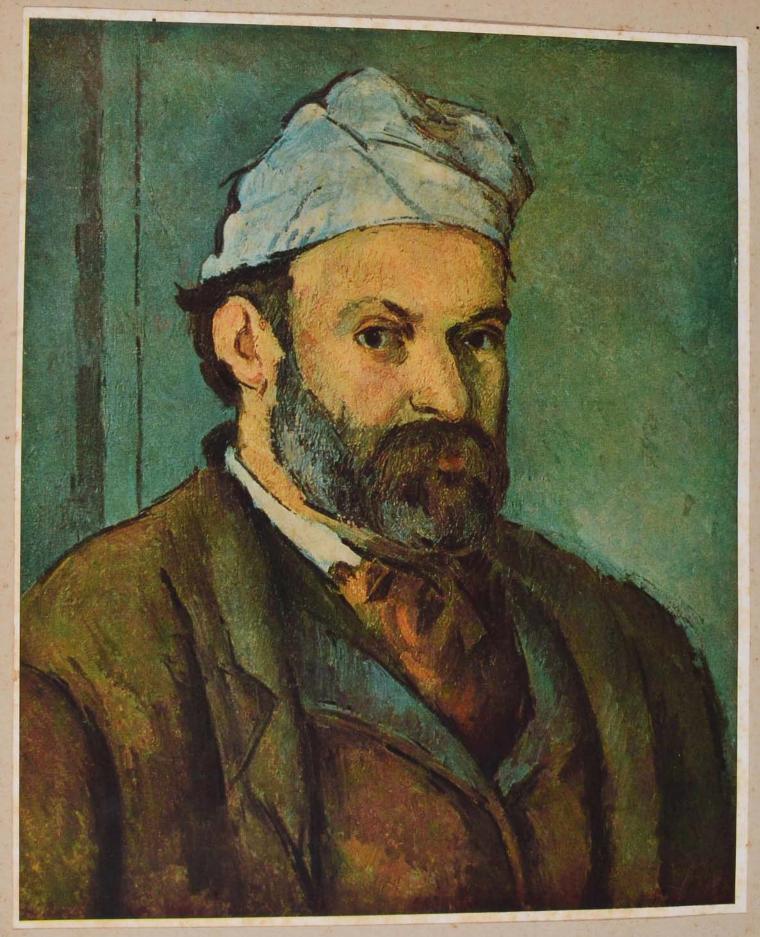
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ow that we have reached the fourth decade of the twentieth century, it ought to be possible, when we look back upon the development of art during the nineteenth century, to establish some semblance of order amidst the manifold and confusing ramifications of artistic activity during that epoch. The "historical distance" is great enough to enable us to perceive with clarity the relationship between the various phases of development, but it is not yet great enough for the remoteness of time to have added to the essential characteristics of works of art that quality which colours our views of all the productions of older art. We feel that all the most important artistic events of the nineteenth century are easily accessible to our understanding. We feel that we can experience, as if it were a work of the present day, every picture which was painted during that period, tracing it back to the primary motives which inspired it.

From our present-day point of view we are bound to consider the unparalleled many-sidedness of art as an enduring characteristic of the previous century. In the development of older art it is impossible to find a similar contrast to that which is offered us by the end of the nineteenth century, when Van Gogh painted the "portrait" of a chair and at the same time another leading artist, Cézanne, was eliminating even from the representation of the human countenance every trace of psychology and feeling. Nor is it likely that posterity will take a different view when the nineteenth century has become more remote.

At the same time we recognize a unifying fundamental characteristic: the tendency towards representation of the elemental. This tendency, in the form of demonstration of elementary forces or of elementary images, was one of the chief aims which nineteenth-century painting strove to achieve. It appears with ever-increasing prominence as the fundamental theme to which all other formative intentions were subordinated.

No other individual artist had such an important share in this movement as Paul Cézanne. With the formula of artistic representation of the elemental, however inadequate and universal it may be in itself, it is possible to establish the comprehensive and fundamental character of this so complicated artistic personality, and starting from this basis we are able to understand the numerous problems of representation which the paintings of Cézanne bring before us.

