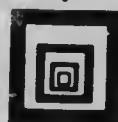


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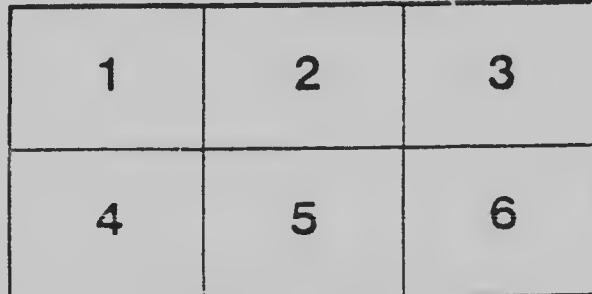
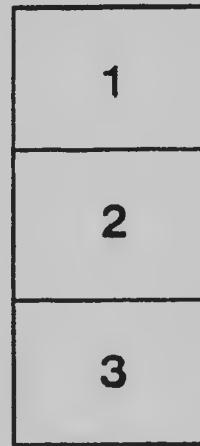
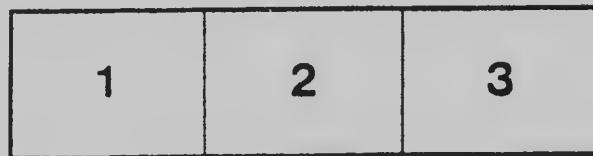
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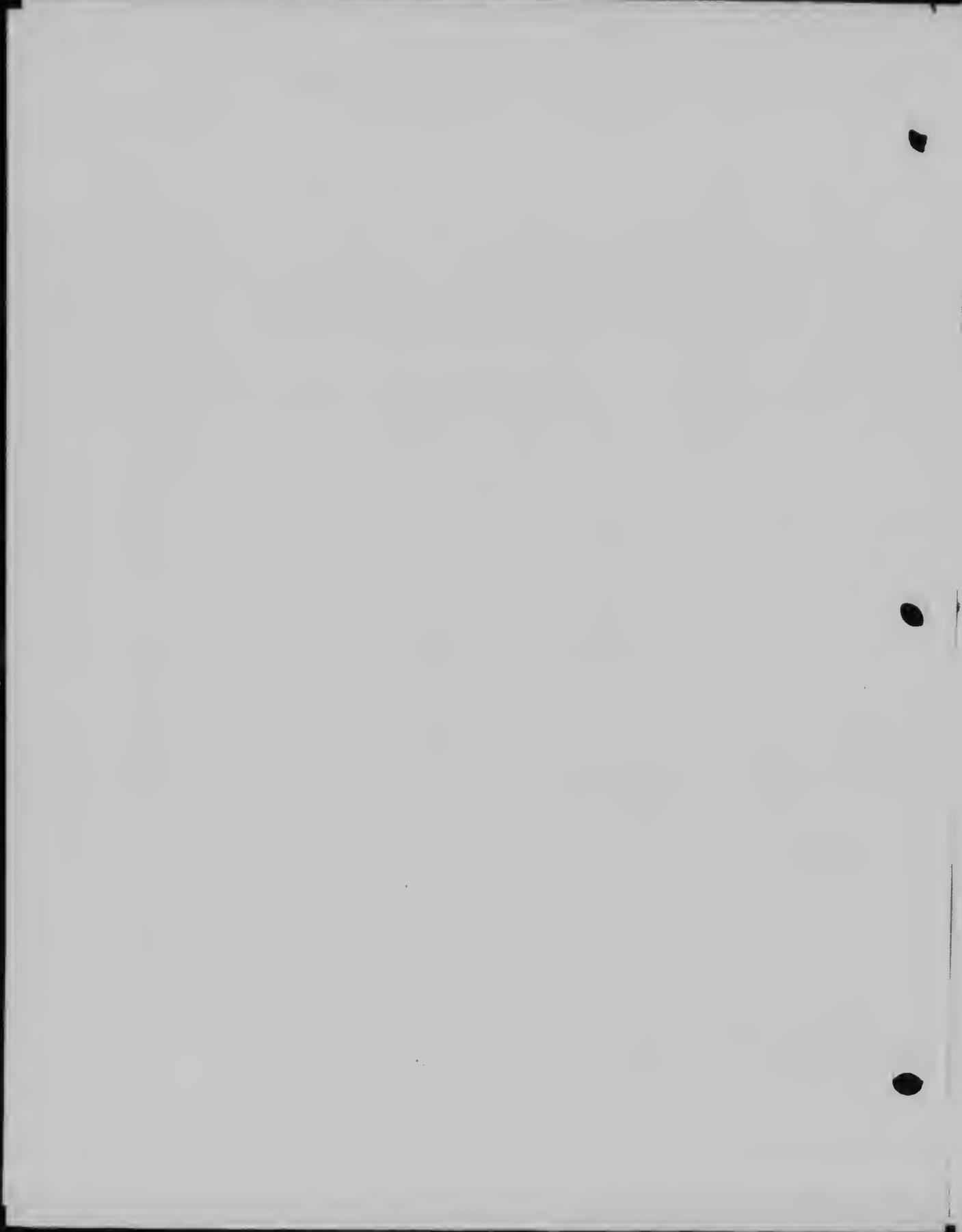
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Rembrandt, 1606-1906

ON the 14th of July of this year, at Leyden, began the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt, which took place on the 15th July, 1606. With ceremonies of great dignity and interest, the new Rembrandt monument was unveiled, and a magnificent Loan Exhibition of his works opened in the Stedelijk Museum. These historical events were followed by the opening at Amsterdam, on the 15th July, of an exhibition of Modern Dutch Art, in the Galleries of the Arti et Amicitiae.

