange the various elements to be painted into a unified pictorial design.

But if he neglected to provide a formula for this essential factor in the creation of a work of art, he did not lack in inspiration and genius to provide it in work of his own. His pictures are masterpieces of formal design, in which definite principles of picture construction are rigorously observed and the formal integrity of represented objects never lost or violated. On the contrary they are most exquisitely planned and worked out. This emphasis on deliberate construction heralds the emergence, parallel to that of Cezanne, from the vices of later Impressionist painting with its formlessness, its emphasis on incidental effects of light, and its indifference to selection. It leads the way into the rationalistic discovery and movement of later generations and has provided one of the main sources of positive inspiration for those who have wrestled with the formal problems of the 20th century.

Seurat's career was tragically brief. He died at 32, after only 11 full years of work. As can be well seen from his work he was dominated by a passion for system and order.

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He took the small brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into dots of the same size. Each dot is a light or dark shade of one of the six "primary" colors - blue, yellow, red, green, violet and orange. His compositions, among which Three Models is one of the finest, are planned with extreme care. Though his method seems over-scientific, Seurat painted several of the most beautiful pictures of modern times. To many artists of today he is the supreme example of intelligence and discipline.

PICTURE #24. Three Models, 1888, original in the Museum of the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa.

> Remarkable for the consistency of its technique of little dots of pure color, the complex but clearly solved composition, and especially for the cool, almost classical serenity of the whole. In the original the figures are almost life size.

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## CEZANNE.

Pronounced "Sayzanne"; painted from 1865 to 1906 at first in Paris and then in the south of France.

A new almost mystic concept both of the structure of natural objects and of space and a revolutionizing approach to the problems of pictorial representation to express these concepts -- (and further a strong reassertion of the importance of objective pictorial design and of the perfect equilibrium of the picture's compositional whole) -- these achievements of profound originality and unique significance in the history of painting establish Cezanne as one of the greatest innovators of modern times.

These innovations meant two things: they rescued painting from the lush, almost sentimental formlessness of later impressionism, and at the same time pointed the way to an altogether new highway for the future of pictorial art.

What did "space" (and "structure") in painting mean up to Cezame's time? Naturalistic space, which you can see with your eyes; the finite cubic capacity of a bottle, a house, a figure; the measured objective distance and expanse of a field, a road, a sky; the illusion of organic solidity and structure purely through a literal representation of the objects surface appearance.

To express his new/sense of space and structure Cezanne went behind appearance. He showed that the objects inner being, like the soul of man, has limitless possibilities of extension, and this being and its extension can be expressed formally. As a result, the status of the netural object rose from that of a mere decorative detail to one of high emotional and philosophical significance. Instead of painting and drawing closed forms he opened them up, multiplying, extending certain aspects that suggested themselves to his mind in their relation to surrounding objects, all in the effort to capture the inner secret of its life as well as form. The number and variety of opportunities for pictorial motives opened up by this approach was so tremendous

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that the whole of modern painting after Cezanne has not yet exhausted them and perhaps also accounts for Cezanne's own feeling that he could never complete his work; that, as he said, he could move his easel two inches after completing one picture and begin another totally different from the first.

(By the same method Cezanne revealed new sense of structure. Structure, obviously, is an inner thing. Cezanne went after it by penetrating the inner nature of objects, by sacrificing the external image to the purpose of capturing an awareness of the whole).

Cezanne did not arrive at his discoveries suddenly. His life is a story of long and painstaking self-application in which his way was only gradually revealed to him. His latest work where we find the most developed expression of his ideas is the result of a long dedication and travail.

tent in turning younger artists to new problems of composition and design. He said: "I wish to make of Impressionism something solid and permanent, like the art of the museums." When he painted the <u>Judgment of Paris</u> he probably had at the back of his head some composition by Titian or Rubens. But Cezanne omits their delight in the sensuous beauty of flesh and foliage and concentrates upon the aesthetic beauty of line, shape, color and space. In <u>The Red Waistcoat</u> this interest in design leads him to draw with an angular line, and model with facets or planes. These angles and planes made Cezanne one of the ancestors of Cubism (Section II) but his influence extended far beyond Cubism and then fell upon most of the important painters of the first quarter of our own century.

PICTUFE #19. Still Life with Jug, about 1870, collection G. Bernheim de Villers, Paris.

Painted in Cezanne's early, rather heavy technique. The thick paint and strong contrasts of light and shade give an effect of solidity and

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this in technique with the early Still Life.

massiveness, although this is far removed in technique and way of seeing from his later work.

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Much more advanced, refined in vision and technique. Space and solid forms constructed by light-toned, thinly painted color planes. Ficture space carefully organized; unity of whole; fullness of special divisions. Study the picture for five minutes and you will feel the planes

gradually taking their places in a beautifully order space. Compare

PICTURE #21. The Judgment of Paris, about 1885, original in private collection.

In Cezanne's middle figure painting we approach the essence of his discoveries as a great innovator. Here we see him trying to capture the formal significance of the figures by going "beyond" their appearance. The left calf of the central figure is intentionally enlarged because to Cezanne's vision in relation to the half-clad figure and the dark mass on its right it was that large. He is trying to perfect the equilibrium of formal relations in his picture and to do so he realizes he must go beyond naturalistic proportions. Furthermore, by doing so he is attempting to enhance the reality of the figures themselves. His outlines of the central figure are left open - as though he were almost seeing it not from one but from several points of view. As a result the imagination is stimulated and our awareness of its existence greatly increased. Note the massiveness of the arms and upper frame.

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PICTURE #22, The Red Waistcoat, about 1888; original in private collection.

Angular in composition. Emphasis on formal masses by flat

planes or patches of color. This technique as well as the idea

of capturing more than the surface appearance of the subject

later inspired the Cubists who developed Cezanne's discoveries.

PICTURE #25. A Village of Provence Seen Through the Trees, about 1890-93; original in the Bignove Gallery Collection, New York

The description of The Judgment of Paris, No. 21, applies also here. In this picture we have Cezanne's experiments carried to a point of high perfection. It is also a work of great artistic beauty, of strength, of calm, of friendly harmonies of color and form, and of philosophic suggestiveness.

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## RENOIR

Pronounced "Ren-wahr"; painted in France from 1860 to 1919.

Renoir followed along individual development as a painter. He is famed for his brilliant portrayals of the engaging bourgeois life along boulevards, in the parks and cafes of Paris, always drawing close to the spirit and personality of the crowds which he found everywhere, and pervading all with an air of charm, of festivity, of color and human attractiveness. He began as an Impressionist of which period in his development "The Paris Boulevards" picture is an example. It is in the full Impressionist tradition of a scene bathed in atmosphere, its details merely suggested by strokes and dashes of color in juxtaposition to one another. The larger number of boulevard and cafe scenes are also Impressionistic in their technique, a snapshot glance of a scene th with particular attention to the problems of composition or picture organization, but enchanting in their details.

But like others of the so-called post-Impressionists, he grew out of this style and began to concentrate more rigorously on problems of form and building up a unified canvas, keeping at the same time much of the Impressionist color technique and incinuating the sensuous qualities in nature for which he had great attachment. His color grew richer until it burst into a full-throated joyous song. To express his deep joy in the color of trees, he turned their yellow greens into emerald and cast their shadows in purple. The pink color of flesh he worked over until it became luminous red, his forms as well, whether fruit, or trees or women, grew rounder and fuller and more solid in harmonious accord with the ripeness of his color. More and more he painted figures, to natural backgrounds or within interiors; bringing out the richest qualities of organic textures and forms. He studied the works of masters in the past assiduously and was a great devotee of the museums.

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PICTURE #13. Paris Boulevard, 1875, original in private collection, Switzerland.

The bewitching atmosphere of Paris in the springtime - caught through the impressionistic use of soft yellows, greens, and blues. Impressionism was admirably adapted to rendering moods of time and place such as this.

In its use here we see it at its best and most characteristic - the painting of light itself, not, as with Courbet, the subject in light, but the color richness of the film of atmosphere. Lack of substance of wheels - they are suggested, not drawn.

PICTURE #14, Venice, 1881, original in Subsuberg Collection, Booken (?)

A later sketch in richer color scheme and with freer handling of subject. This picture shows Renoir on his way out of Impressionism. One feels the lushness of later Impressionism, but also a new sense of pictorial unity. There are parts painted in which have no representational function at all, but rather that purely of rounding out the formal unity of the picture. The more exact adherance to the appearance of nature (through light) is left behind.

PICTURE #15. Girl Combing Hair, about 1885

A new and developed fullness of style. The whole picture in unity.

Developed relation of all parts. Dominance of the subject. Beautiful rhythms of the limbs. Drawn with a broad sweeping line and painted with a sensuous delight in the texture of flesh and hair.

PICTURE #16. Women and Children, about 1895

A later composition in which the figures and foliage form a warm luscious harmony.

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DEGAS, pronounced "Day-ga", or "Day-gahz"; painted in Paris from 1855 to 1917.

An artist of great resourcefulness and intelligence, possessing at the same time keenest sensibilities for the lyrical beauty of color and form, Degas combined an understanding of the positive aspects of Impressionism with an original insight of his own, to create works of truly classic perfection and warmth of feeling. He studied the paintings and drawings of Corot, of Ingres and many of the old masters. He developed prodigious skill as draughtsman and during the period of his career he was continually on the watch for difficult and interesting problems of figures in action, such as race horses and dancing girls. He discovered strange unexpected movements and positions which the public thought impossible until the camera proved that the artist was right. But he did not stop at making sketches of figures in arrested action. He built them into positions and patterns as beautiful and original as the figures themselves. In his pictures one finds both plasticity and depth, keen perception of dramatic contrasts between colored light and colored shade, a refined yet robust piquancy of color, a modified use of Impressionist technique for the emphasizing and not the obscuring of form, and finally the pastel medium developed into a fullbodied convincing picture technique.

PICTURE #11. Race Horses or Jockeys in the Field.

The nervous, prancing horses and the alert jockeys offered problems of action which fascinated Degas. He mastered them supremely through his power of observation and draughtsmanship. Beautiful aesthetic qualities in color, organization.

PICTURE #12. Two Dancers. Wet Pastel. This magnificent picture achieves the level of great art not only in the motions of caught action, but in the use of these means as points of departure for formal motifs of

the highest beauty. That Degas was not merely aiming at the repre-

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sentation of motion is shown by the fact that the figures and limbs are cut off at certain points by the frame to emphasize the dramatic form and character of various lines and masses. Color of the purest fragrance and beauty. A masterpiece of color and formal design.

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PISSAFRO, painted in France between 1855 and 1903, pronounced "Peezarro".

Camille Pissarro was born in the West Indies of a Creole mother and a French Jewish father in 1830. He is to be ranked among the great Impressionist painters, Monet and Manet. He was "a master craftsman of form, who with the others of his and the following generation, left tradition in search of new realms to conquer. "The developed an impressionist technique of high perfection and beauty and always defended his colleagues, whenever their work came under the criticism of the academicians and the juries of the Salon of his time. He exhibited in the Salon des Refusees along with Corot, Delacroix and Manet during the bitter controversies of the 60's and greatly admired the work of these artists before they were officially recognized. His life, as was true of the other independent painters of his time, was one of struggle, not only for acceptance but for the mere bread and butter essentials of existence. For thirty years he was forced to peddle his pictures from door to door and seldom was he able to keep apace of his creditors. / In 1884 he wrote to Monet, "I can go no farther. I am at my wit's end." "....In Rouen they would heave rotten apples at me....We are still outcasts and vagabonds.... It is impossible for an art which upsets so many old convictions to win general approval, especially at Rouen, the country of Flaubert, whom they dare not own. No, your bourgeois is a bourgeois, from the tips of his toes to the hair of Mis head! Tell Gauguin that after thirty years of painting I am quite on the rocks."/

Only in 1890 did his work begin to find a market. Then, but only then, for the last ten years of his life, he was free to work as he chose.

He was a prolific worker who devoted himself to etching, drypoint, engraving and lithography as well as painting. He was Monet's senior by ten years.