Elementary images can be created only by sacrificing the individual phenomena, the individual value of the human figure, the tree, the still-life subject, etc. Anyone who sees pictures by Cézanne for the first time and is impressed by the effect they produce, will be struck, when he thinks of the forms of nature depicted, by certain characteristic and surprising phenomena of reduction, which awaken his critical consciousness. An exception must perhaps be made in the case of those who are particularly susceptible to colour, for they will recognize at once that the colour quality of these works is something unique. They

will find in Cézanne a power and exclusiveness of chromatic effect for which few parallels can be found among the works of older art; we could go even further: they will find colours and combinations of colours possessing characteristics which differentiate Cézanne's chromatics from all other kinds of colour-treatment. Actually, those who can see this have grasped the essential point of Cézanne's artistic genius, from which all his processes of representation and form-conception are derived. To such observers it will appear natural to allow this incomparable harmony of colours to produce its effects alone; its laws will be felt or recognized, and everything else which is to be seen in the picture seems, by comparison, to possess only secondary importance. The perfection of colouring, of colour organisms, which they recognize Cézanne's works to be, appears to them as an adequate justification of all other peculiarities of representation, and they are tempted to think that more exhaustive investigation of these peculiarities is futile. To assume such an attitude towards Cézanne's art would, however, be quite wrong, however much

we may be tempted to do so by many of its forms of expression. To regard a picture by Cézanne merely as an ornament in colour would mean that we were overlooking certain essential effective elements, and,

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more especially, certain very significant creative processes in his art. In reality this art is so constituted that the beholder must constantly take into consideration its realistic, illustrative value, just as the artist, when he was painting his pictures, had constantly before his eyes the objects of nature he was depicting. If we do this, we are at once struck by those phenomena of reduction which are very characteristic peculiarities of all Cézanne's work and distinguish it most profoundly from the immediately preceding art of the im-Plates 105, 109, 112, pressionists. In its essentials the art of Cézanne is close to nature and tends towards reality. Even many of his water-colours and certain oil-paintings from his late period with their forms of intimation and abstraction cannot be taken as evidence of "abstract" painting. Nevertheless there is one characteristic of Cézanne's mode of representation which one may describe superficially as aloofness from life, or, more profoundly and comprehensively, as aloofness from mankind; it is this characteristic which gives his pictures, for those who approach them for the first time, a cold, rigid, almost repugnant character, and renders their comprehension difficult for many people. This aloofness is naturally most evident in Cézanne's representation of the human figure, which, as a matter of fact, plays just as important a part in the totality of his art as other natural objects, landscape or still-life. In Cézanne's pictures the human figure often has an almost puppet-like rigidity, while the countenances show an emptiness of expression bordering almost on the mask. Corresponding characteristics are to be found in his representation of all other kinds of subjects. As if all his landscapes—in which human figures hardly ever appear—were depicted in a complete absence of wind, his foliage and sheets of water are quite motionless. The expressiveness of motionless organic life, too, as we perceive it for instance in the rhythm of branches and leaves, is generally subdued in Cézanne and produces no direct effect, while when we turn to the objects of inorganic nature we find that these too are characterized by a rigidity which goes beyond their natural immobility. This reduction of movement and natural animation is not confined to the corporeal world but is extended to atmospheric