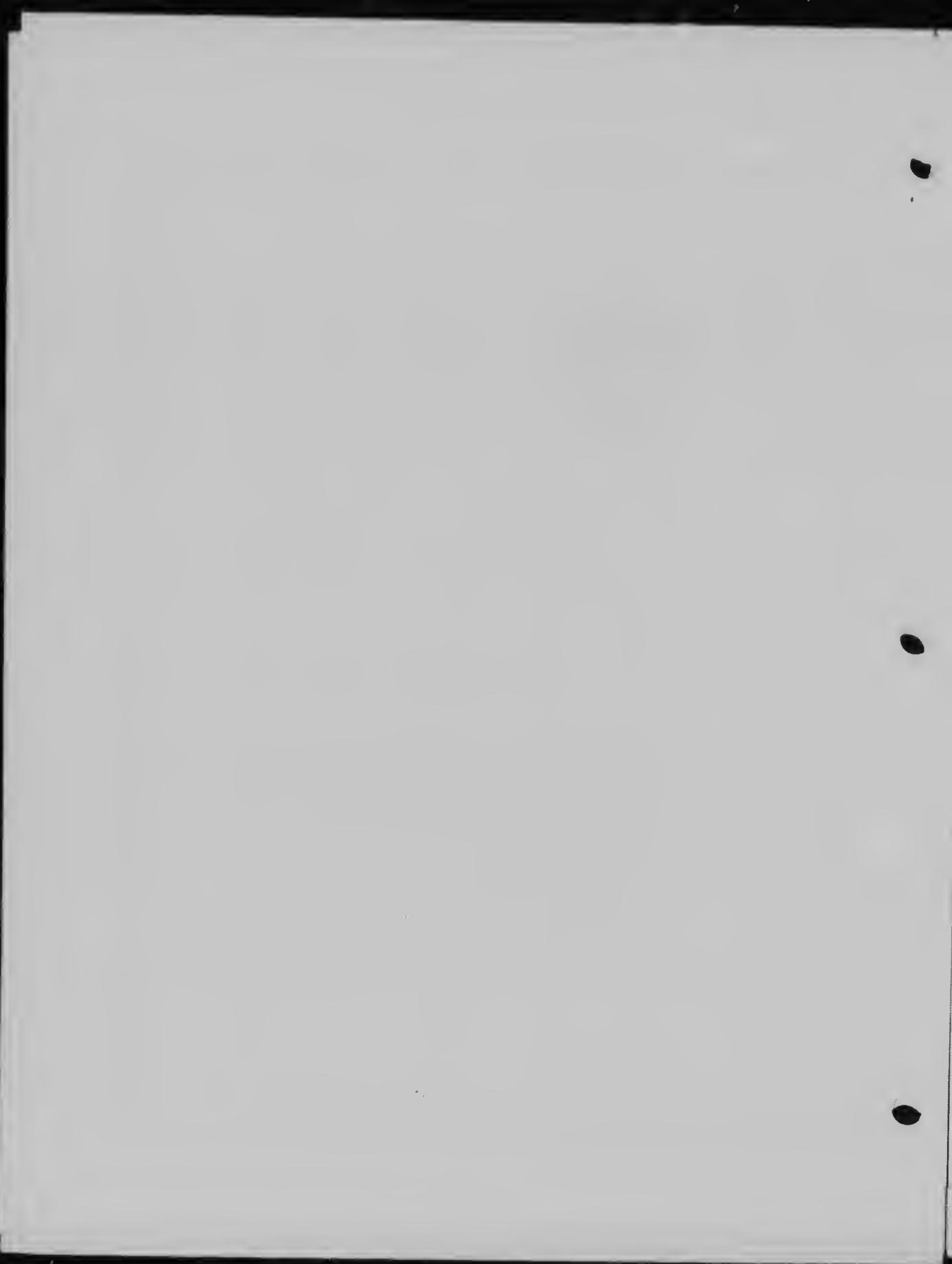
That these impressive functions were an expression of the homage of a whole people for their great master, was evidenced by the enormous crowds, composed of all classes, which poured into Leyden and Amsterdam during the celebration.

And now, not in any spirit of emulation, but because such an important date in the annals of Art should be commemorated in some measure, the Council through the courtesy of the owners, have brought together the fine examples of Rembrandt's work and of those of his contemporaries, the Dutch Artists of the 17th century, which are now on view in the Galleries of the Association, which are enumerated in the catalogue which follows.

In framing the appreciation of the life and work of the various Artists represented, the known authorities have been consulted:

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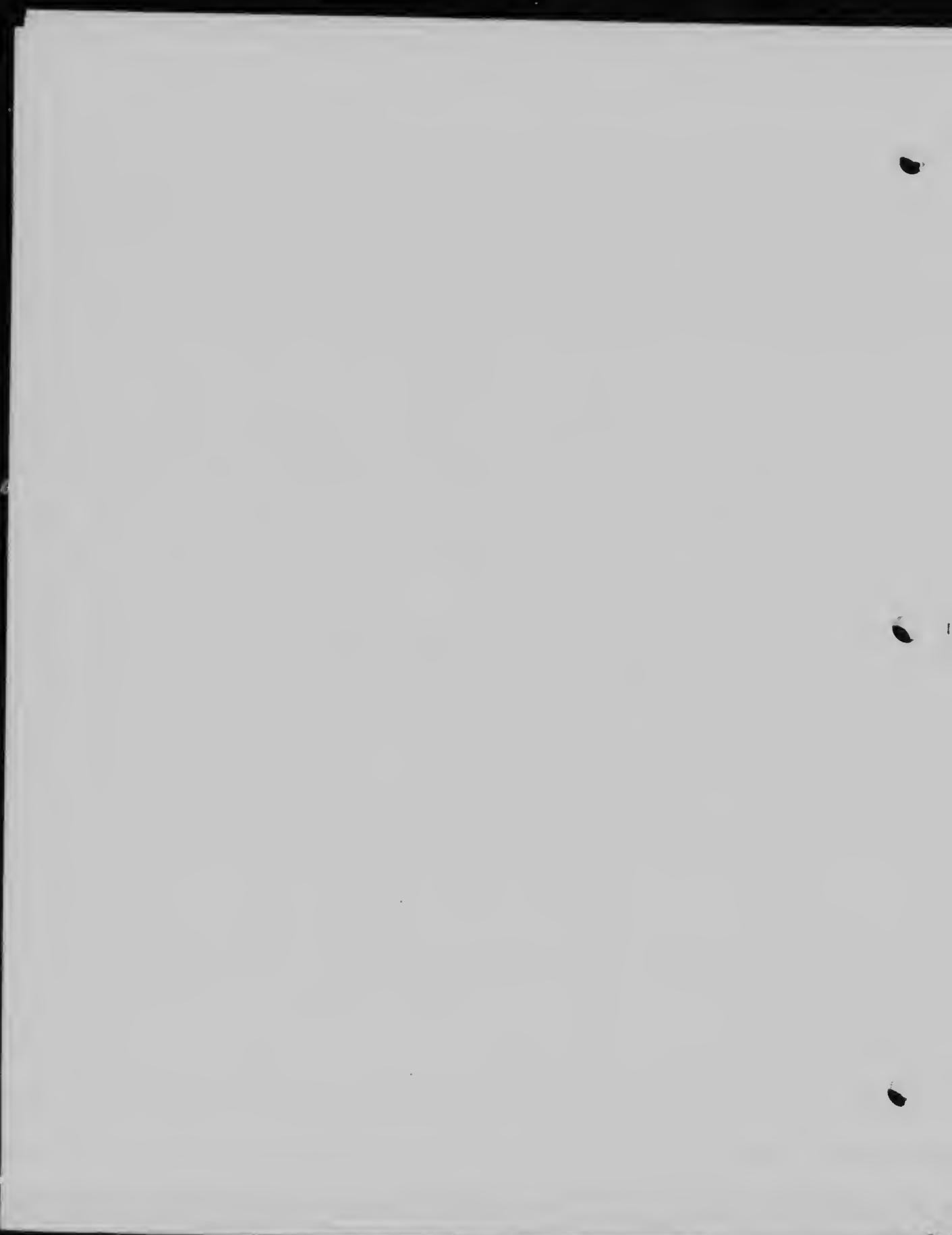
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REMBRANDT (Harmen Van Rijn)

1606-1669

Rembrandt is not only the *greatest* of the Dutch painters; he is unquestionably one of the greatest masters of all schools and of all periods. Truly, no artist ever struck his note more deeply into his native soil, or, as we may say, of the son of his age; there is not one of all the richly endowed representatives of the Dutch School who did so much above his fellow countrymen in the universality of his gifts, the poetry, the novelty and the nobility of his inspirations. Close as were the ties which bound him to his country and his people, Rembrandt yet stands out in strong relief from them, by virtue of his essential originality. In the development of that he received, enlarged, he embraced all worthies and all virtues. The mingling of the positive and the spiritual, the clear and the dark, art & plenily the influence it has upon utterly different representations. Definite enough to suggest what he wishes, he is yet far enough to leave us to ourselves afterwards, evoking in us that combination which completes the highest creations of art. In his portraiture, he is simple, natural and relentless, posing his models in a manner appropriate to their dispositions and calling, relying for emphasis on the characteristic traits of their bearing and their faces. A common with other great masters he recognized in the eyes and mouth, the features which best reveal the expression of life and the powers of thought. The eyes are specially the objects of interest in his portraits. When the face was evidently closely studied, his portraits are distinguished by a mysterious and transparent profundity, drawing us to a closer and more sustained study of their individuality. It is this which makes it impossible to forget some of these portraits. Rembrandt has been justly praised for the marvellous knowledge and exquisite taste he shows in the management of chiaroscuro, and decor. Only deserves the title of "luminarist" bestowed on him by Tieck, due to recognition of his faculty for "painting by the help of light alone." But his ability and knowledge as a draughtsman, though less widely recognized than his qualities as a painter, are no less consummate. At a very early age he was able to express himself with pen or pencil by pure line. His



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etchings, of which more will be said at a later Exhibition, were those of a creative artist, drawn directly on the copper, without preparatory studies, thus preserving the fire of his first idea. This fire he always retained in his execution, which is so vivid and unexpected that we seem almost to witness the artist at work. Rembrandt's style is throughout subjective, and the working details of his pictures are always in strict harmony with this condition of mind. This is not, however, an element of art which could be imparted to others by instruction. The great number of his scholars and imitators borrowed only his external manner, without acquiring the substance, which was alone fit to be copied in such a form.