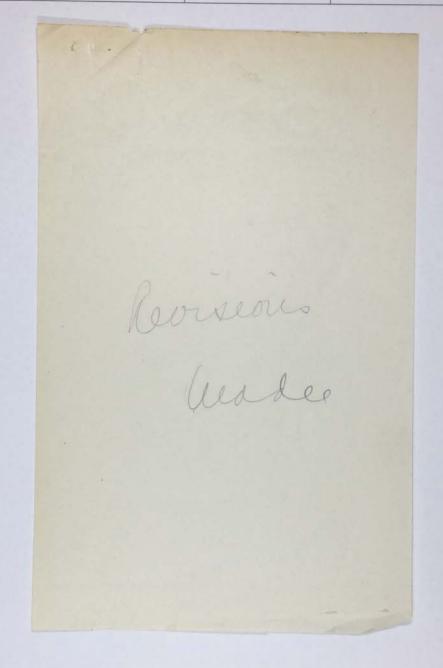
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PICTURE #17. Boulevard des Italiens by Night, original in National Gallery, London.

High Impressionism. Luminous of color, more remarkable for the fact that it is a night scene. Power of suggestion, yet complete absence of definition. The warm glow of the Parisian boulevard at night captured in all of its charm.

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## MONET

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Pronounced "Monay"; painted in France from 1860 to 1925.

when he said: "The principal person in the picture is the light." Claude Monet,
Manet's disciple and friend, who became the leading exponent of the Impressionist
school that followed, together with rissarro, Sisley and other Impressionist painters,
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Monet continued to paint as an Impressionist during his long career of sixty-five years. But with him were associated three greater artists-Degas, Renoir and Cézanne-who soon broke away from Impressionism because they felt it to be too unsubstantial, too lacking in structure, like shimmering clothes unsupported by a body of flesh and bones.

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VAN GOGH, painted in Holland and France from 1880 to 1890.
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Throughout his life van Gogh was consumed by a deep and overwhelming religious fervour. For a time he laboured as an evangelist, preaching to Belgian miners, but soon turned to painting as a means of expressing his agony of spirit.

Leaving his native Holland he went to Paris to join his brother Theo, an who art dealer, introduced him to the leaders of Impressionism, to Seurat, Gauguin and others. Term work had all the seasons the configuration of the factors of the configuration.

in his enthusiesm van Gogh could not control his brush. The crude gaiety of
Japanese prints which flooded the market in Paris at that time revealed to
him new possibilities in patterns of color. In the brilliant sunlight of
Provence he discovered the rich colors, painting furiously and continuously
in bold patches of scarlet, startling greens, blue, orange and sulphur yellows.
But his inner torment finally drove him to insanity - epileptic fits seized
him and he spent the last two years of his life in an asylum at St. Remy
and at Auvers under the care of Dr. Gachet. In July, 1890 he shot himself,
leaving this last note to his brother "my own work. I am risking my life for
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### IMPRESSIONISM

Impressionism represented a continuation of Manet's revolt against the classic tradition in French painting.

Taking their cue from Tunes and the Pre-Raphaelites in England the young painters Monet, Pissarro and Sisley began to paint out-of-door subjects by means of "divided color". They discovered that small patches or dots of pure color juxtiposed with one another on the canvas blended when seen at a distance and had a sparkle and brilliance which mixed colors did not. Accordingly they restricted their palettes to primary yellows, oranges, reds, blues and greens and concentrated exclusively on the problem of expressing nature not as it "existed" in three-dimensional reality, but as an aspect of light. They recorded their impression of an object at a given moment under the light conditions of that moment. The object in nature therefore was no longer the subject of the picture, but the impression of that object in light or light itself.

Although ridiculed at first, the work of the Impressionists slowly gained recognition. Ultimately, however, it developed an academy of its own against which the painters of the 20th century, especially the Fauves and the Cubists, rose in revolt.

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## DELACROIX

Pronounced "Dellakrwa", painted in France between 1820 and 1863.

Delacroix was chosen to introduce this Survey of Modern Painting because he is perhaps the first ancestor in direct line to the innovators of the 19th and 20th centuries. He was a great emancipator, in that he broke away from the rigid specifications of subject matter, picture organization, and emotional reserve by which the French Classic Tradition had immobilized painting from the Revolution to the death of Ingres in 1867. He turned instead to romantic subjects, composed his pictures in a bold swashbuckling manner. Partly through the inspiration of the Englishman, Constable, he also developed a technique of open brushwork and the free juxtiposition of pure colors on the canvas. This brought him the vicious reproach of the academicians of his day but profoundly influenced the method of the mostimportant 19th century work after him. In his work one finds the germs of Impressionism.

PICTURE #1. Sketch for the Massacre of Scio, about 1835(?) (original in the Louvre, Paris(?))

This theme, which became the subject of the great painting of the same hame in the Louvre, Paris - the painting which the artist Gros too hastily called the "Massacre of Painting" - Delacroix worked upon in many separate sketches of which this is one. It shows his tendency toward romantic adventure, the glamour of exetic colour and adventure of the Near East subject.

The figures have warm human qualities - contrast this painting with the formalized classical composition (below) in which the lifeless figures are arranged according to rigid specifications of drawing and design. This picture was painted by , Delacroix's contemporary. It shows what a master Delacrois was of his own innovation in the brilliant use of pure colors and

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Pronounced "Koorbay", painted in France and Switzerland between 1840(?) and 1877.

Terms associated with Courbet's life and work as a painter are: "truth to nature", "materialism", "the impression of objects in light", "social realism" "nobility of work", "social justice", "emancipation of the masses". Courbet said, "Only things seen should be painted - invent nothing; the function of the imagination is to find the fullest expression of the chosen subject." Among artists he was one of the most wholesome influences of the 19th century. His strong realism represents a bold resistance to the disillusionment and sentimentality which came in with the dying older traditions of his time, and which weekened the painting of such artists as Corot in France, Bosklin in Switzerland. His monumental land and sea-scapes, his robust figures, his welcome acceptance and solid treatment of themes of every day life show that he was deeply concerned with the positive values of his environment.

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awareness transformed into a profound nobility of style and artistic beauty. His work has influenced such painters as Derain and, in their early stages, Monet and Renoin PICTURE #2. Woods of Fontainbleau, about 1850-60, original in Carlsberg Glyp-

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But Daumier was really more interested in painting than caricature although during his lifetime only a few friends found his oils of much value. Today the Crispin and Scapin and Drama are considered among the masterpieces of 19th century painting. In his love of dramatic chiaroscuro we see the direct influence of Rembrandt; in his mastery of composition even his contemporaries compared him to Rembrandt. (chek this statement!)

In contrast to Corot whose art is quiet, kalanana unconcerned with the emotions of living, Daumier was passionately interested in humanity, violently concerned with injustice and blessed with a vast and unfailing sense of comedy.\* His pictures are equally remarkable for their superb draughtsmanship, deep color, quality of painting, moving contrasts of light and shade and noble composition built on powerful thrusting diagonals, Inchischemmarkaixanain The powerful proportions of his figures and general monumental effect of even his small pictures is attributable technically to the great care and economy with which he chooses the elements of his composition and the severity with which he eliminates all irrelevant detail.

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- #4 Dramam about 1860, original in he New State Gallery, Minich.

  Daumier saw drama not only on the stage but in the gallery.

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MONET

Pronounced "Monay"; painted in France from 1860 to 1925.

It was Monet who summed up one of the main objectives of Impressionism when he said: "The principal person in the picture is the light." Monet, Manet's disciple and friend, who became the leading exponent of the Impressionist school that followed, together with Pissarro, Sisley and other Impressionist painters, developed this theory of painting light. They broke up Manet's bright patches of color into tiny strokes of contrasting colors, which, seen together, produced the same effect. They tried to make paint on canvas seem as brilliant as light, even outdoor sunlight.

In Monet's early picture, Summer, we have an example of the Impressionist technique. The trees are painted in yellow, blue and violet so that at a little distance they make a vibrating mixture which comes as near as paint can to an effect of radiating light?

PICTURE #9. Summer, 1874, original in the Picture Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany The Impressionists paid great attention to the changing aspects of light during the day. Here we have a landscape under the intense, The trees are partied an yellow. The and

Wilet so That at a little sections may make a whating another which come as parist can to an effect of radiating light tiny strokes of pure color. The effect is one of greet radia and wibrancy. In their early work the Impressionists were more deliberate in their application of color, the structure of objects appeared more solid, the organization of the picture more firm, than later.

PICTUPE #10. The Doge's Falace, 1908, original in private collection, Berlin. An example of Monet's later work. The beautiful Doge's Palace, enveloped in the watery atmosphere of Venice. Parly evening. Structure, even picture organization have been relegated to the background. One feels only light and atmosphere through which filters a mirage-like vision of the palace and its surrounding waters.

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CUROT, pronounced "Coro"; painted principally in France between 1820 and 1875.

Camille Corot was not able to sell a picture until after he had been painting for over twenty years. His early landscapes, painted after a trip to Italy, show the same pleasure in piling up planes and masses which we find in Giotto or Poussin before him, Cézanne, Derain and Picasso after him. Later he painted in the style of the <u>Dance of the Nymphs</u>, today one of the most popular of all landscapes. Yet its soft, misty lighting and silvery grey foliage seemed "unnatural" to the public of the 1850's.

Although Corot considered himself to be primarily a painter of landscape, modern artists have come to value more highly his figure paintings. The grandeur and repose of Woman with a Pearl Ring, reminds one of Leonardo's Mona Lisa but its spirit is simpler and more intimate.

WOMAN WITH A PEARL RING, oil, about 1870, original in the Louvre, Paris.

The most famous of Corot's figure paintings. It represents the classical spirit in nineteenth century painting at its best.

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COROT.

Pronounced "Coro", painted principally in France between 1820 and 1875.

Corot's work as a painter has a curious development. It begins with strongly naturalistic landscapes, of cities and fields under blue skies with a marked emphasis on material character and the boxlike shapes of buildings. It ends on the one hand with dreamy landscapes whose trees and figures almost dissolve in an atmosphere of ethereal fragrance and on the other with symbolical portraits richly painted but overborne with the weight of sadness and regret. There are a number of explanations of this development. One is that although his technique becomes more brilliant and resourceful, his faith in life and nature is gradually undermined by the currents of disillusionment of his time and he lapses into the sentimentality of an inner world of sighs. Yet whatever is at the root of this change he is one of the most important and influential artists to the painters of time following generations.

His early landscapes influenced the vision of Courbet. Renoir, in his landscapes of the 70's, learned much from him. Pissarro and Monet's early landscapes are
also based on Corot's teaching. Degas knew and emulated his figure paintings and,
today, Derain, Segonzac, L'Hote and Berard all declare their debt to him. Negatively,
Delacroix and hosts of other artists in France, Germany and America were misled by
the pitfalls of his later landscape style, yet the near-Impressionism of that technique
in his later work was founded on profound knowledge and comprises what has been called
his most original, although not his most important + contribution to modern painting.

PICTURE #3.

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DRAMA, oil, about 1860, original in the New State Gallery, Munich
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CRISPIN AND SCAPIN, oil, about 1865, original in the Louvre, Paris.

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But Daumier was really more interested in painting than caricature although during his lifetime only a few friends found his oils of much value. Today the Crispin and Scapin and the Drama are considered among the masterpieces of 19th century painting. His style combines elements of the architectural stability of classical art with emotional values of Romantic painting.

The powerful proportions of his figures and general monumental effect of even his small pictures is attributable technically to the great care and economy with which he chooses the elements of his composition and the severity with which he eliminates all details irrelevant to the special character of the subject he wishes to portray.

PICTURE #4. Drama, about 1860, original in the New State Gallery, Munich.

Daumier saw drama not only on the stage but in the gallery. This is but one of many pictures which reveal his profound interest in life. Although he was a satirist and caricatured those about him, he was a deep lover of humanity. He admired frank human character, the potential of the despised its perversions.

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# DAUMIER (CONT'D.)

- PICTURE #5. On a Bridge at Night, about 1865, original in the Phillips

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#### MANET

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Pronounced "Manay", painted in Paris from 1855 to 1883.

He was not only a versatile master of his medium and an artless craftsman in transforming nature into pictures of fresh and original beauty. He also broke the hold of the academic traditions in French art by refusing to accept the sacred formulas of the time. "He painted scenes of real life in dimensions previously reserved for historical subjects," (Harpers Encyclopedia) and threw consternation into the ranks of critics and public alike by painting a scene in which two gentlemen sit down to lunch with a nude woman. He was ridiculed and outcast by the was academicians, The younger men - among them Pissarro, Monet, Sisley, Renoir, Degas, Proust, Zola - found new life and inspiration in his work and came to his side.

Artistically he combined a fresh sense of color and exact observation of the appearance of things with a marvelous dexterity and clarity of execution in painting. He tried to simplify what he saw so that one large flat brushstroke might do the work of five on so to combine two or three strokes of color that they would even increase the formal significance of an elaborate rendering of details. This made the public of the 1860's disapprove of his work because, like Corot, he didn't paint in every detail. Boy with a Fife, for instance, was refused at the official Salon of 1866.