phenomena and lighting. Certainly aerial perspective exists in Cézanne's pictures, but the depth values of the various remote portions of the pictorial space do not give the effect of being everywhere in harmony with the atmospheric haziness. One has rather the impression that the contemplation of the atmospheric effects has not been definitely considered as a problem of painting. This is due chiefly to the peculiar nature of the colours, of which we cannot say whether they are atmospheric colours, as in impressionistic painting, or local colours. In this way, with the lack of atmospheric effects in Cézanne's pictures, especially in his landscapes, a further source of animation is missing. A similar peculiarity may be noticed in his representation of light. As with the atmosphere, he does not seem to have made the representation of light in easily recognizable forms and situations of illumination a subject for special study. The result of this in Cézanne's pictures is often the appearance of a neutral, somewhat timeless lighting, and this has led to the supposition that, when possible, he tried to paint his landscapes in a diffuse light, under an overcast sky. In reality, however, most of his landscapes, especially those which he painted in Provence, are in sunlight, but the sunlight is hardly ever reproduced in such a way as to be distributed evenly over the whole space of the landscape. In particular it is the cast shadows which, like all the colours and line images throughout Cézanne's work, in the neighbourhood of clearly marked patches often display an indistinctness and a tendency to fade away which is difficult to explain, so that the impression of continuous lighting cannot predominate.

An elementary phenomenon of space too, such as linear perspective, is subjected in Cézanne's pictures to processes of transformation which contribute to the reduction of natural animation. It is true that on the whole he follows the laws of perspective, conceiving the pictorial plane as perspectival space, but he reduces to a minimum the effects of tension, which in real landscape are always bound up with perspectival contrasts of dimension, with foreshortenings and converging lines. In Cézanne's representation of space we have the unique phenomenon of a perspective so to speak emptied of feeling, the peculiarities of which consist of occasional changes of angle, displacement of proportions and axes, and especially of a curious hesitation in the movement of the converging lines and absence of tension in the perspectival depth.

Lastly there is one more characteristic of Cézanne's art which may be mentioned at the end of this résumé. In his representation there is a lack of pleasure in the reproduction of substance, or at least in the direct reproduction of material beauties. The illuminating power of the colours of flower and fruit in Cézanne's still-lifes is only to a slight degree effective as material beauty; similarly the clear landscape distance in many of his pictures cannot be felt as the clarity of determined meteorological conditions. In consequence his objects have a kind of immateriality; despite the solidity of their corporeal and spatial structure, they seem to be without weight, when compared, for example, with the sensuality of impression-istic rendering.

At the bottom of all these characteristics, which embrace a wide range from psychological content

in the representation of the human figure to the elemental forms of space, is what we have described above as aloofness from mankind and from life. To this fundamental attitude belongs also the lack of everything that we understand by the German word "Stimmung" in its widest sense, a term for which there is no equivalent in English, but which can best be rendered by the English word "mood" or "atmosphere". The element of mood, which is found in some form or other in all European landscape painting from the beginnings until the end of impressionism and which before the appearance of Cézanne seems to be an indispensable part of the interpretation of landscape, is completely excluded from his landscapes. In them there is no mood, whether in the form of expression of temperament or for the purpose of interpreting definite landscape situations or phenomena, and it is lacking because Cézanne's art is the very antithesis of expressive art.

So much of these fundamental characteristics has passed into the artistic tendencies of our own century that we are already familiar with them. Their first appearance, however—and in many ways their purest form—in the art of Cézanne marks a turning-point of the highest importance in the history of intellectual development.

Curiously enough the existence of these peculiarities in Cézanne's painting has continually been denied, and on the contrary his depth of expression has been vigorously defended in the face of those who perceived, for example in most of his portraits, that peculiar rigidity and aloofness from life. As if drawing attention to those forms by means of which Cézanne abandons the natural phenomena of inward and outward life were equivalent to pronouncing an unfavourable judgement on his art! This art too is only another example of how often quite obvious phenomena can be recognized more clearly in the pronouncements of those who deny them than of those who defend them. And those who are surprised at the coldness of expression in Cézanne's pictures, at the lack of "Stimmung", at the oblique houses and plates, the angular ellipses of the fruit-dishes and the distorted figures of the nudes, are sometimes nearer to an understanding of his art than those who feel no such surprise. Certainly it would be quite wrong to assume that elements like the spiritual expression of a human countenance, the "Stimmung" of a landscape, the material charm and the secret life of a "nature morte" are completely banished from Cézanne's art. In a portrait like that of the "Old woman with a rosary", with its heavy, gloomy colours, one can perceive a picture of the decline of old age, of a life drawing to its close; a landscape like the "Jas de Bouffan in spring" is really a spring landscape; that the Mont Sainte-Victoire meant more to the master than a motive for a picture is clear even after a superficial glance at his work, which also reveals Cézanne's deep affection for the landscape of his native Provence in general; even clearer is the thematic importance of many of his figure compositions, in which we are continually getting glimpses of the "romantic" side of his temperament. But all these traits, all these external forms of thematic and temperamental significance, play a very curious part in the ultimate formation of the picture: they are covered up and submerged by those effects of opposite tendency, which are certainly too complicated to be adequately defined by such