R. B. Angus

1.—Head of a Young Woman.

James Ross

2.—Portrait of an Admiral.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

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HALS (Fams)

1581-1666

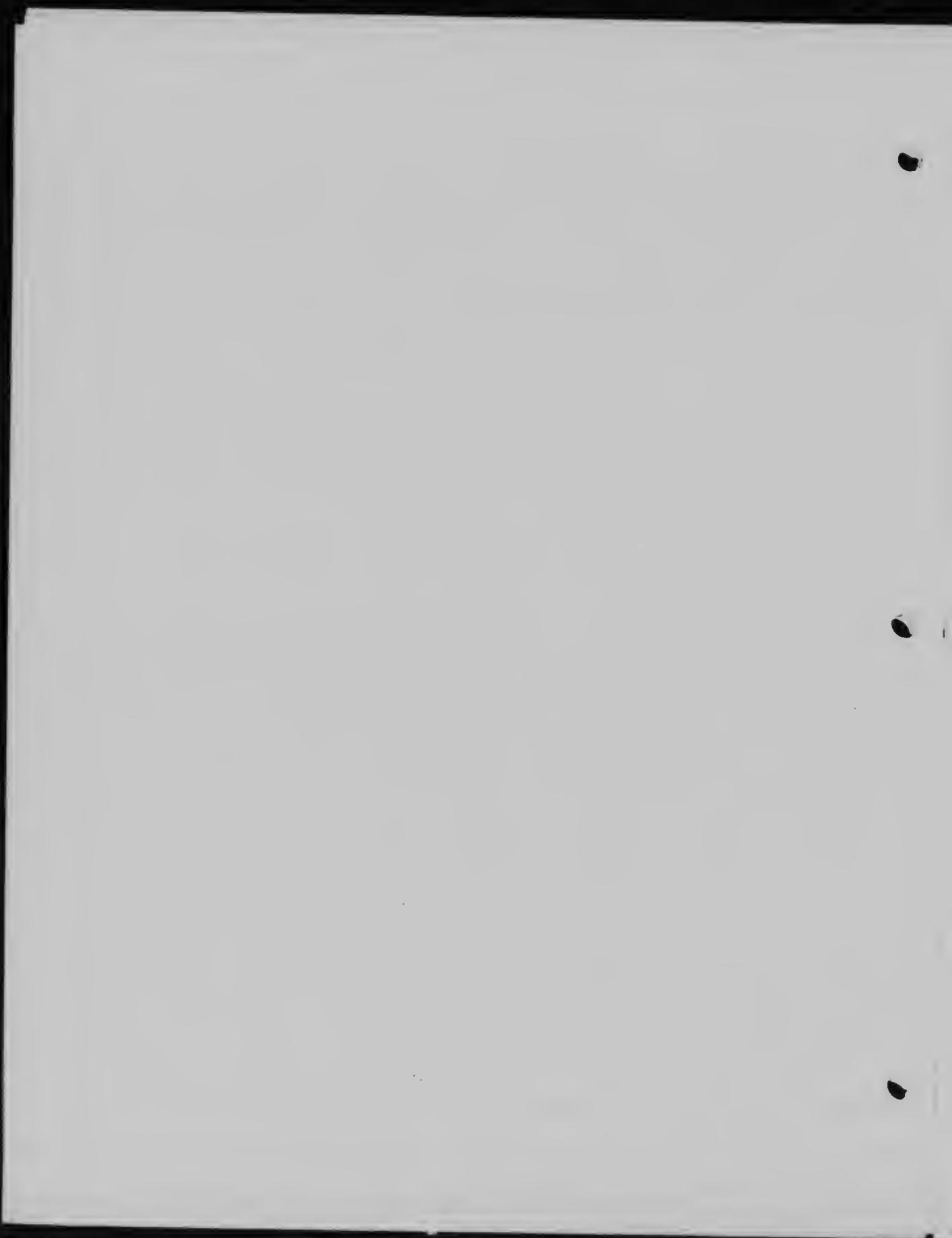
Not one of the many historical pictures by Dutch Artists conveys the spirit of Holland's great past, as well as a single portrait from the hand of Hals, who seems to have known of men, to have grown up amid their struggles, their triumphs, their failures—men of action, men of thought, of varied individuality. In his lighter subjects he is also free, happy and full of gay spirits. The effect which these pictures produce upon me is grand—there is an effect of joyful life about his pictures; the gay side of life, the Being who is just about to speak, or burst into laughter. His boldness expresses the main characteristic of his work, yet with all this truth to life there is no attempt at illusion, and the various and delicate processes of his art are made use of to hold up the picture. He is truly an artist, and that counts his most. His pictorial mastery of himself. His work acquires its grandeur; that frank,坦率 manner of representation—without it his portraits would be true, but not natural; with it they are much more than this. As Rembrandt stands first on the one side of Dutch painting, and as in his work we see the deepest feeling and the richest imaginative charm—so in Hals we find free unrestrained and unaffected naturalness; there is the same humor, mirth and gaiety in his work as sparkles through old Dutch Comedy.

Sir George Beaumont 4.—Portrait of Van Loo.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 5.—Man in Black, Samuel Ampzing.

R. B. Angus

6.—The Family.



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TER BORCH (Gerard)

1603-1631

To him who values the art of painting as painting, a careful examination of Ter Borch's Works will be a source of ever renewed wonder in the gradual development of his art; we find none of the diversities, none of those sudden transitions which are marked in the works of many masters. No better example can be given of a painter who arrived at his perfection by a more regular and uninterrupted progress. His technique is self-effacing; the equal and diffused light of his pictures in no way recalls the mysterious contrasts so dear to Rembrandt. Like his drawing, and his subjects, his color and his execution were individual, and his own. When he chose he could give unusual splendor to his coloring, but in general he preferred delicate and moderate harmony of tone, combined with exquisite art—yet invariably just in their value. The sable hair themes are refined, yet sufficient—poised; the extreme and straightforward simplicity. The interiors in which these personages move are well furnished and comfortable—not showing any special consciousness of aspect. On the gray walls hang black or dull blue scenes; usually a tall corner of fine red tapestry forms the highest note of color in his pictures. By his excellent drawing, his variety of color, and his unequalled facility, Ter Borch gives us sensations of pleasure which are not ephemeral. Moreover, his models are so well, natural, intelligent, and so well painted, that it seems impossible to look upon them; indeed their aspect hardly leads us to believe that we should find some charm in their conversation than we find in the sight of their beautiful hands, their flowing dresses, and the folds of their garments. Ter Borch's genius lies in the fact that there is about his characters something undoubtable and very suggestive of the conditions of real life, not to be coldly formulated according to the theories of his contemporaries, so that we receive the impression that on his canvas the very character itself is painted.