Under the influence of Hals, El Greco, Velasquez and Goya he developed the technique of open brushwork and becoming interested in the difficult problem of suggesting bright outdoor light by means of pure, high-keyed colors, ultimately carried it into Impressionism.

He was never, however, content with mere technical problems and continued always to paint pictures as clever in composition and gay in spirit as they were brilliant in technique.

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PICTURE #7. Boy with a Fife, original in the Louvre, Paris.

Manet achieved significant qualities - plastic effect (roundness), color richness, interesting form, picture balance and unity - by means of flat tones or patches of pure color. His sense of formal proportion and his fluency of expression are remarkable. As in this picture, the figures in his early work are something like silhouettes against a flat background.

PICTURE #8. Boating, 1874 original in the New State Gallery, Munich.

The brilliant out-of-door lighting, the rapid brush strokes, the fresh, pure blues and whites and blacks make this one of the significant paintings of Manet's late, or Impressionist period. Yet in its strong organization and the forthright character of forms, well painted, cleverly and interestingly arranged, it proclaims Manet's excellence as a painter even when his main object is the painting of light. The people in the boat are Manet's friend, Claude Monet, and his wife.

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The Bridge	8 x 12	\$ .50
Vegetable Garden and View of Arles	8 x 12	.50
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RE SALE OF COLOR REPRODUCTIONS

Confirming our conversation of Thursday, August 11th, we would like to suggest the following method of handling the sale of reproductions through the Museum of Modern Art.

It would be understood on our part that any and all requests coming from the Museum of Modern Art, or from accredited customers sent by the Museum, or to whom our name has been given, would be filled by us; and any and all work connected with procuring or shipping prints would be done by our staff.

In the case of those people who are in the local territory and would be able to come personally to our showrooms, we would of course show them our entire collection or such sections of it in which they might be interested and from which they could make their selections. In the case of people living out of town, on the recommendation of the Museum, we would send selections for approval.

All prints so purchased would be billed to the Museum of Modern Art at a discount of 50%. We would be willing to do all the clerical work connected with the sale and if the Museum desires, send bills to the customers on the Museum billheads, though the actual collection would be received by the Museum. Under any circumstances, we would in some suitable manner, notify the Museum about each and every purchase made.

We have gone very carefully into the question of the maximum discount we could offer to the Museum and believe we have taken all factors into consideration. We realize that in dealing with the Museum, our credit risk is reduced to a minimum. On the other hand, consideration is given to the fact that all of the work connected with the sales would be done by us excepting actual receiving and crediting of customers' checks and when it is understood that in many cases the maximum discount we, ourselves are allowed is only 50%, we believe that you will appreciate that we have done our utmost in this matter.

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CEZANNE	26 x 33	The Village	18.00
CEZANNE	23 x 29	Bathers	20.00
CEZANNE	19 x 31	Railroad Cutting	18.00
CHAGALL	11 x 7	The Rabbi	15.00 *
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COROT	31 x 27	Woman with a Pearl Ring	20.00
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DEGAS	29 x 26	Two Dancers	18.00
DEGAS	18 x 24	Race Horses	16.00
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DERAIN	23 x 30	South French Landscape	20.00
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KLEE	10 x 13	Plan for a Gardon	10.00
MANET	26 x 32	Boating	18.00
MANET	31 x 19	Boy with a Fife	18.00
MARC	20 x 30	Rod Horsos	18.00
MARIN	15 x 19	Downtown New York	20.00 *
MATISSE	31 x 25	The Pumpkin	18.00
MATISSE	21 x 15	Seated Odalisque	16.00
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PASCIN	18 x 12	Scated Girl	7.50
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EXHIBITION I. PAINTING FIFTY YEARS AGO: FRENCH AND AMERICAN.

It is not yet possible to give a complete account of the development of Modern Painting through color reproductions, but many of the more important masters can be illustrated by two or three good paintings.

Art changes gradually. Even radical innovations develop step by step. Much modern art may seem queer and unintelligible to us simply because we may not have followed these successive steps. As a result we are easily shocked by what seems a startling and unreasonable novelty.

We dislike pictures which we do not understand and often condemn them as "radical" or "bolshevik".

Fifty years ago there were young revolutionaries in painting just as there are today. In Paris, the art capital of the world, there were Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, the group which was already known as the Impressionists. They are all dead row and are revered by living "radicals" as well as by the rest of the world as highly respectable as pioneer ancestors. But in their day they themselves looked back to the rebels of a previous generation among whom were Corot and Daumier.

CAMILLE COROT (pronounced "Coro"; worked in France between 1820 and 1875.)

Corot was not able to sell a picture until after ha had been painting for over twenty years. His <u>Dance of the Nymphs</u> with its soft, misty lighting and silvery grey foliage, seemed "unnatural" to the public of the 1850's. But today it is perhaps the most popular of all landscapes.

Modern Artists, however, admire Corot's figure paintings even more than his landscapes. The grandeur and repose of the Woman With a Pearl Ring reminds one of Leonardo's Mona Lisa but its spirit is a simpler and more intimate. It represents the classical spirit in 19th Century painting at its best.

HONORE DAUMIER (pronounced "Dome-Yay"; worked in Paris 1830-1879.)

Daumier was the greatest of 19th century cartoonists. He made over 5000 drawings for newspapers and magazines, making fun of all kinds of people but especially lawyers and government officials. One certoon of the King of France was so radical that he was put in jail for several months.

But Daumier was really more interested in painting than in caricature though during his lifetime only a few friends found his oils of much value. Today the <u>Crispin</u> and <u>Scapin</u> and the <u>Drama</u> are placed among the masterpieces of 19th century painting.

Daumier is almost the exact opposite of Corot who used to say that he could paint a woman's breast with the same detachment as a bottle of milk. Daumier was passionately interested in human life

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and character, in human comedy and tragedy. He painted the excited audience in the "peanut gallery" or the tired washerwoman plodding home at night. But his pictures are equally remarkable for their powerful draughtsmanship, their mastery of movement, their deep color and noble composition.

EDOUARD MANET (pronounced "Ma-nay"; worked in Paris 1855-1883.) Manet combined a fresh and exact observation of the appearance of things with a marvelous dexterity in painting. He tried to simplify what he saw so that one large, flat brushstroke might do the work of five. This made the public of the 1860's laugh at his work which they disliked because he didn't paint in every detail.

At first, as in the Boy with a Fife, he was satisfied with painting figures in a queet, indoor light but in his leter work such as Boating he became interested in the more difficult problem of suggesting bright outdoor light by means of flat, high-keyed colors. He thus became one of the founders of Impressionism. He was never, however, content with mere technical problems but continued always to paint pictures as clever in composition and as gay in spirit as they were brilliant in technique.

CLAUDE MONET (pronounced "Mo-nay"; worked in France 1860-1925.)

Manet had said: "The principal person in the picture is the light." Manet's disciple and friend, Monet, became the leader of the Impressionists who attempted to paint light - or, rather, they tried to make paint on canvas seem as brillient as light, even outdoor sunlight. They broke up Manet's bright patches of color into tiny stokes of contrasting colors. In Monet's Summer the trees are painted in yellow, blue and viblet so that at a little distance they make a vibrating mixture which comes as near as paint cam to an effect of radiating light.

We are so used to this kind of painting now that no one will find Summer a hard picture to understand. But in 1874 the first Impressionist Exhibition aroused a storm of rage and laughter because such pictures as Summer seemed even less like "nature" than Corot's

had twenty-five years before.

Monet continued to paint as an Impressionist during his long career of sixty-five years. But with him were associated three greater artists - Degas, Renoir and Cezanne - who soon broke away from Impressionism because they felt it to be too unsubstantial, too lacking in structure, like shimmering chothes unsupported by a body of flesh and bones.

EDGAR DEGAS (worked in Paris 1855-1917).

Even more than most great modern artists, Degas studies the paintings and drawings of the old masters. He developed a prodigious skill as draughtsman and during part of his career he was continually on the watch for difficult and interesting problems of figures in action such as race horses or dancing girls. He discovered strange, unexpected movements and positions which the public thought impossible until the camera proved that the artist was right. But he did not stop at making sketches of gigures in arrested action. He built them into compositions and patters as original and surprising as the figures themselves.

AUGUST RENOIR (pronounced Ren-wahr; worked most of his life in France, 1860-1919.)

For a time Renoir exhibited with the Impressionists and painted landscapes like the Paris Boulevard which recalle Corot. Gradually his color grew richer until it burst into a full-throated symphony. To express his joy in the color of trees he turned their yellow greens to emerald with purple shadows; and the pink color of flesh he exaggerated till it became luminous red. His forms, too, whether fruit or trees or women, grew rounder and fuller in harmony with the ripeness of his color. Yet in spite of his love for the sensuous luxuriance of nature his pictures are never mere excesses of sensuality but are compositions put in order through long study and a compelling sense of form.

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### AMERICANS.

During the last hundred years French painting has been a dominant influence among the artists of other European countries as well as There were, however, three Americans of fifty years ago who are now considered of the greatest importance, not merely because they were good artists but because they were practically independent of European influence. Homer, Ryder and Eakins are of the same generation as Degas, Monet and Renoir, but their art seems to belong to a different period as well as to a different country. NOTE: Good color prints of the work of Ryder and Eakins do not exist so that photographs have been used as substitutes.

WINSLOW HOMER (worked between 1855 and 1910; lived in Boston, New York, and on the Maine coast.)

Like Daumier, Homer made his reputation as an illustrator.

Only during his later years was his painting much appreciated.

Homer painted the American out-of-doors: Civil War scenss (as an eye witness), Virginia negroes, hunting scenes, canoe trips, fishing and yachting off Florida and the Bahamas. But he is most famous for his sea pictures. Like Nor'easter they are painted with remarkable directness and realism. He loved the lift and pound of waves on rocks and he recorded his love with such simplicity of vision and vigor of technique that anyone can understand and like his pictures at first glance, whereas those of Renoir or Manet or Degas require more study.

THOMAS EAKINS (worked from 1865 to 1916, principally in

Philadelphia.) Eakins painted American people with an enthusiasm comparable to that with which Homer painted the American land-and sea-scape but with more science and intellectual penetration. He studied for a time in Paris but his mature work shows very little of any French influence. He painted all kinds of sporting scens, prize fights, baseball, rowing, sailing. He knew medical men and painted large compositions of surgical operations. His greatest works are perhaps his portraits which are at once rathless and sensitive. Of these the Thinker is the most famous.

ALBERT PINKHAM RYDER (worked from 1865 to 1917, principally near New York.)

Ryder, though equally independent of his European contemporaries, was the opposite of Homer Eakins. They were respectable citizens who painted what they saw so accurately that their pictures are almost as documentary as photographs. Ryder on the contrary was a Bohemian. a poverty stricken eccentric who painted dreams. They were realists; he was a romantic.

Smugglers' ships in dark inlets, shadowy witches, death riding through the dark, and allove all the uncanny mystery of the sea at night; these were the subjects which excited his imagination. From clouds, moonlight, heaving half-seen waves and a black sail he could compose Toilers of the Sea, a picture which might so easily have been banal but which instead is as beautiful in design and as authentic in feeling as Daumier's Bridge at Night.

The next Exhibition will illustrate the work of the great Frenc. painters who rebelled against Impressionism. It will include Cezanne "the father of modern painting," Gauguin who left Paris to paint deep toned decorative compositions in the South Sea Islands, Van Gogh, the Dutchman whose art has the swirling violence of madness, Redon the painter of delicate fantasies, Seurat who tried to reduce painting to a science, and self-taught "primitive" Henri Rousseau.

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EXHIBITION II. CEZANNE AND THE POST\*IMPRESSIONISTS.

While Renoir and Degas were greater artists than Monet,
Impressionism, of which Monet was the leader, became the most
influential movement during the 1880's. The Impressionists (who were
shown in Exhibition I) were interested primarily in painting effects
of light by means of tiny strokes of bright, contrasting color. They
succeeded in their purpose but often lost sight of other important
qualities such as the decorative arrangement of color, the suggestion
of texture and quality of surfaces, and above all the construction
and composition of solid forms and space. In other words, they
sacrificed most of the previous elements in painting for the solution
of a mere technical problem. Much of the character of recent painting
has taken the form of a reaction against Impressionism and against the
idea of painting exactly what one sees which the Impressionists
carried to such an extreme.

PAUL CEZANNE (pronounced Say-zanne, worked from 1865-1906, at first in Paris and then in the South of France.)

