

FOREWORD

Dr. Ali Kuli Khan, formerly representative at Washington, who has been abroad for six years, has now returned to America on a leave of absence from his government to liquidate his personal affairs.

During his absence, Dr. Ali Kuli Khan has been in turn delegate to the Peace Conference, appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Poland, the head of the Persian Embassy at Constantinople, and he finally served as Grand Master and Head of the Court of H. I. H. the Crown Prince, Regent of Persia.

Before returning to America, Dr. Ali Kuli Khan, N. D., was Minister and Diplomatic representative to the republics of the Caucasus in Russia.

CATALOGUE

I

Illuminated manuscripts of famous Masters of the 14th to the 17th centuries.

II

Miniatures including rare examples of the work of Bihzed, Mirak, Torabi, Ali Reza, Reza Abbasi and other noted artists of the Persian and Indo-Persian schools.

III

Pen cases and mirror cases in lacquer, painted by Reza Abbasi, Ali Kuli, Aga Zaman and other noted masters.

IV

A comprehensive set of early book bindings in leather wrought in gold and color and in exquisite lacquer in various sizes and designs.

V

Potteries: Sassanian, Rhages, Soltan Abad, Isphahan in beautiful color and form.

VI

Textiles, Brocades, Cloth of Gold, Velvets, Needlework from the 14th to the 18th centuries.

VII

Engraved and lacquered armour and various antique vases and objects in metal.

VIII

Esphahan rugs of the 16th and 17th centuries; and other antique and semi-antique rare weaves.

IX

Objects in mosaic on wood, inlaid with ebony, ivory and metal; and other objects carved in wood.