R. B. Angus

7.—The Wife.

James Crampton

8.—The Letter.



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JAN VERMEER of Delft

1632-1675

Vermeer of Delft is a master of *Genre painting*. His art, it is true, paints landscapes—or rather townscapes—which have never been surpassed, such as the "View of Delft" at the Hague, and "The Street" in the Six collection; and even—of course—are exceptions. What he likes best were pictures of interiors or of persons at work. These he painted in a room in a quiet, simple style, often with a window; and rarely the windows of his rooms are illuminated by an almost dazzling light. These bright walls are the backgrounds for figures, which are invariably drawn correctly and modelled with astonishing effect of relief. To all this is added the colour of a color scheme, beautiful, strong and harmonious. Vermeer's manner of painting is vigorous and full of verve. As a general thing he is fond of contrasting a certain shade of deep indigo blue with a light canary yellow. The heads of his personages are very varied and curiously life-like. His readers are all unconsciously reading absorbed in their contemplation; they seem to be really thinking of what they are doing. In a word, Vermeer is in his way one of the great *Art* painters of all time.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 9.—*The Reader.*

RUISDAEL (Jacob van)

1628-1682

Few of the Dutch landscape painters have represented their country more nobly than Ruisdael in his breadth, his power, and his spiritual charm; its gray and dimness, its light, and its other latent shades. He has left us Holland an intimate, true, and undoubtless faithful portrait—which may be said of him. He depicts all the scenes he delighted in his craft. What he wants is always clearly, truthfully, correctly, by Ruisdael is a what when we are at an arrangement, a comprehensive view and a masterly treatment. He paints his lights—clearly, strongly and largely. In his paintings of the sky, Ruisdael fixed once for all, a principle which has since remained; he considers the sky as the ruler, object and dominant of his pictures. He covers it, unfolds it, contains it, and determines its value by its relation to the accidents of light on the earth. He divides the great spaces and executes them—as a work of the greatest interest, and he divides them in it, which, for this purpose, he cuts off, arranges the mass of clouds in it, makes the light descend from it, and only puts it there in case of necessity. And seldom has an artist known so well how to concentrate in his scenes and menacing storm clouds, uttering voices in the saddle, such penetrating, melancholy and majestic force, nor has any other artist so well depicted the savage wildness of the northern forests and catamounts.

James Ross

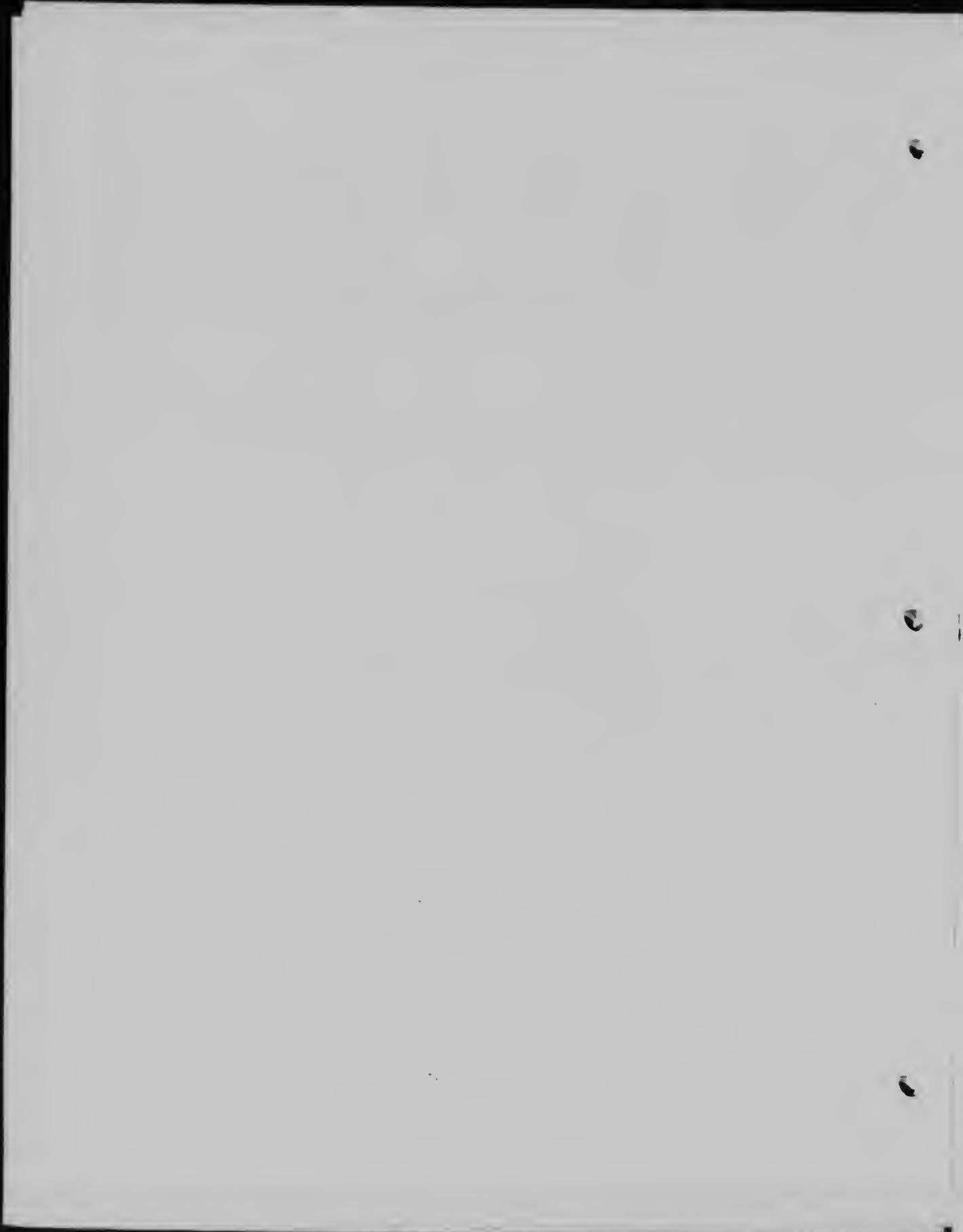
10.—*The Storm*

E. B. Greenshields

Landscape, with Church.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

-Bleaching Grounds, Harlem.



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CUYP (Aelbert)

1605-1661

Cuyp in the first place has the merit of universality. His work is so complete a repertory of Dutch life that its extent and variety would suffice to give it considerable interest. A true fine Cuyp is a painting always tender and rhythmic, and impressively. That which belongs to the impulsive, as the background, the surroundings, the shadow, the effect of the air upon the distances, and broad daylight upon the colors, all correspond to the lighter parts of his mind, and to render it his palette becomes volatile, and his art grows subtle. As to the objects of more solid substance, he does not fail to enlarge planes, to fill out forms, to insist upon robust structures, and to be a little heavy in order never to be weak in bone, like a rachæctical execution. In such a case he is no longer refined, and like all the good masters at the beginning of strong schools, it costs him a while to be wanting in charm when the charm is not the essential character of the object he represents. He has had the very uncommon power of in giving first, an atmosphere, and then making of it not only the flying fluid element that can be breathed, but the law and as it were, the regulating principle of his pictures. He has been justly named "The Dutch Claude." No painter has ever expressed more truthfully the golden warmth of a misty summer's day, such as we had often experienced on the banks of the Maes, or in the streets of his native Dordrecht.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 13.—Stable Interior.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 14.—Marine.

James Ross 15.—Landscape with Cattle.