Cézenne's earlier pictures, such as the Still Life and Reilmoad cutting, are painted with heavy color and vigorous forms. About 1875 he came under the influence of the Impressionists so that his later work, such as the Bathers and The Village, are light in color, thinly painted with short, parallel strokes. But Cezanne uses these small strokes of color not to give an "impression" of shimmering light but rather to build an effect of space and solid form. At first glance the early Railroad Cutting seems stronger then The Village, patheted many years later. Only after some study does the power and spacious beauty of the later picture appear. Cezanne spent many days of intense effort upon a single picture. To begin to appreciate such a picture, to let it sink in, a few minutes, at least, of careful study is necessary.

Cezanne was original in his color technique but he was even more important in turning younger artists to the problems of composition and design which the old masters had solved and which the Impressionists had partially forgotten. He said: "I wish to make of Impressionism something solid and parmanent like the art of the museums." When he painted the Bathers he probably had at the back of his head some composition by Titian or Rubern. But Cezanne omits their delight in the sensuous beauty of fresh and foliage and concentrates upon the aesthetic beauty of fine, shape, color, and space. In The Red Waistcoat this interest in design leads him to draw with an angular line and model with facets or planes. These angles and planes made Cezanne one of the ancestors of Cubism (illustrated in Exhibition IV) but his influence extended far beyond Cubism until it fell upon most of the important painters of the first quarter of our own century.

Seurat, Gauguin, and van Gogh were all younger contemporaries of Cezanne. Like Cezanne they all experimented with Impressionism and found it too haphazard and unselective a way of painting. Each wished not merely to paint nature but at the same time to express an emotion and to create a design. Their work is sometimes called post-Impressionist.

GEORGES SEURAT (pronounced Sir-rah; worked in France from 1880-1891.)

Seurat's brief career as an artist was dominated by a passion for System and order. He took the small brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into dots all of the same size. Each dot is a light or dark shade of the six pure "primary" colors - blue, yellow, red, green, violet, and orange. His compositions, among which Three Models is one of the finest, are planned with extreme care, yet, even though his method seems over-scientific, Seurat painted several of the most beautiful pictures of modern times. To artists of today he is the supreme example of intelligence and discipline.

PAUL GAUGUIN (pronounced Go-gan; worked in France from 1880-1889, then in the West Indies and South Sea Islands. Died in 1903.)

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Gauguin threw over entirely the small dabs used by the Impressionists and painted instead in large, flat tones of solid color. His paintings are decorative compositions which make one think sometimes of the Medieval Italian or other primitive pictures. Like them Gauguin frequently used simplified outlines and "unnatural" colors in order to achieve the particular aesthetic effect which interests him; for often the shapes and colors which seem beautiful in nature are not so satisfactory in a painting - they have to be changed and brought into an artistic, rather than a natural, harmony.

Gauguin's life is a parable of the romantic artist's revolt against the materialism and banality of modern civilization. He gave up a successful career as a stock broker to become a painter and finally, disgusted with Europe, left for icyllic Tahiti in the South Seas, where he painted his best knownpictures.

VINCENT VAN GOGH (printed in Holland and France from 1880-1890.)

Throughout his life Van Gogh was devoured by a deep and overwhelming religious fervor. For a time he labored as an evangelist, preaching to Belgian miners but soon turned to painting as a means of expressing his agony of spirit. He left his native Holland and came to Paris where he took the small, bright-colored brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into whirling, vibrating streaks of color. He painted with such passionate esstasy that his pictures seem almost to quiver and writhe. His torment grew into insanity and finally drove him to suicide. His pictures are beautiful, but terrible in their intensity of feeling.

ODILON REDON (femous for his lithographs as well as for his paintings:

worked in France from 1879 - 1916.)

Redon's art seems more related to poetry and music than to the painting of the late nineteenth century. Like van Gogh he was a mystic but his visions were serene rather than violent. He painted unearthly faces, mists, fantastic flowers, moths and jewels. The dreamlike mystery of his subject matter makes him a forerunner of the Super-realists (Exhibition IV.)

Seurat and van Gogh died about 1890, Cezanne and Gouguin about 1905, but their ideas survived them and developed in the work of their successors whose paintings are shown in the two succeeding exhibitions.

EXHIBITION III. SOTH CENTURY PAINTING, PART ONE.

The twestieth century paintings have been divided somewhat arbitrarily into two groups. In the first group (the present exhibition) are those painters whose works are comparatively easy to understand. In the second group (Exhibition IV) are artists who usually cause greater difficulties. A brief account of each painter is given on the labels of the pictures.

PREVIOUS EXHIBITION

The previous exhibition (No. II) was devoted to six painters of the late 19th century; Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Seurat, Henri Rousseau and Redon. Four of these nen were at one time in their careers Impressionists, that is, they tried to paint the fleeting impression of light and atmosphere. But they were not satisfied with Impressionism. Cézanne, in his own words, tried to "make of Impressionism something solid and permanent like the art of the Museums"; Gauguin tunned from Impressionism to the study of decorative simplified forms. Sourat tried to make Impressionism systematic and scientific; van Gogh transformed Impressionism into a vehible for violent emotional expression. Redon painted dreamlike fantasies of extreme sophistication while Henri Rousseau's work seems like that of a self-taught primitive.

Different as these men were in their attitudes toward art, they had one feeling in common. None of them believed that the exact representation of mature in a painting was necessary or even desirable. Each of the six was influential in the early years of the 20th century during which this divorce of "art" from "nature" became more selfconscious and deliberate.

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OUR OLDER CONTEMPORARIES.

Many of the important painters in the present exhibition - Matisse, Rousult, Bonnard, Munhh- are over sixty; Derain and Utrillo are about fifty while Modigliani has been dead ten years. These facts are mentioned lest it should be supposed that these paintings are the work of youthful rebels. On the contrary they represent the achievement of the older generation, of artists who are generally considered to be among the foremost of our time.

### EXPRESSIONISM

Expressionish is a convenient general term for the art movements which broke new paths twenty-five years ago. Expressionish is, broadly speaking, the opposite of Impressionism. The Impressionist was the humble student of nature. He painted the momentary impression of the outside world without much care for composition and without interposing his imagination, his intellect or his emotions. The Expressionist, in contrast, looked within himself, not out, for guidance and often for subject matter, depending upon his inner eye, because he wished to create a new vision rather than to record the familiar world. The Expressionist's art is more personal and therefore more difficult to understand without some tolerance and sympathy on the part of those unaccustomed to his attitude.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND DECORATIVE

There are of course many varieties of Expressionism. The face of a woman shricking is naturally distorted; Rouault, in his pictures, carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme but without loss of conviction or power. Chagall uses green and yellow flesh tones to express his uncanny vision of an old Rabbi. But Matisse in his Nasturtiums and "La Danse" distorts nature for very different reasons. He is not interested in the psychological qualities present in the pictures of Rouault, Munch and Chagall but rather in the aesthetic qualities of decorative pattern. Derain's South French Landscape shows a similar concern with emphatic pattern. These two pictures are excellent illustrations of how the advanced artists of about 1910 succeeded in transforming their impressions of nature into decorative patterns even more completely than had van Gogh or Gauguin twenty years before.

"THE WILD ANIMALS", THE "SCHOOL OF PARIS".

Matisse, Rougult, and Derain were leaders among the Parisian group which about 1905 was called Les Fauves, "The Wild Animals". Since then the work of all three has grown less "wild", as one may see by comparing Matisse's Seated Odalisque (1928) with his Nasturtiums (1910), or Derain's Pine Trees (c.1920) with his South French Landscape (c.1908)

Bonnard, standing outside this group, carries on, in a very personal way, the traditions of Impressionism.

The secondary French painters Utrillo and Marie Laurencin, the Italian Modigliani, the Bulgarian Jew, Pascin and the Russian Jew, Chagall, have all helped from the contemporary "School of Paris".

The Norwegian, Edvard Munch was one of the funders of Expressionism in Scandinavia and Germany.

### NEXT EXHIBITION.

Somewhat younger and nore radical were the Cubists, the Futuriøsts, the painters of abstract designs, and the more recent Super-realists, whose work is shown in the next Exhibition (No. IV).

EXHIBITION IV. 20TH CENTURY PAINTING, PART II: Picasso and Cubism, Futurism, Abstract Design, Super-realism.

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"Impressionistic", "Futuristic", "Expressionistic", "Modernistic", "Cubistic" are used almost interchangeably by the

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general public when referring to the novel, strange or often isunderstood aspects of modern art. Most of these terms, however, have fairly specific meanings and are applicable to definite movements or periods.

Impressionism which reached its climax about 1880 was illustrated by the paintings of Monet and Renoir in Exhibition I.

Futurism developed in Italy about 1908 and perished as a West European movement during the War, though its popularity as a word still continues. The label beneath Severini's "Dancer" gives a brief explanation of the aims of the Futurists.

Expressionism was illustrated by the work of van Gogh in Exhibition II, Rouault, Munch, Matisse and Chagall in Exhibition III, and of Marc and Marin in the present exhibition.

Modernistic refers particularly to certain superficial decorative fashions in commercial, industrial and architectural arts of the past decade.

### CUBISM

Cubism, which Picasso invented and developed during the decade after 1907, marks a very important phase in the progressive withdrawal of Pre-War painters from the initation of nature. We have already seen in Exhibition I how in their later works Degas and Renoir sacrificed realism for a more complete unity of design. In Exhibition II the work of Cezanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Seurat and Henri Rousseau marked a futher removal from realism, a removal carried still further by the flat, brilliant patterns of Matisse between 1905 and 1910 (Exhibition III).

The cubists in Paris, led by <u>Picasso</u>, were conscious of this tendency and step by step they extended it until there were few traces of any recognizable object in their pictures. But even in the "Still Life" of <u>Picasso</u> or the "Cubist Composition" of <u>Leger</u> one can discover fragments of familiar objects - a table, a lemon, an eye, a cup - but the painters have made it quite alear that their chief interest is in the design, in aesthetic qualities of line, color and texture, rather than in the objects poptrayed.

### ABSTRACT DESIGN

Meanwhile other artists outside of France carried the idea of "pure" or "abstract" design to a logical extreme. Kandinsky in Germany about 1913 began to paint entirely without any reference to nature. He improvised in color with a free, rather fluid technique. Mondriaan in Holland invented compositions of rectangles drawn with a ruler and painted in primary colors of yellow, yed and blue. In Russia, also before the War, Rodchenko used compass and ruler to construct brightly colored geometrical compositions.

The principles of <u>Cubism</u> and <u>Abstract Design</u> spread all ower the world and influenced many of the artists in this exhibition, for example, the Germans, Marc and Klee, the Americans, Marin, Denuth and Dickinson, the Italians, Chirico and Severini. Cubism and Abstract Design have also had an immense influence upon "modernistic" furniture textiles, architecture, painting and advertising.

### TWO AMERICANS

Since 1915 many American painters havve been influenced by the European Cubists and Expressionists. An interesting contrast is provided by John Marin's "Downtown New York" and Demuth's "For Signature Transport of Property of Property

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watercolor seems to have been splashed upon the paper with a sudden explosive fury. Demuth is on the side of the Cubist, Marin on the side of the Expressionist. If Demuth were to turn his back entirely upon nature he night, by following his method of design, arrive at something like Mondriaan's "Rectangles"; but Marin would perhaps approach the spontaneous lyrical "Improvisation" by Kandiasky.

### SUPER-REALISM

Super-realism, the most conspicuous movement in postswar painting came as a violent reaction to the cubists' exclusive interest in the problems of aesthetic design and color. The Super-realists asserted the value of the astonishing, the fantastic, the mysterious, the uncanny, the paradoxical, the incredible. The paintings by Chirico and Klee in this exhibition have considerable aesthetic value but much of their interest depends upon their curious and fascinating subject matter.

### VARIETY OF CONTEMPORARY PAINTING.

Super-realism is only one of many currents active in the early 1930's. A gradual but widespread return to the realistim representation of nature has been in progress since the War, especially in Germany, Italy, and America. An interest in mural painting on the part of advanced (non-academic) artists has also developed remarkably during the last decade in Mexico and to a less extent in England, Germany and in the United States. Unfortunately no adequate color reproductions exist to illustrate these important contemporary movements.

Modern painting may seem confusing but it must be remembered that the whole history of art as well as much scientific and psychological knowledge is available to the contemporary painter. He picks and chooses whatever he wishes. Side by side today are artists who paint exactly what they see in nature, and artists who paint story-pictures, romantic landscapes, sociological and political problem pictures, sentimental portraits, dreams - and still a few who paint merely squares and circles.

