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THE PICTURE on the front cover of the present issue is of a Chinese porcelain bowl from the Ming Dynasty. It is a part of The Bernat Collection of Oriental Ceramics in the Colby Museum of Art and was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bernat. The picture on the back cover is of an eighteenth century portrait of a mandarin. The original is six feet high and is in the permanent collection of the Colby Museum of Art.

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