W. J. Learmont 16.—The White Horse.

NICOLAAS (Pieter), commonly known as BERCHENI, 1620-1683

The pictures he painted in early life have some resemblance to the works of Weenix, and, like them, represented sea ports and embarkations. He afterwards formed distinctly a different and more interesting manner, representing landscapes and most delightful scenery enriched with architectural ruins and enlivened with charming groups of figures and cattle. He occasionally painted animals in the works of other masters, as in those of Ruisdael, Hobbema and Jan Wiss. His pictures tell us that Berchem visited Italy, but there is no further record on the subject.

W. J. Learmont 17.—Herdsman and Goats.



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HOOCH (Pieter de)

1632-18-

No one ever painted sunlight better than Pieter de Hooch. Indeed, the sunlight which shines upon the walls and bathes his middle distance with an intense yellow brilliancy, seems almost personal possession of his own. This use of sunlight is most cleverly handled and often repeatable. His simple groups of figures and interiors, painted with unbroken luminosity, would seem to merge into a delicate luminous atmosphere, which it seems as if sunbeams were filtering and transforming from without. When he paints perspective it is rare that de Hooch does not show through a half open door or window, a glimpse of the outer world, a bit of a park, court or street, so that almost every picture appears to be an antechamber to some other picture, and, though the foreground is but moderately lighted, we see that the sun is shining brightly outside, and the eye naturally seeks the cheerful vista into the outside world. His windows scenes are equally charming. In these the artist's use of planes is well combined with linear perspective and strong color contrasts. An old example of this may be seen in his use of red, which he had a special preference. So marvellous is his touch that this red, mixed with the sun shining upon it, produces the brilliant and dazzling effects of real sunlight.

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18.—Interior.

DOU (Ceard)

1613-1675

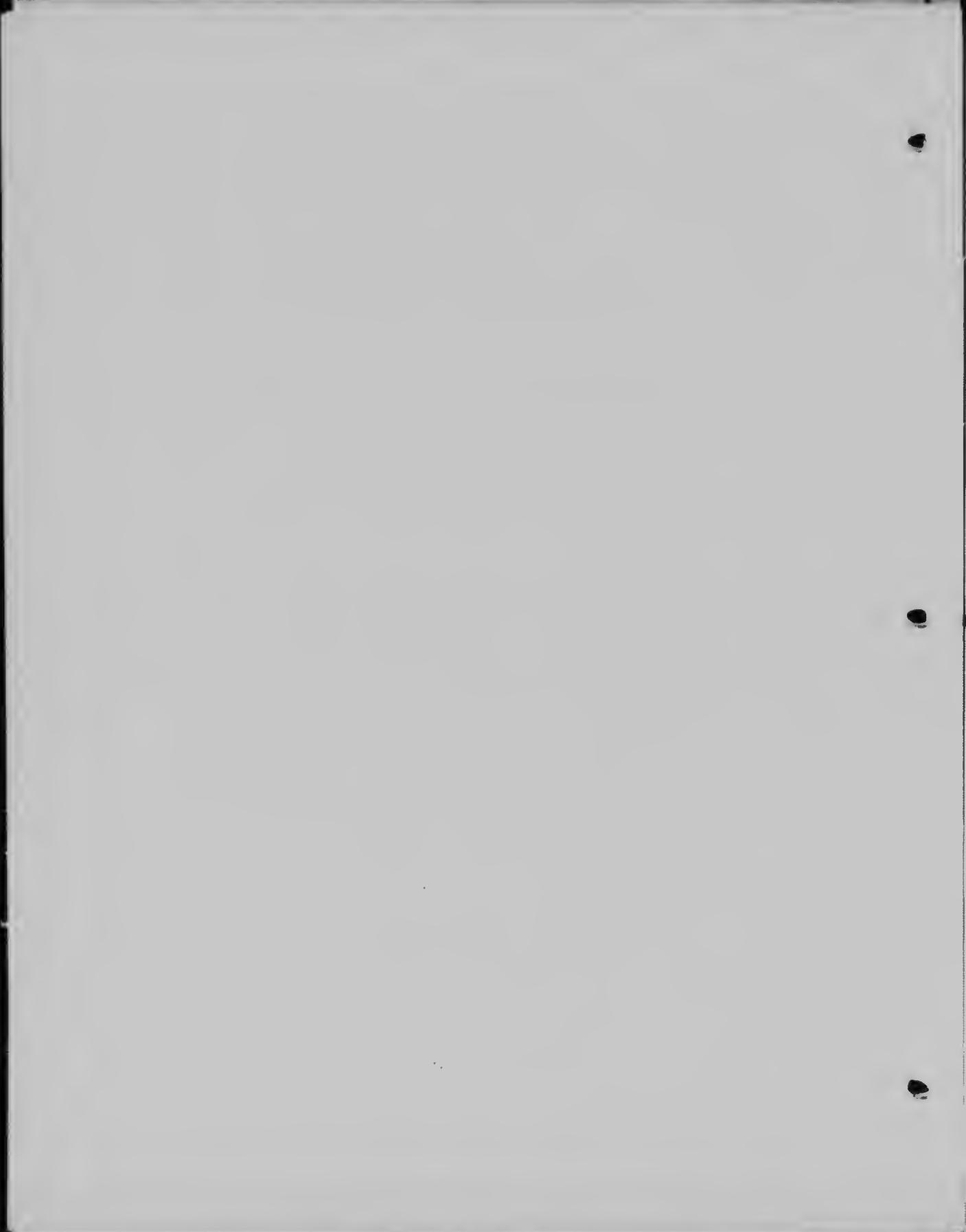
Dou was a painter who was great in little things. He was a very accurate reporter, living in the spirit of a miniaturist, and producing panels that have all the subtleness of a miniature. He was plainly careful that nothing should be possible, and his stories tell of his lack of success as a fervent painter because even would give him as many soldiers as he required; of the three days' work on a bream he sold, and the five days it took to hand it to the Duke that he was a painstaking painter. That was another of his qualities, or were his cardinal virtues. Goodness and mildness, a meditative painter. He possessed a keen appreciation of the just measure, and arranged his light and shade in strict logic. Frequently he relied almost on the hues of his colors in his vigor or tend, and later transparency of his coloring, and added to the reason his correctness of pose and an unrivaled precision of execution. Yet his prolixity of finish never destroyed his mildness, and his pictures are so transparent and of such depth that they are like Nature herself seen in a darkened mirror.

R. B. Angus

19.—Portrait of a Woman.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

20.—Portrait of the Artist.



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GOYTEN (Jan Van)

1596-1656

Van Goyen was one of the first to emancipate Dutch Art from the traditions of minutenheit, and he did in the works of Breughel and Snyders; and it may be told that he freed landscape painting from the fetters which then held his tools, it had been bound. He first discerned and expressed the melancholy poetry of the flat Holland scenes, seemingly monotonous but full of variety, of his native land; and was the first to depict with power the horizons charged with watery clouds, and the canals and little waterways bathed in rays of luminous, golden light. An able draughtsman, a miniaturist above all, with his delicate touch he imbued his trees and rocks with an incomparable transparency, while his range of color was solar and resplendent, most but few pigments being used to express his most glowing and powerful effects.

W. J. Leavitt

21.—Landscape.

Dr. Wm. Godfrey

22.—A Dutch Scene.

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23.—A Dutch Town.