To enjoy the work of these artists it is well to forget prejudices, both hodern and old-fashioned. Give the picture, itself, a chance to live!

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NOTE: The visitor may feel after studying these four exhibitions that the twentieth century comes off badly by comparison with the nineteenth. This is partially the result of a dearth of good color reproductions of recent paintings. There are for instance some forty-five adequate reproductions of paintings by Van Gogh but only three or four each by Matisse or Picasso, only one by Rouault, Marin or Chirico, and none by Braque, Beckmann or Revera. Reproductions of American paintings are especially lacking. The watercolors by Marin, Demuth, Dickinson, in this exhibition, were reproduced in Germany and published in costly folios now out of print. There are no other successful reproductions of work by our foremost modern American painters.

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	The I	Exhibit	ion of	Modern	Paint	ting	in Color	Reproductions,
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The show was assembled in Europe by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., director of the Museum of Modern Art. The exhibition presents a brief survey of modern painting for the past fifty years. The color reproductions are the finest available. The observer can familiarize himself here with great works of art that he might otherwise never have the opportunity to see.

From the works of the early moderns one may enjoy such masterpieces as Daumier's "Don Quixote", Corot's "Woman with a Pearl Ring", Manet's "Boy with a Fife" and Homer's "Nor 'Easter". Monet, the leader of the Impressionists is represented by his "Summer". Four pictures by Renoir give the visitor an idea of the development in the artist's pallette from the pale colors of his early Impressionistic work to the rich, luminous harmonies in his advance period.

One section of the show presents the later movement led by Cezanne and the Post-Impressionists. Seurat, Gauguin, Van Gogh and Cezanne adequately illustrate the reaction against Impressionism. Each of these men painted with a deep concern for the problems of composition and design which the Impressionists had partially forgotten.

Twentieth century paintings comprise two sections. In the first group are the painters Matisse, Derain, Utrillo, Rouault, Laurencin, Bonnard, etc., whose works are comparitively easy to understand. In the second group are artists who usually cause the visitor greater difficulties, such as the more radical Abstractionists.

A brief account of each painter is given on the labels of each picture. Wall placards explain historical movements and the various terms "Expressionism", "Cubism", "Futurism", "Abstract-Design" and "Super-Realism". These comments prepared by Alfred H. Barr, Jr. have been published in a catalog called "A Brief Survey of Modern Painting". The catalog is for sale at the show.

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The exhibition, composed of the finest color prints available, was arranged by Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Director of the Museum of Modern Art, to give a survey of the development of painting from such early moderns as Corot, Daumier, Homer, Ryder, Eakins, to the most recent exponents of super-realism and abstract design. With the Exhibition, Mr. Barr's wall labels and placards furnish an illuminating commentary on art movements and artists of the past fifty years.

The first section of the show deals with such artists as Corot.

Daumier, Manet, Monet, Degas, and Renoir, and, in America, with Homer,
Ryder, and Makins.

The second section is given over to Cezanne and the post-impressionists, and includes Van Gogh, Redon, Seurat, Modigliani, Gauguin, Marie Laurencin, and Rousseau.

The third group enters the twentieth century and offers Matisse, Derain, Bonnard, Munch, Utrillo, Chagall, and Pascin, while a fourth division carries on into the field of the abstractionists and superrealists. In this group embracing Picasso, cubism, futurism, and super-realism, and abstract design, one finds Paul Klee, Kandinsky, de Chirico, Leger, Rodchenko, Mondriaan, Severini, Marc, Marin, Dickinson.

The Exhibition was prepared by the Museum of Modern Art for circulation among museums, schools, and clubs. It was placed on view in the Museum galleries last summer and has since that time been on tour. Its itinerary has already included Middletown, Conn., Grand Rapids, Mich., Philadelphia, Andover, Mass., Pittsburgh, Columbus, Dallas, Houston, was New Orleans, Worcester, Cambridge, Mass., and New York city.

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Dear Alfred:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering you about the wall introductions and I am now siezing a dark moment in the eclipse to say my little say. I wrote you, didn't I, that the Brooklyn Times critic was very enthusiastic about them. She said they were the most concise and clear writing on the subject she had read and insisted on getting copies.

I think they are very good but they seem to be too long.... that is, to study. I think that the wall labels should a have sufficient information about the artist and the painting and the placard thing should juicy tidbit about the various movements and the painters' positions toward or against them???

With a one-man show, I should think that the wall gadget would contain some historical aesthetic dope, some biograp/hy, some general critical analysis and the individual labels would underline the points of the paintings.

Mr. Tremp and the guards had little to say but all good, and it may be the fault of the little print that people do not read them as much as they should. They do look a bit forbidding and of course the people who know what you are talking about

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The process of reproduction is known in Germany and Austria as "Licht-druck" and has been practiced in these countries for perhaps seventy-five years. It has been done in England to some extent under the name of "Colotype".

We might best describe it as a "Photo-gelatin" process, and its great superiority lies in the fact that it allows of the accomplishment of varying tints, in each color used, without resort to the use of a screen. That is to say that instead of accomplishing various tones of color by the printing of dots of various sizes, as is necessary in all other processes of reproduction, this process accomplishes tone values by graduated thicknesses of the deposit of printing inks. (This graduated thickness of the film of color has been rightfully claimed for the Rotogravure printing, but in Rotogravure they are still forced to use a screen, and therefore dots are apparent.)

This Gelatin process is printed from thick glass plates which have been coated with a light-sensitive solution. The "full tone" negatives (meaning negatives taken without the use of any screen for breaking up the warious tones of color by screen dots,) are placed in contact with this coated printing plate and exposed to light. The light-sensitive coating becomes hardened in proportion to the amount of light that passes thru the negatives. In portions, where the negative is clear, the coating hardens to such an extent as to render it impervious to the absorption of moisture, and from this extreme to the opposite, the coating is hardened to the degree represented by the varying densities of the negatives.

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To repeat; the hardness of the gelatin coating is in exact proportion to the light that reached the sensitive surface thru the full tone negative.

The amount of moisture that this coating (constituting the printing surface) will absorb, is in inverse proportion to the hardness of the gelatin.

The amount of ink that will be deposited on the printing surface is in inverse proportion to the amount of moisture that has been absorbed by the coating.

This method of reproduction this accomplishes, is in effect just what the artist does when he reduces his oil pigment with white, or reduces his water color with water. The artist gets a pure solid color of a desired shade, and the gelatin process gets a pure solid color of a desired shade, as distinguished from an approximate shade and value made by a series of dots printed in a stronger color, with reliance on white paper or some lighter color surrounding these dots to give a desired color value.

This method of reproduction is now being done in the United States by at least one company, who has, in addition to the older methods, made some refinements in coating and mechanical methods which are the result of considerable research. The indications are that this character of work, in which Europe has for so long had a monopoly, will now be done in this country, enabling us to see reproductions of the work of our American artists in much larger proportion than at present.

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THE BRIDGE AT HIGH? (about 18 (Original in the Phillips Reserved Callery, Contington)

A small picture but grandly SECTION in form and movement.

WOMAN WITE A PEARL RING (about 1870) (Original in the Louvre, Paris) a Gallery, Drasdon)

BY COROT

The most famous of Corot's figure paintings. A modest and sensitive realism which attains classical dignity through sweep of line and grandeur of pose.

CRISPIN AND SCAPIN (about 1865) (Original in the Louvre, Paris)

By DAUMIER

These two whispering comedians are not drawn from life but are inventions -- powerful masques born of Daumier's imagination and made real by a draughtsmanship of supreme vitality and intelligence.

DRAMA (about 1860) 1875)

By DAUMIER

(Original in the New State Gallery, Munich)

Danmier saw drama not on the state but in the gallery.

DON QUIXOTE (about 1860)

By DAUMIER

(Original in the New State Gallery, Munich)

By REMOIR

A sketch remarkable for its vigorous, dramatic drawing.

BOX WITH A FIFE (about 1860) light and bair. By MANE (Original in the Louvre, Paris)

Manet suggested roundness not by modelling in light and shade so much as by flat tones or patches of color. Often in his early work his figures are like silhouettes against a flat background. Company

BOATING (about 1875)

By MANIET

(Original in the New State Gallery Munich)

By ROMOXR The casual, snapshot-like composition, the brilliant out-of-d or lighting, the rapid brush strokes, the fresh, pure blues and whites and blacks make this one of the finest paintings of Manet's late. or Impressionist, period.

SUDMER (1874) IN A DIMELS SOUTE (1872

By CLAUDE MONEY

(Original in National Gallery, Berlin)

The intense, dazzling light of a summer hoon suggested by mixing little, vibrating strokes of bright color. A typical Impressionist picture, banks with the pointd surema in the or

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(Original in the Setropoliten interms of art. Hen York) THE BRIDGE AT NIGHT (about 1865) By DAUMIER (Original in the Phillips Memorial Gallery, Washington)

A small picture but grandly designed in form and movement.

(Original action 1880) (Original pastel in the Picture Gallery, Dresden)

A striking composition constructed of figures caught in unexpected attitudes and drawn with merciless precision.

RACE HORSES (about 1880) (Or (The original is in pastel) Million Academy, Amiovar, Mars.)

By DEGAS

The nervous, prancing horses and the alert jockeys were problems which interested Degas, a supreme draughtsman of muscular action.

PARIS BOULEVARD (1875) (Private Collection, Dresden)

By REMOIR

Tender, yellow greens and solf atmosphere of Paris in the springtime. Impressionism at its best.

GIRL COMBING HAIR (about 1875)

By RENOIR

Drawn with a broad, sweeping line and painted with a sensuous delight in the texture of flesh and hair.

Harie Bosrepois, who has been pointing in Party since 1910, in the DOSTRICE (about 1880) and artists. Almet sleave the us By REWOIR y.

f pluka, pale bluss, and b A sketch done in Renoir's later and richer color scheme. Compare with the early Paris Boulevard.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN (about 1895)

(The original is painted in goungle on paper)

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One of Repoir's later compositions in which the figures and foliage 190 form a warm, luscious harmony store and street access anchestvaly. Sometimes he has used colored postcards as a starting point for his

pictures which, at their best, are recorreble for their quiet harmony JOHN BIGLEN IN A SINGLE SCULL (1872) (Original in a private collection, Philadelphia)

Tract realism built upon profound knowledge of underlying atructure. One of Eakins' simplest and finest compositions: three equal horizontal bands with the poised carsman in the center.

almost architectural design, with an atmosphere of strange, morthern Sivery Munch (pronounced Housek) of Forway has been active since 1885.

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THE THINKER (1900) in a in Paris but wor (Original in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)

The best known of Eakins! portraits shows his American directness, his strength and acuteness of characterization.

NOR! EASTER (1895 (Original in the Metropolitan Museum, New York)

The surging power of the green sea's assault upon the rust red rocks of the Maine coast. Painted simply and with a robustness appropriate to the subject. (prototoces dateson) was mixty yours agent old two years

principally in Paris and the South of France. A masters and subjected himself to severe his for later, buld experi By BYDER, original TOILERS OF THE SEA (about 1900) (Original in Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.)

A small canvas but grandly imagined in its bold pattern of light and dark and its suggestion of the beauty and terror of the moonlit ocean.

DEATH ON A WHITE HORSE (about 1900) (Original in Cleveland Museum of Art)

A nightware vision of a race track at night; an illustration of a poetic idea made into a great painting by breadth and simplicity of composition.

### SECTION II

GIRL parties colors, straight lines and segular deci (Private Collection, New York) Marie Leurencin, who has been painting in Paris since 1910, is the best known of living women artists. Almost always she uses a pretty. feminine color scheme of pinks, pale blues, and blacks. after the War when Dermin held a very strong control position in con-

here of his work. Today he paints brill localy. By UTRILLO BANKS OF THE SEINE (The original is painted in gouache on paper)

A sensitve impression of a Paris suburb on a dull winter's day. Manrice Utrillo (Pronounced Co-tril-yo) has been painting since about 1908 in Paris. He paints architecture and street scenes exclusively. Sometimes he has used colored postcards as a starting point for his pictures which, at their best, are remarkable for their quiet harmony and feeling for local atmosphere. But serious prisonly to Paris

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CIRLS BY THE SEA (about 1905) By MUNCH

The figures are simplified and grouped as if in a dance, forming an almost architectural design, with an atmosphere of strange, northern melancholy. Edward Munch (pronounced Moonkh) of Horway has been active since 1885.

A recent work by Matiese, more elaborate and close haat in patient

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studying for a time in Paris but working principally in Norway and Germany where he is considered one of the foremost living painters.

WASTURTIUMS AND LA DANSE (1910) By MATISSE (Private Collection, Massachusetts)

The corner of a study with a chair and pot of flowers and a large picture against the wall composed into a bold pattern of flat, bright, colors: three large areas of blue, green and pale red with small concentrated accents of strong dark blue, dark green, and dark red, heightened by a single line of light violet. The original is over six feet high and is really designed as a mural decoration. Henri-Matisse (pronounced Matesce) was sixty years agant old two years ago. He has painted principally in Paris and the South of France. During his youth he copied old masters and subjected himself to severe discipline which formed a basis for later, bold experiment. His original sense of composition and his distinctive color cause many critics to call him the greatest living painter.

SHRIEKING WOMAN (about 1910)

des here painting By ROUAULT

A grotesque head drawn with savage power. Georges Rousult (pronounced Roo-oh) has been working in Paris since 1890. He uses deep blues and reds surrounded by heavy black lines. a style which suggests early Gothic stained glass. His subjects are often ugly but his power is undeniable.

SOUTH FRENCH LANDSCAPE (about 1908) By DERAIN

Bright colors, straight lines and angular design are characteristics of Derain's early work which he was a member of the group called "Wild Animals."

André Derain has painted in Paris since 1900. After an early period of rather violent color (illustrated by South French Landscape) his work grew more sombre and severe. Pine Trees was painted shortly after the War when Derain held a very strong central position in contemporary atmosphere of his work. Today he paints brilliantly but perhaps less seriously.

PORTRAIT OF A GIRL (about 1918) (Private Collection, New York)

By MODIGLIANI

Contours of head, shoulders and eyes are reduced to simple oval shapes.

Amadeo Modgliani was an Italian but worked principally in Paris where, after years of poverty and disappointment, he killed himself in 1920. Since his death his reputation has increased enormously. His style, based upon Italian primitives, is remarkable for its zaverity severely simplified drawing.

SEATED ODALISQUE (1928) (Private Collection, Baltimore) By MATISSE

A recent work by Matisse, more elaborate and close knit in pattern

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SMOTING BAS II THE PUMPKIN (about 1910) (Private Collection, Berlin)

By MATISSE

More realistic than Masturtiums but primarily a decorative arrangement.

THE RABBI (1918)
(The original is in gousche)

By CHAGALL

An old rabbi painted with intense vividness. Marc Chagall was born in Russia but has painted most of his life at first in Germany and more recently in Paris. He is famous for his humorous and fantastic pictures of Russian Jewish fold tales. increases with strong, solid color or fair subject sale lute a server

THE FARMYARD (about 1915)

By BONNARD

Painted in an Impressionist technique of small, irregular brushstrokes but with more care for color harmony than is present in the original Impressionists. There is also present a subtle and intimate gayety which is peculiar to Bonnard. Pierre Bonnard (pronounced Bon-narh) has been painting since 1890. His art is quiet and gentle but sumptuous in color. He is regarded, especially in France, as one of the finest living painters.

SEATED GIRL (about 1927) (Private collection, New York) and composed into simple ourse and

Pascin first won fame for his satirical illustrations but during his later years he painted a long series of young girls, sensitively drawn and painted with transparent, opaline colors. Jules Pascin (prenounced Paskin) became an American citizen but was born in Bulgaria and lived most of his life in Europe. He killed himself in Paris in 1930.

PINE TREES (about 1920) a second Compare this in ter By DERAIN the

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A superb composition restrained and disciplined in color and design. Compare with South French Landscape of a dozen years earlier.

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### SECTION EXE II

STILL LIFE (about 1875)

By CEZAMNE

Painted in Cézanne's early, rather heavy technique. The thick paint and strong contrasts of light and dark give an effect of solidity and power.

RAILROAD CUTTING (about 1875) (Original in State Gallery, Munich)

By CEZANNE

One of the artist's early landscapes with strong, solid color and thick, "fat" paint. An "ugly subject made into a serene and satisfying composition.

THE RID WAISTCOAT (about 1835) By CEZANUE (Original in Private Collection, Switzerland)

By SERRE

Angular composition; modelling of figure by flat patches or planes of color, a technique which later inspired the Cubists.

BATHERS (about 1890)

By CHZANNE

Figures, tent, and landscape composed into simple curves and pyramids. Especially fine in color.

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THE VILLAGE (about 1885) THE VILLAGE (about 1885)
(Original in National Gallery, Berlin)

By GEZANNE

Space and solid forms constructed by light toned, thinly painted color planes. Study the picture for five minutes and you will feel the planes gradually taking their place in a beautifully ordered space. Compare this in technique with the early landscape, the Railroad Gutting.

AREAREA (1892)

Painted on Tahiti, one of the South Sea Islands, where Gauguin had fled to escape civilization. A picture of gentle, unhurried, flower-strewn life painted in patterns of flat, bold colors. Sometimes to increase his decorative effect Gauguin used "unnatural" colors as in the blue tree trunk or the red dog.

TA MATETE (1892)

By GAUGUIN

The subject is Tahitian but Gauguin had in mind the flat patterns made by Egyptian figures with their heads in profile, their shoulders full-face, and their stiff, angular gestures.

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HORSEAU ON THE BEACH (1902) (Folkwang Museum, Essen, Germany)

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ER (apout 1903) Ry Picasso THREE MODELS (1888)

By SEURAT

(Original in Museum of the Barnes Foundation, Merion, Pa)

Remarkable for the technique of little dots of pure color, the complex and carefully calculated domposition, and especially for the gool, almost classical, serenity. The original is much larger. Some flor, in 1908, by invented Costes of high the Still hife is an examinat the Nother and Child

bin post-our delibated period. THE CUSTOMS HOUSE remarkle and inventive and By HERRI ROUSSEAU

A picture of the place where Roussess worked, probably painted on a Sunday efternoon. Although it lacks technical skill in drawing, perspective, and brushwork, it possesses a fine sense of design and a charming, childlike quality. Henri Rousseau (pronounced Roo-so) died in Prris in 1910 after a long life as a cust ms officer. He painted in his spare time and without any training. A few years before his death he was discovered by young painters such as Picasso who admired his naive art. Rouseem was a 20th century Primitive.

LANDSCAPE WITH CYPRISSES (1889) By WAN GOGH (Mational Gallery, "The Tate", London)

period. As illustration of Phonesols all.

Van Gogh saw clouds, trees and fields as living things and peinted them in rippling, swirling rhythas of line and color.

THE CLD PEASANT (about 1889)

By VAM GOOR

Van Gogh dared to use the boldest colors to express his enthusissm for even so drab a subject as an old farmer.

CHISTRY BLOSSOMS (about 1889) By VAN GOGH

Van Gogh became so excited when painting that even his flowers seem to quiver and crackle with electric vibrations.

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#### SECTION IV

Clammater Modelmano, a Bureian, has been painting since 1905. By THE DANCER of completes his first purely goody SEVERINISTURE. After

This is the only Futurist picture in the exhibition. The Italian Futurists tried to suggest the continuous movement and instability of life by painting the same figure in several different positions in the same picture. The effect is of confetti seen through a kaleidoscope.

Gino Severini has painted since 1905, in Italy, and later in France. He has left Futurism behind him and now paints figures with classic elegance.

ABSINTER DRINKER (about 1903) war-imple to By PICASSO terable (Art Museum, Hamburg) to the control of the February to Belland and

A strong example of Picasao's "Blue Period" with its firm, sweeping drawing and strong, sentimental appeal.

Pable Picasao grew up in Spain but has painted in France for over thirty years. The Drinker was painted at the beginning of his career. Soon after, in 1908, he invented Cubism of which the Still hife is an example. The Nother and Child belongs to his post-war "classic" period.

Picasao is the most versatile and inventive and one of the greatest of living artists. He has started a dozen different move ents. Through Cubism alone his influence has been enormous, not merely in painting but in decorative and industrial arts throughout the world.

MOTHER AND CHILD clien to Intertition Section IVBy PICASSO (Private Collection, Berlin)

A monumental composition painted during Picasso's "classic" period. An illustration of Picasso's ability to take over certain elements of a past style such as Roman sculpture and transform them into something new. Il life and a state of a past style such as Roman sculpture and transform them into something new.

A powerful design in flat, brilliantly colored semi-machanical shapes.

Fernand Léger (pronounced Leyzhay) has been, since 1910, one of the foresast French Qubiats. His work suggests an interest in polithed or ensmel surfaces of machinery.

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Corposition with A BLACK CIRCLE (about 1918) By ROBCHENKO (Artist's Collection, Moscow)

A geometrical design in compass drawn direles and ruled diagonals which swing like a clock's pendulum. As abstract as Mondriann's rectangles, but much more dynamic.

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HARLES REVER BRIDGE (about 1922)

By DIGHTSON Alexander Rodchenko, a Russian, has been painting since 1905. By 1914 he had completed his first parely geometrical picture. After the revolution his painting was looked on with favor by Soviet critics but since 1922, feeling that painting was useless, he has devoted himself to photography, the theater, and movies. t of the greatest integrity and refinement principally in New York, since about 1916. He had been at work, orin

COMPOSITION IN RECTANGLES

By MONDRIAAN

Bectangles in yellow, blue, red, and different shades of white divided by heavy, black lines drawn with a ruler. Pictorial design reduced to clean, precise, reposeful, geometric purity. Piet Mondriaen is a Dutchman who now lives in Paris. His paintings while they may seem over-simple have had considerable influence upon architecture and typography in Holland and Unbed in Cornery during Germany, Kondinsky is a Hassian wh the best twesty years. His propost work is geometrical in

METAPHYSICAL STILL LIVE (1917)

By DE CHIRICO

Influenced by Cubism in composition but very different in purpose. In Picasso's Cubist Still Life the design, the aesthetic effect, is everything, but in de Chirico's Still Life an affect of mystery and paredox is intended. This enigmatic and surprising quality, as if the objects in the picture had been assembled in a dream, makes it an excellent illustration of Super-reglism. The Italian de Chivico, at a time when most advanced painters were concerned more or less with pure design, was experimenting with a new kind of subject matter which was to make him an important member of the Super-realist group. (See the introduction to Exhibition Section IV) ist working in

PLAN FOR A GARDEN (The original in painted in gouache)

More abstract than the Picasso Still Life and more nearly a whimsical invention than a construction, and Cubles the Paul Klee was born a Swiss but has worked in Germany since about 1905. He is now considered one of the forement living masters of fantastic, imaginative design. Nuch of his work is allied with Super-realism. anth, of course, did not actually and

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Deceth dedicated this painting of the 18th century New England RED-HORSESser to Frem, the great English architect. By MARC (The Folkwant Museum, Essen)

The outlines of the horses are made into great, swinging curves and their color into bright red to contrast more brilliantly with the green of the grass -- a decorative composition of great vitality and elegance.

Franz Marc was one of the most premising of the younger German painters till his death at Verdun in 1916. Red Horses is perhaps the best known German painting of the 30th century.

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HARLEM RIVER BRIDGE (about 1922) (Watercolor)

By DICKENSON

Remarkable for its sparse but effective use of color and its delicate precision of design and execution. Preston Dickinson's death in 1930 was a severe blowto American art. He was an artist of the greatest integrity and refinement. He had been at work, principally in New York, since about 1915.

IMPROVISATION (1914)

By KANDINSKY

Kandinsky was one of the first to paint pure abstract designs without any kind of subject matter. They are really improvisations made ithout any preconceived plan and depending upon the free pay play of imagination. Vassily Kandinsky is a Russian who has painted in Cermany during the last twenty years. His present work is geometrical in character.

DOWNTOWN HEN YORK (1921) (Estercolor, Private Collection, New York) BY MARIN

To the sentitive vision of the artist New York skysorapers seem to rock as if from the shock of a blinding shattering explosion. He has painted what he feels more than what he objectively sees. This picture illustrates the term "Expressionism." John Marin became known in the early 1900's as an etcher.

Since the War his reputation as a watercolorist has increased until come think him the forement American artist working in this medium. He paints in New York and along the Maine coast.

FOR SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN (about 1922) By DEMUCH (Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts)

Demuth uses here a more superficial kind of Cubism than we see in the Picasso Still Life or the Leger Composition. He has taken the straight lines and gable angles of the architecture and continued them into space so that architecture and sky are unified by criscross disgonals. Demth, of course, did not actually see these lines; he has used them simply as a means of organization. Deputh dedicated this painting of the 18th century New England church tower to Wren, the great English architect. Charles Demuth, one of the most distinguished younger Americans, lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he has painted during the last twenty years.