HELST (Bartholomeus Van der)

1613-1673

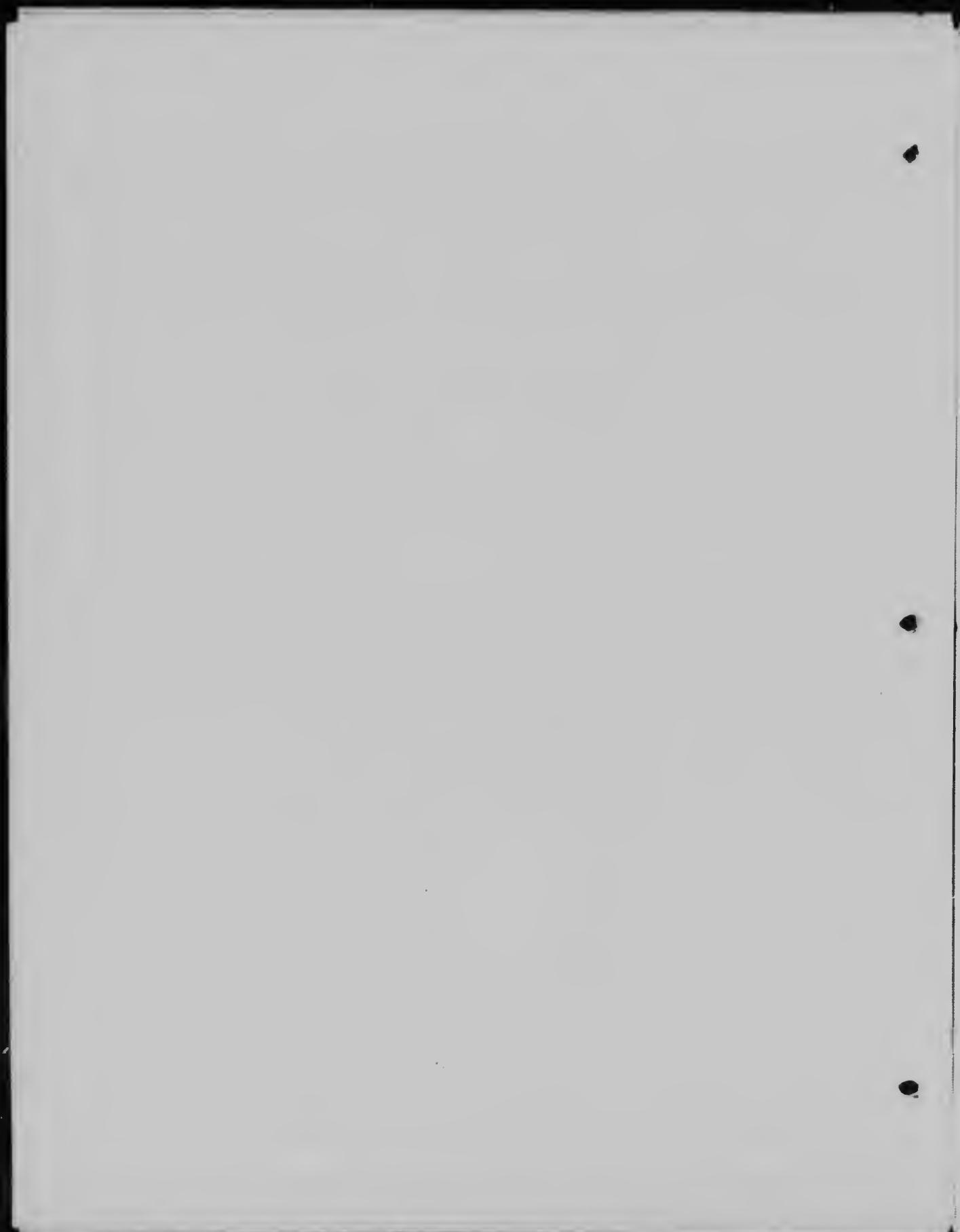
Among the great painters who devoted themselves chiefly to portraiture Van der Helst may be said to have excelled in the extreme fidelity of his work and in the grouping of large numbers of figures, in which each was a perfect likeness. His method was clear and precise, and facility in obtaining portraits of his sitters was marvellous. A correct balance, which he maintained in his vast compositions, the orderly way in which he painted his figures, each perfectly true to the age, profession and familiar attire of the person depicted, has never approached by his contemporaries in the special art of portraiture. In some of these larger compositions, however, this extreme exactness, though pleasing to his patrons, might be said to have resulted in the loss of feeling and atmosphere; and to make them appear stiffly cold. But in his smaller portraits and in most of his smaller pieces the charm is complete, the beauty of the work absolute. In the "Jugement du Prix de l'Art," in Amsterdam, among the finest of his works, one hardly knows which to admire the most, the elegance of the posing, the delicate and conscientious observation of nature, and perfect harmony or the absolute perfection of its details.

Hon. L. J. Force,

24.—Portrait of a Gentleman.

Sir George Diamond

25.—Portrait of a Lady.



Lent by

BOL (Ferdinand)

1611-1631

Very little is known of the history of this greatly talented artist. Only a few years younger than Rembrandt he was older, and quickly surpassed his teacher and in many of his pictures so much so, that some of his pictures have been confused with those of Rembrandt. The painter's soul to have this in him. In all his spirit are superb in color and lighting, but, bending to the popular taste of the day, he gradually abandoned his serious, somber and luminous style, in an endeavor to find new sources of success in allegorical subjects and in the imitation of certain fashionable methods of painting. This later style though still fine, has not the striking merit of his early work.

W. J. Leaman

26.—Man in Attire.

FAERITIUS (Care.)

1621-1654

Among the pupils of Rembrandt who, after Bol and Flinck, most closely approached their master, in portraiture and genre work, were Fabritius, Victor and Nicholaus Maes. His life was short but full of incident. Fabritius produced little, but those works which he did execute are of the very highest merit. His "Decollation de St. Jean," in the Amsterdam Museum, is one of the finest of his larger works. He also painted smaller pictures of familiar objects and still life, in rich sombre colours, beautiful in tone.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

27.—Still Life.

MAES (Nicholas)