STILL LIFE (1914) By PICASSO (Private Collection, Berlin) This is a Cubist picture composed in pencil, watercolor, and erayon with bits of pasted paper. It forms a halfway point between the angular lines and planes in Cezanne's picture (Section

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II) and the pure, geometric compositions of Mondrian and Rodchenko in the present exhibition. It may be enjoyed as an arrangement of fragments into a sensitive design of line and color and texture.

(for note on Picasso see the card un to the Absinthe Drinker)

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Monet

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"Students and teachers in the Art Department have viewed the exhibits intensively as one would expect; but the number of teachers and students not in the Art Department who have visited our improvised gallery, has been unexpectedly large and their interest very gratifying."
From Miss Anne Bebarfald, Chairman Art Department

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very valuable to our work here."

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From J. Herbert Low, Principal Ermasmus Hall High Scho

"We have greatly enjoyed the loan exhibitions sent to our school during the past few months. We arranged gallery tours for each art class under the direction of the art teacher so all the students had an opportunity of seeing each exhibit with an expert ghide and they were furthermore encouraged to visit the gallery alone. I feel that the exhibits were the greatest possible stimulus toward a better understanding of Modern Art. I wish we might repeat it every year."
From Miss Virginia Murphy, Chairman Art Department,
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MODERN PAINTING: FOUR EXHIBITIONS OF COLOR REPRODUCTIONS

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Exhibition I. Painting Fifty Years Ago: French and American.

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EXHIBITION I. PAINTING FIFTY YEARS AGO: FRENCH AND AMERICAN.

It is not yet possible to give a complete account of the development of Modern Painting through color reproductions, but many of the more important masters can be illustrated by two or three good paintings.

Art changes gradually. Even radical innovations develop step by step. Much modern art may seem queer and unintelligible to us simply because we may not have followed these successive steps. As a result we are easily shocked by what seems a startling and unreasonable novelty.

We dislike pictures which we do not understand and often condemn them as "radical" or "bolshevik".

Fifty years ago there were young revolutionaries in painting just as there are today. In Paris, the art capital of the world, there were Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, the group which was already known as the Impressionists. They are all dead now and are revered by living "radicals" as well as by the rest of the world as highly respectable as pioneer ancestors. But in their day they themselves looked back to the rebels of a previous generation among whom were corot and Daumier.

CAMILLE COROT (pronounced "Coro"; worked in France between 1820 and 1875.)

Corot was not able to sell a picture until after ha had been painting for over twenty years. His Dance of the Nymphs with its soft, misty lighting and silvery grey foliage, seemed "unnatural" to the public of the 1850's. But today it is perhaps the most popular of all landscapes.

Modern Artists, however, admire Corot's figure paintings even more than his landscapes. The grandeur and repose of the Woman With a Pearl Ring reminds one of Leonardo's Mona Lisa but its spirit is a simpler and more intimate. It represents the classical spirit in 19th Century painting at its best.

HONORE DAUMIER (pronounced "Dome-Yay"; worked in Paris 1830-1879.)

Daumier was the greatest of 19th century cartoonists. He made over 5000 drawings for newspapers and magazines, making fun of all kinds of people but especially lawyers and government officials. One cartoon of the King of France was so radical that he was put in jail for several months.

But Daumier was really more interested in painting than in caricature though during his lifetime only a few friends found his oils of much value. Today the <u>Crispin</u> and <u>Scapin</u> and the <u>Drama</u> are placed among the masterpieces of 19th century painting.

Daumier is almost the exact opposite of Corot who used to say that he could paint a woman's breast with the same detachment as a bottle of milk. Daumier was passionately interested in human life

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and character, in human comedy and tragedy. He painted the excited audience in the "peanut gallery" or the tired washerwoman plodding home at night. But his pictures are equally remarkable for their powerful draughtsmanship, their mastery of movement, their deep color and noble composition.

EDOUARD MANET (pronounced "Ma-nay"; worked in Paris 1855-1883.)

Manet combined a fresh and exact observation of the appearance of things with a marvelous dexterity in painting. He tried to simplify what he saw so that one large, flat brushstroke might do the work of five. This made the public of the 1860's laugh at his work which they

disliked because he didn't paint in every detail.

At first, as in the Boy with a Fife, he was satisfied with painting figures in a quaet, indoor light but in his later work such as Boating he became interested in the more difficult problem of suggesting bright outdoor light by means of flat, high-keyed colors. He thus became one of the founders of Impressionism. He was never, however, content with mere technical problems but continued always to paint pictures as clever in composition and as gay in spirit as they were brilliant in technique.

CLAUDE MONET (pronounced "Mo-nay"; worked in France 1860-1925.)

Manet had said: "The principal person in the picture is the light." Manet's disciple and friend, Monet, became the leader of the Impressionists who attempted to paint light - or, rather, they tried to make paint on canvas seem as brillient as light, even outdoor sunlight. They broke up Manet's bright patches of color into tiny stokes of contrasting colors. In Monet's Summer the trees are painted in yellow, blue and viblet so that at a little distance they make a vibrating mixture which comes as near as paint cam to an effect of radiating light.

We are so used to this kind of painting now that no one will find Summer a hard picture to understand. But in 1874 the first Impressionist Exhibition aroused a storm of rage and laughter because such pictures as Summer seemed even less like "nature" than Corot's

had twenty-five years before.

Monet continued to paint as an Impressionist during his long career of sixty-five years. But with him were associated three greater artists - Degas, Renoir and Cézanne - who soon broke away from Impressionism because they felt it to be too unsubstantial, too lacking in structure, like shimmering chothes unsupported by a body of flesh and bones.

EDGAR DEGAS (worked in Paris 1855-1917).

Even more than most great modern artists, Degas studies the paintings and drawings of the old masters. He developed a prodigious skill as draughtsman and during part of his career he was continually on the watch for difficult and interesting problems of figures in action such as race horses or dancing girls. He discovered strange, unexpected movements and positions which the public thought impossible until the camera proved that the artist was right. But he did not stop at making sketches of gigures in arrested action. He built them into compositions and patters as original and surprising as the figures themselves.

AUGUST RENOIR (pronounced Ren-wahr; worked most of his life in France, 1860-1919.)

For a time Renoir exhibited with the Impressionists and painted landscapes like the Paris Boulevard which recalle Corot. Gradually his color grew richer until it burst into a full-throated symphony. To express his joy in the color of trees he turned their yellow greens to emerald with parple shadows; and the pink color of flesh he exaggerated till it became luminous red. His forms, too, whether fruit or trees or women, grew rounder and fuller in harmony with the ripeness of his color. Yet in spite of his love for the sensuous luxuriance of nature his pictures are never mere excesses of sensuality but are compositions put in order through long study and a compelling sense of form.

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### AMERICANS.

During the last hundred years French painting has been a dominant influence among the artists of other European countries as well as of America. There were, however, three Americans of fifty years ago who are now considered of the greatest importance, not merely because they were good artists but because they were practically independent of European influence. Homer, Ryder and Eakins are of the same generation as Degas, Monet and Renoir, but their art seems to belong to a different period as well as to a different country.

NOTE: Good color prints of the work of Ryder and Eakins do not exist so that photographs have been used as substitutes.

WINSLOW HOMER (worked between 1855 and 1910; lived in Boston, New York, and on the Maine coast.)

Like Daumier, Homer made his reputation as an illustrator.

Only during his later years was his painting much appreciated.

Homer painted the American out-of-doors: Civil War scenss (as an eye witness), Virginia negroes, hunting scenes, cance trips, fishing and yachting off Florida and the Bahamas. But he is most famous for his sea pictures. Like Nor'easter they are painted with remarkable directness and realism. He loved the lift and pound of waves on rocks and he recorded his love with such simplicity of vision and vigor of technique that anyone can understand and like his pictures at first glance, whereas those of Renoir or Manet or Degas require more study.

THOMAS EAKINS (worked from 1865 to 1916, principally in

Philadelphia.)

Eakins painted American people with an enthusiasm comparable to that with which Homer painted the American land-and sea-scape but with more science and intellectual penetration. He studied for a time in Paris but his mature work shows very little of any French influence. He painted all kinds of sporting scens, prize fights, baseball, rowing, sailing. He knew medical men and painted large compositions of surgical operations. His greatest works are perhaps his portraits which are at once rathless and sensitive. Of these the Thinker is the most famous.

ALBERT PINKHAM RYDER (worked from 1865 to 1917, principally new New York.)

Ryder, though equally independent of his European contemporaries, was the opposite of Homer Eakins. They were respectable citizens who painted what they saw so accurately that their pictures are almost as documentary as photographs. Ryder on the contrary was a Bohemian, a poverty stricken eccentric who painted dreams. They were realists; he was a romantic.

Smugglers' ships in dark inlets, shadowy witches, death riding through the dark, and above all the uncanny mystery of the sea at night; these were the subjects which excited his imagination. From clouds, moonlight, heaving half-seen waves and a black sail he could compose Toilers of the Sea, a picture which might so easily have been banal but which instead is as beautiful in design and as authentic in feeling as Daumier's Bridge at Night.

The next Exhibition will illustrate the work of the great Frence painters who rebelled against Impressionism. It will include Cezanne "the father of modern painting," Gauguin who left Paris to paint deep toned decorative compositions in the South Sea Islands, Van Gogh, the Dutchman whose are has the swirling violence of madness, Redon the painter of delicate fantasies, Seurat who tried to reduce painting to a science, and self-taught "primitive" Henri Rousseau.

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EXHIBITION II. CEZANNE AND THE POST\*IMPRESSIONISTS.

While Renoir and Degas were greater artists than Monet,
Impressionism, of which Monet was the leader, became the most
influential movement during the 1880's. The Impressionists (who were
shown in Exhibition I) were interested primarily in painting effects
of light by means of tiny strokes of bright, contrasting color. They
succeeded in their purpose but often lost sight of other important
qualities such as the decorative arrangement of color, the suggestion
of texture and quality of surfaces, and above all the construction
and composition of solid forms and space. In other words, they
sacrificed most of the previous elements in painting for the solution
of a mere technical problem. Much of the character of recent painting
has taken the form of a reaction against Impressionism and against the
idea of painting exactly what one sees which the Impressionists
carried to such an extreme.

PAUL CEZANNE (pronounced Say-zanne, worked from 1865-1906, at first in Paris and then in the South of France.)

Cézenne's earlier pictures, such as the Still Life and Railwood cutting, are painted with heavy color and vigorous forms. About 1875 he came under the influence of the Impressionists so that his later work, such as the Bathers and The Village, are light in color, thinly painted with short, parallel strokes. But Cezanne uses these small strokes of color not to give an "impression" of shimmering light but rather to build an effect of space and solid form. At first glance the early Railroad Cutting seems stronger then The Village, pathted many years later. Only after some study does the power and spacious beauty of the later picture appear. Cezanne spent many days of intense effort upon a single picture. To begin to appreciate such a picture, to let it sink in, a few minutes, at least, of careful study is necessary.

Cezanne was original in his color technique but he was even more important in turning younger artists to the problems of composition and design which the old masters had solved and which the Impressionists had partially forgotten. He said: "I wish to make of Impressionism something solid and permanent like the art of the museums." When he painted the Bathers he probably had at the back of his head some composition by Titian or Rubesn). But Cezanne omits their delight in the sensuous beauty of fresh and foliage and concentrates upon the aesthetic beauty of line, shape, color, and space. In The Red Waistcoat this interest in design leads him to draw with an angular line and model with facets or planes. These angles and planes made Cezanne one of the ancestors of Cubism (illustrated in Exhibition IV) but his influence extended far beyond Cubism until it fell upon most of the important painters of the first quarter of our own century.

Seurat, Gauguin, and van Gogh were all younger contemporaries of Cezanne. Like Cezanne they all experimented with Impressionism and found it too haphazard and unselective a way of painting. Each wished not merely to paint nature but at the same time to express an emotion and to create a design. Their work is sometimes called post-Impressionist.

GEORGES SEURAT (pronounced Sir-rah; worked in France from 1880-1891.)

Seurat's brief career as an artist was dominated by a passion for System and order. He took the shall brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into dots all of the same size. Each dot is a light or dark shade of the six pure "primary" colors - blue, yellow, red, green, violet, and orange. His compositions, among which Three Models is one of the finest, are planned with extreme care, yet, even though his method seems over-scientific, Seurat painted several of the most beautiful pictures of modern times. To artists of today he is the supreme example of intelligence and discipline.