1632-1693

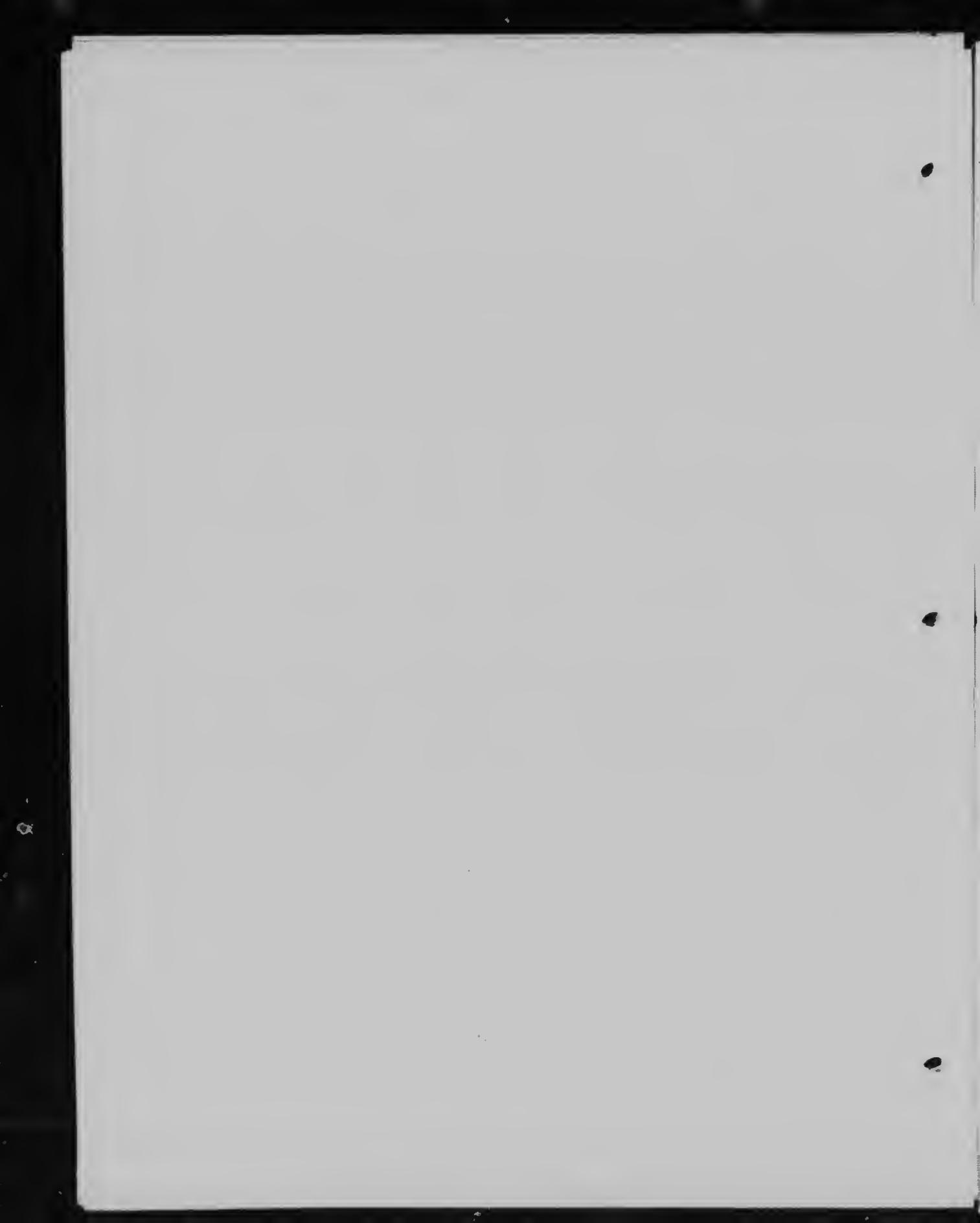
Of all Rembrandt's pupils, Maes was perhaps the one who treated light with the greatest brilliancy. His many interiors, illumined by a ray of light which strikes the walls, have an aspect eminently Rembrandtesque. He was also an able portrait painter.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

28.—Portrait of a Lady.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne

29.—Old Woman Reading.



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De KONINCK (Phillips)

1619-1689

A pupil of Rembrandt, with his brother-in-law, Fijerius, he was perhaps the only disciple of the great master who devoted himself wholly to landscape. He painted many scenes, etches of hill and dale, with a beautiful play of light and shade, and overhadowed by great masses of rolling cloud, the whole enveloped in atmosphere. He generally chose his point of view from a height of land. The shores of the Rhine, where they become broken and picturesque, attracted him greatly, and could not have been interpreted with more feeling and strength.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 30.—Landscape near Arnheim.

VAN DE VELDE (the Younger, Willem)

1633-1707

Van de Velde may be placed among the great marine painters of the world. His intimate knowledge of the equipment of vessels, the wonderful transparency which he gave to sea and sky, the play of light and shade over the immensity of distance, the sweet and delicate harmony of his compositions; all combined to give an exceptionally high quality to his pictures. It is curious to notice that this painter of the North Sea, so often troubled and torn by storms, hardly ever represented it except in the deepest calm. Even the effect of light breezes was seldom depicted by him.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 31.—Marine.

Dr. Wm. Gladner 32.—Marine.

C. R. Hunter 33.—A Sea View.



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VAN DE VELDE (Adriaen)

1636-1672

Adriaen Van de Velde is perhaps the only one among the Dutch painters who is comparable to the celebrated Paul Potter, in the painting of animals. Like the latter he was the son of a painter, he died young, and never left his native country. Of precocious talents, and to some extent influenced by the landscapists among his brother artists, he early produced pictures, more pleasing and varied than those of his master, Wybrandt. It is however always to give a distinguished character to his pictures, he sought always the simple feeling of Dutch peasant life, but in the rendering of landscape with cattle, he very nearly approached Potter, not so much in technique as in the choice and even balance of his compositions, which are of a pleasing and graceful character, and vigorous, and bountiful in execution.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 34.—Landscape with Cattle.

VAN DE CAPELLA (Jaan)

About 1630-1690

Of this artist's life very little is known, but his pictures are much sought after. He may be placed with Vershuur, Lelie's and others who came after Van de Velde and Backhuysen. He painted honestly and conscientiously, and his work shows his love for the tempestuous scenes which he depicted large vessels and boats under soft and glowing skies, somewhat recalling the golden light of Crey.

J. Reid Wilson

35.—Marine.



Test by

WOUWERMAN (Philip)

1619-1668

The brilliant representation of scenes of war, of battles, encampments and skirmishes, belongs among the first, or even absolutely to Wouwerman. And not only such scenes, but also more pastoral subjects with groups of figures and animals, were treated by him with exceptional delicacy and great power. One may observe here distinct progress in this artist's work. At first unshaded, and yet having already his scenes in military life, he illustrated many field and field-songs, marines and pastoral scenes. His second manner may be recognized by the stronger modelling of his figures and animals, and by a finer and more robust touch, and his compositions were more full of light and color. Lastly, his scheme of color became about 1655 more light, and passed from warm to clear and silvery grey tones, without, thanks to his masterly handling, losing any of the charm of his earlier work.

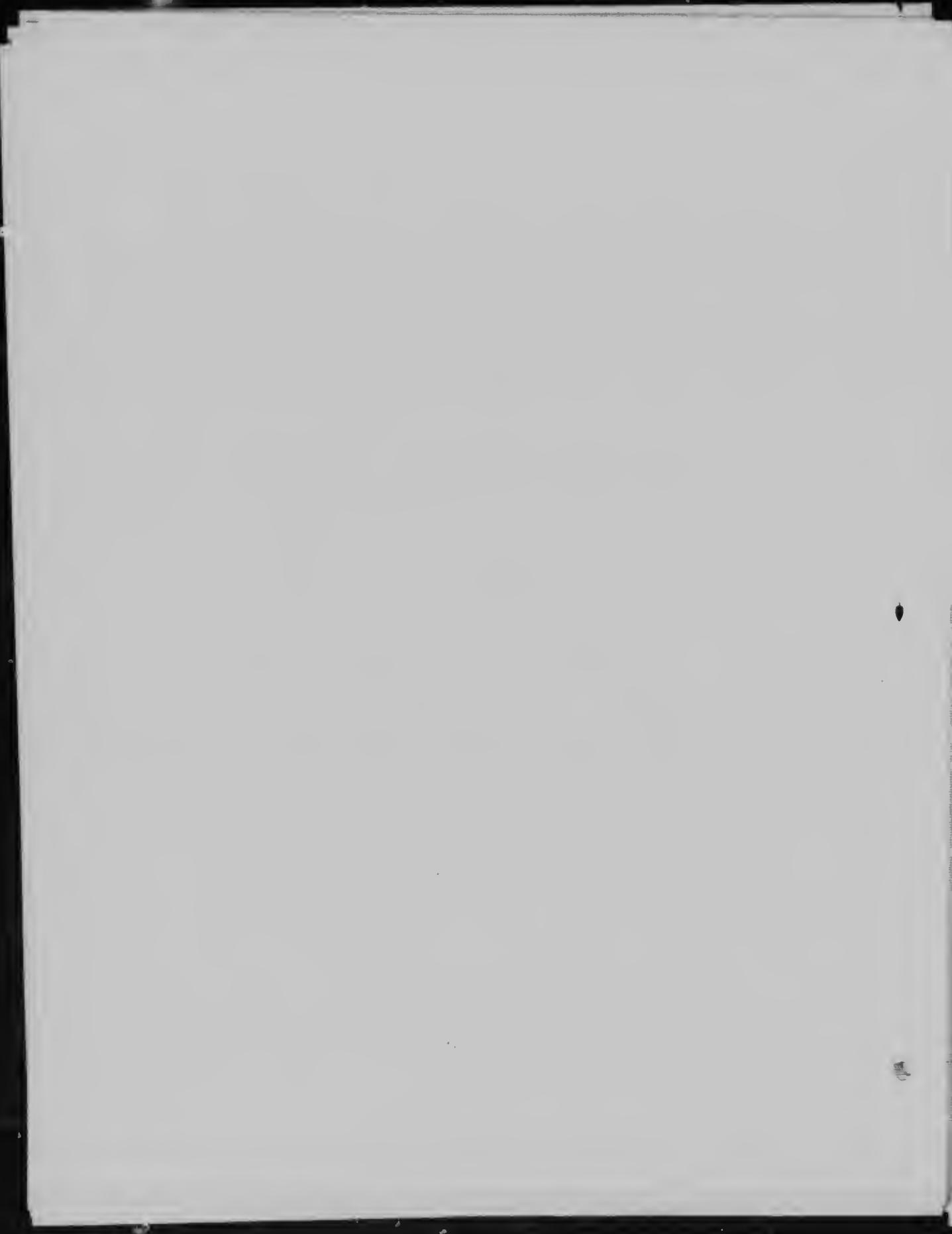
Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 36.—Landscape.