PAUL GAUGUIN (pronounced Go-gan; worked in France from 1880-1889, then in the West Indies and South Sea Islands. Died in 1903.)

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Gauguin threw over entirely the small dabs used by the Impressionists and painted instead in large, flat tones of solid color. His paintings are decorative compositions which make one think sometimes of the Medieval Italian or other primitive pictures. Like them Gauguin frequently used simplified outlines and "unnatural" colors in order to achieve the particular aesthetic effect which interests him; for often the shapes and colors which seem beautiful in nature are not so satisfactory in a painting - they have to be changed and brought

into an artistic, rather than a natural, harmony.

Gauguin's life is a parable of the romantic artist's revolt against the materialism and banality of modern civilization. He gave up a successful career as a stock broker to become a painter and finally, disgusted with Europe, left for icyllic Tahiti in the South Seas, where he painted his best knownpictures.

VINCENT VAN GOGH (printed in Holland and France from 1880-1890.) Throughout his life Van Gogh was devoured by a deep and overwhelming religious fervor. For a time he labored as an evangelist, preaching to Belgian miners but soon turned to painting as a means of expressing his agony of spirit. He left his native Holland and came to Paris where he took the small, bright-colored brush strokes of the Impressionists and made them into whirling, vibrating streaks of color. He painted with such passionate eastasy that his pictures seem almost to quiver and writhe. His torment grew into insanity and finally drove him to suicide. His pictures are beautiful, but terrible in their intensity of feeling.

ODILON REDON (famous for his lithographs as well as for his paintings: worked in France from 1879 - 1916.

Redon's art seems more related to poetry and music than to the painting of the late nineteenth century. Like van Gogh he was a mystic but his visions were serene rather than violent. He painted unearthly faces, mists, fantastic flowers, moths and jewels. dreamlike mystery of his subject matter makes him a forerunner of the Super-realists (Exhibition IV.)

Seurat and van Gogh died about 1890, Cezanne and Gouguin about 1905, but their ideas survived them and developed in the work of their successors whose paintings are shown in the two succeeding exhibitions.

EXHIBITION III. SOTH CENTURY PAINTING, PART ONE.

The tweatieth century paintings have been divided s mewhat arbitrarily into two groups. In the first group (the present exhibition) are those painters whose works are comparatively easy to understand. In the second group (Exhibition IV) are artists who usually cause greater difficulties. A brief account of each painter is given on the labels of the pictures.

PREVIOUS EXHIBITION

The previous exhibition (No. II) was devoted to six painters of the late 19th century; Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Seurat, Henri Rousseau and Redon. Four of these men were at one time in their careers Impressionists, that is, they tried to paint the fleeting impression of light and atmosphere. But they were not satisfied with Impressionism. Cézanne, in his own words, tried to "make of Impressionism something solid and permanent like the art of the Museums"; Gauguin tunned from Impressionism to the study of decorative simplified forms. Scurat tried to make Impressionism systematic and scientific; van Gogh transformed Impressionism into a vehible for violent emotional expression. Redon painted dreamlike fantasies of extreme sophistication while Henri Rousseau's work seems like that of a self-taught primitive.

Different as these men were in their attitudes toward art, they had one feeling in common. None of them believed that the exact representation of mature in a painting was necessary or even desirable. Each of the six was influential in the early years of the 20th century during which this divorce of "art" from "nature" became more selfconscious and deliberate.

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OUR OLDER CONTEMPORARIES.

Many of the important painters in the present exhibition - Matisse, Rousult, Bonnard, Muchh- are over sixty; Derain and Utrillo are about fifty while Modigliani has been dead ten years. These facts are mentioned lest it should be supposed that these paintings are the work of youthful rebels. On the contrary they represent the achievement of the older generation, of artists who are generally considered to be among the foremost of our time.

### EXPRESSIONISM

Expressionish is a convenient general term for the art movements which broke new paths twenty-five years ago. Expressionism is, broadly speaking, the opposite of Impressionism. The Impressionist was the humble student of nature. He painted the momentary impression of the outside world without much care for composition and without interposing his imagination, his intellect or his emotions. The Expressionist, in contrast, looked within himself, not out, for guidance and often for subject matter, depending upon his inner eye, because he wished to create a new vision rather than to record the familiar world. The Expressionist's art is more personal and therefore more difficult to understand without some tolerance and sympathy on the part of those unaccustomed to his attitude.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND DECORATIVE

There are of course many varieties of Expressionism. The face of a woman shricking is naturally distorted; Rouault, in his pictures, carries this distortion to a grotesque extreme but without loss of conviction or power. Chagall uses green and yellow flesh tones to express his uncanny vision of an old Rabbi. But Matisse in his Nasturtiums and "La Danse" distorts nature for very different reasons. He is not interested in the psychological qualities present in the pictures of Rouault, Munch and Chagall but rather in the aesthetic qualities of decorative pattern. Derain's South French Landscape shows a similar concern with emphatic pattern. These two pictures are excellent illustrations of how the advanced artists of about 1910 succeeded in transforming their impressions of nature into decorative patterns when more completely than had van Gogh or Gauguin twenty years before.

"THE WILD ANIMALS", THE "SCHOOL OF PARIS".

Matisse, Rougult, and Derain were leaders among the Parisian group which about 1905 was called Les Fauves, "The Wild Animals". Since then the work of all three has grown less "wild", as one may see by comparing Matisse's Seated Odalisque (1928) with his Nasturtiums (1910), or Derain's Pine Trees (c.192) with his South French Landscape (c.1908)

Bonnard, standing outside this group, carries on, in a very personal way, the traditions of Impressionism.

The secondary French painters Utrillo and Marie Laurencin, the Italian Modigliani, the Bulgarian Jew, Pascin and the Russian Jew, Chagall, have all helped from the contemporary "School of Paris".

The Norwegian, Edvard Munch was one of the funders of Expressionism in Scandinavia and Germany.

NEXT EXHIBITION.

Somewhat younger and nore radical were the Cubists, the Futuriøsts, the painters of abstract designs, and the more recent Super-realists, whose work is shown in the next Exhibition (No. IV).

EXHIBITION IV. 20TH CENTURY PAINTING, PART II: Picasso and Cubism, Futurism, Abstract Design, Super-realism.

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"Impressionistic", "Futuristic", "Expressionistic", "Modernistic", "Cubistic" are used almost interchangeably by the

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general public when referring to the novel, strange or often misunderstood aspects of modern art. Most of these terms, however, have fairly specific meanings and are applicable to definite movements or periods.

Impressionism which reached its climax about 1880 was illustrated by the paintings of Monet and Renoir in Exhibition I.

Futurism developed in Italy about 1908 and perished as a West European movement during the War, though its popularity as a word still continues. The label beneath Severini's Dancer gives a brief explanation of the aims of the Futurists.

Expressionism was illustrated by the work of van Gogh in Exhibition II, Rouault, Munch, Matisse and Chagall in Exhibition III, and of Marc and Marin in the present exhibition.

Modermistic refers particularly to certain superficial decorative fashions in commercial, industrial and architectural arts of the past decade.

### CUBISM

Cubism, which Picasso invented and developed during the decade after 1907, marks a very important phase in the progressive withdrawal of Pre-War painters from the initation of nature. We have already seen in Exhibition I how in their later works Degas and Renoir sacrificed realism for a more complete unity of design. In Exhibition II the work of Cezanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Seurat and Henri Rousseau marked a further removal from realism, a removal carried still further by the flat, brilliant patterns of Matisse between 1905 and 1910 (Exhibition III).

The cubists in Paris, led by <u>Picasso</u>, were conscious of this tendency and step by step they extended it until there were few traces of any recognizable object in their pictures. But even in the "Still Life" of <u>Picasso</u> or the "Cubist Composition" of <u>Leger</u> one can discover fragments of familiar objects - a table, a lemon, an eye, a cup - but the painters have made it quite blear that their chief interest is in the design, in aesthetic qualities of line, color and texture, rather than in the objects poptrayed.

# ABSTRACT DESIGN

Meanwhile other artists outside of France carried the idea of "pure" or "abstract" design to a logical extreme. Kandinsky in Germany about 1913 began to paint entirely without any reference to nature. He improvised in color with a free, rather fluid technique. Mondriaan in Holland invented compositions of rectangles drawn with a ruler and painted in primary colors of yellow, red and blue. In Russia, also before the War, Rodchenko used compass and ruler to construct brightly colored geometrical compositions.

The principles of <u>Cubisn</u> and <u>Abstract Design</u> spread all over the world and influenced many of the artists in this exhibition, for example, the Germans, Marc and Klee, the Americans, Marin, Demuth and Dickinson, the Italians, Chirico and Severini. Cubisn and Abstract Design have also had an immense influence upon "modernistic" furniture, textiles, architecture, painting and advertising.

### TWO AMERICANS

Since 1915 many American painters havve been influenced by the European Cubists and Expressionists. An interesting contrast is provided by John Marin's "Downtown New York" and Demuth's "For Sig Christopher Wren." Both pictures are very much removed from realistic paintings of architecture though in both the buildings are easily recognizable. Here the resemblance between them stops for the Demuth is designed with precise sensitive calculation while the Maria

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watercolor seems to have been splashed upon the paper with a sudden explosive fury. Demuth is on the side of the Cubist, Marin on the side of the Expressionist. If Demuth were to turn his back entirely upon nature he might, by following his method of design, arrive at something like Mondriaan's "Rectangles"; but Marin would perhaps approach the spontaneous lyrical "Improvisation" by Kandiasky.

### SUPER-REALISM

Super-realism, the most conspicuous movement in post war painting came as a violent reaction to the cubists' exalusive interest in the problems of aesthetic design and color. The Super-realists asserted the value of the astonishing, the fantastic, the mysterious, the uncanny, the paradoxical, the incredible. The paintings by Chirico and Klee in this exhibition have considerable aesthetic value but much of their interest depends upon their curious and fascinating subject matter.

## VARIETY OF CONTEMPORARY PAINTING.

Super-realism is only one of many currents active in the early 1930's. A gradual but widespread return to the realistim representation of nature has been in progress since the War, especially in Germany, Italy, and America. An interest in mural painting on the part of advanced (non-academic) artists has also developed remarkably during the last decade in Mexico and to a less extent in England, Germany and in the United States. Unfortunately no adequate color reproductions exist to illustrate these important contemporary movements.

Modern painting may seem confusing but it must be remembered that the whole history of art as well as much scientific and psychological knowledge is available to the contemporary painter. He picks and chooses whatever he wishes. Side by side today are artists who paint exactly what they see in nature, and artists who paint story-pictures, romantic landscapes, sociological and political problem pictures, sentimental portraits, dreams - and still a few who paint merely squares and circles.

To enjoy the work of these artists it is well to forget prejudices, both modern and old-fashioned. Give the picture, itself, a chance to live!

### A.H.B. jr.

NOTE: The visitor may feel after studying these four exhibitions that the twentieth century comes off badly by comparison with the nineteenth. This is partially the result of a dearth of good color reproductions of recent paintings. There are for instance some forty-five adequate reproductions of paintings by Van Gogh but only three or four each by Matisse or Picasso, only one by Rouault, Marin or Chirico, and none by Braque, Beckmann or Revera. Reproductions of American paintings are especially lacking. The watercolors by Marin, Demuth, Dickinson, in this exhibition were reproduced in Germany and published in costly follows now out of print. There are no other successful reproductions of work by our foremost modern American painters.

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Explorata

Excerpt from Letter Written by Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

Re. Metropolitan Museum Color Prints

I am familiar with and admire the six prints checked in the list of Color Prints of the Metropolitan Museum.

One of the two Winslow Homer watercolors is to be included in an exhibition of watercolors which is now in preparation. Water colors would scarcely hang well with the oils shown in the present exhibition.

Mary Cassatt is not included in the exhibition because she seems a secondary painter by comparison with Ryder. Homer, Degas, Renoi?, Corot, etc.

The reproductions after Daumier, Degas, and Renoir published by the Metropolitan Museum were too small in comparison with the several available European reproductions of paintings by these artists. We are using the fine Homer Nor'Zaster, the original of which is in the Metropolitan Museum.

I should like to take this opportunity to suggest that the Metropolitan Museum reproduce in color the Eakins portrait of a woman and the fixe small Ryder sea-piece. No color reproductions of pictures by these men exist, and they are badly needed. In preparing our exhibition, we were forced to use photographs in order to have these foremost American artists represented at all.

We of course wish to cooperate in every possible way with the Metropolitan Museum in distributing this excellent series of prints.