VAN DEN TEMPEL (Abraham)

1628-1672

Van den Tempel embodies in his paintings elegance, refinement and good modelling, which recall Van der Helst; and to these fine qualities he adds a certain grace, a manner which would seem to have been borrowed from Van Dyck; but it is by no means certain that he ever was very familiar with the work of either of these artists.

Sir George Drummond 37.—A Lady's Portrait.



Lent by

MCLENAER (Jan Miense)

1612-1663

One of three brothers, all artists, and the most able of them, he represented in a warm but restrained scheme of color, the rough interiors of peasants' huts and country taverns, with figures of rustics drinking. His general style is characteristic and full of animation, and, though, retaining a certain personal note, he followed Jan Steen and Van Ostade.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 38.—Festive Scene.

DIJ HEEM (Cornelis)

1630-1692

The Dij Heem were the founders of the best school of still life painting. The first of them was David the elder, 1575-1622. The work of this group of painters is most interesting, not only because of their careful reproduction of flowers, fruits, and glass, but on account of the beautiful arrangement of the objects and their marvellous technique. D. Heem especially has a love of light, using a warm and golden light, and this, with a number of highlights of copper or grey, gave a wonderful modelling and relief to his objects.

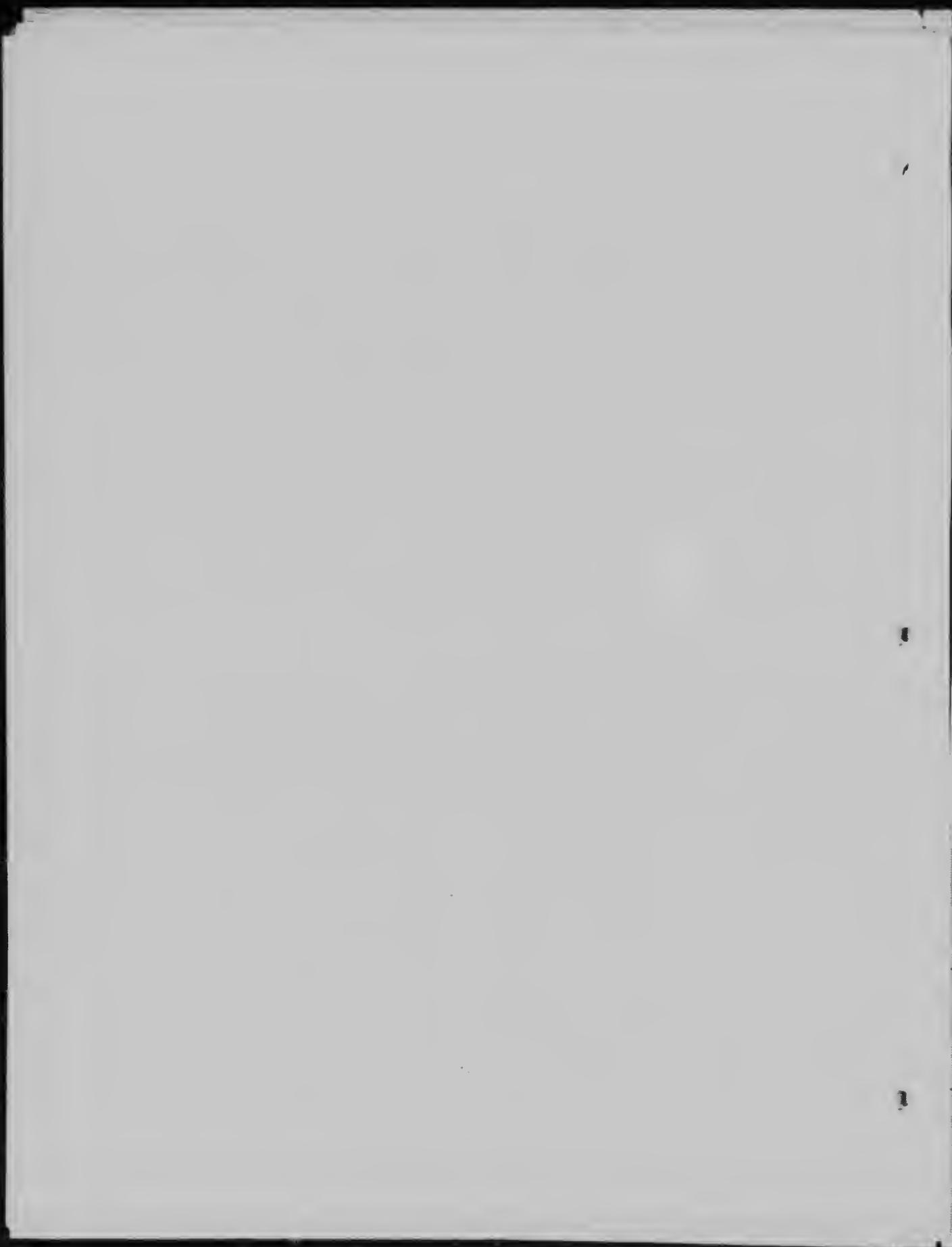
W. J. Learmont 39.—Still Life.

ZYL (Pieter Van)

About 1595-1650

Particulars of this artist's life are meagre, but his works are well known and much sought after. One of his greatest paintings is in the Museum at Utrecht. His subjects are generally of a religious character, treated with freedom and boldness in a masterly manner.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 40.—A Religious.



Paint by

FYT (Jan)

1620-1621

Jan Fyt was most successful in the painting of animals and still life; in fact, few have equalled him in these special branches of art, and his pictures lose no breadth from the wonderful minuteness of his style. He is well represented in Munich, Dresden and Vienna, and some of his choicest works are to be found in the Wallace Collection.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 41.—Still Life.

BREMER (Leonard)

About 1595-1613

At one period Bremer painted historical subjects with various tinges of gold and silver, imitated with a precision bordering on servility. Later, however, his style changed and he obtained great breadth, and his treatment of strong effects of concentrated light and dark shadows showed him to be a master of chiaroscuro. He excelled in painting caverns and interiors, with the light treated in the manner of Rembrandt.

Sir Wm. C. Van Horne 42.—A Dutch Interior.