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expressions as aloofness from mankind or from life. A brief glance of comparison at the impressionistic methods at the same time and just before, shows how much these inclined to the values of mood and sentiment of the landscape and also of the human form, and how different were the essential aims of Cézanne.

One of the leading characteristics of Cézanne's art is the new kind of relationship between the illusion value of the representation and the impression which the picture creates as a structural form. If we compare it with examples of impressionism, a picture by Cézanne is to a much higher degree a structural form. This is due only to a small extent to the fact that objects are reproduced in a simplified form, with frequent omission of individual details. Much more important than such transformations of objects—which, nota bene, are found in varying degrees—is the relationship between pictorial plane and space. Strictly speaking, apart from a few isolated exceptions, no analogy to Cézanne's treatment of space can be found in earlier painting. The phenomena of reduction and attenuation in the perspectival effects, in the reproduction of atmosphere and light, are derived from the comprehensive characteristic that space in Cézanne's pictures is not illusory space in the ordinary sense. The pictorial plane contributes too much as an artistic reality to the impression produced by this treatment of space. This, however, does not mean that Cézanne's pictures can be called "flat". They are not flat in the sense that they have only a limited extension in depth, nor do they give the flat impression of decorative painting. On the contrary space does exist in his pictures, but a form of space which despite its depth and intensity nevertheless makes it difficult for the beholder to enter into the spatial construction. The various kinds of sentiment-reduction, in the representation of human figures and objects, of superficial beauty and spatial perspective, find their counterpart in this characteristic of pictorial space: Cézanne aims at reproducing real space—and not super-real space as created in the fantasy of the artist—and nevertheless endeavours to remain aloof from and inaccessible to that contemplative and re-experiencing imagination which tries to follow up the movements of space and extensions of depth in the picture and to identify itself with the perspectival sensations of the bend in a road or the view of a valley.

Cézanne's pictorial structure, which produces this curious effect of space, is thus fundamentally different from other kinds of visible pictorial form—to take an obvious example, from the impressionistic painting method. The form of projection, emphasizing just as much and often even more strongly the plane of the picture, of impressionistic brushwork stands likewise in a relationship of tension to the depth of space depicted, but it is an attractive tension which helps to increase the illusion and to give animation and movement to the spatial picture. Impressionistic painteresque forms of indication and reduction aim at causing the plane of the picture to be forgotten, but in Cézanne's construction the plane is effective even in a fully rounded off oil-painting. Among the means which Cézanne employs to attain his novel construction, two are of especial importance: colour and draughtsmanship.

A philosophy of colour, the aim of which was to demonstrate the elementary laws of colour-effects

and above all the essential power of colour, could find no more suitable subject for study than Cézanne's treatment of colour. One cannot investigate it without soon coming upon original phenomena of which it is possible to define the effects, but not the causes. Among the fundamental characteristics of Cézanne's colouring its faculty of creating forms and space must be emphasized. The exclusiveness of this faculty is greater than in all earlier painting, and he relies less than any of his predecessors on other means of representation and form, such as composition and outline-drawing, in obtaining the realization of his conception of the object and solidity of the picture. The latter, especially, is obtained by the equivalence and balance of the individual component colours. These individual patches of colour, as small constructional parts of the picture, are the real supports of the pictorial structure in Cézanne's painting. And it should be noticed that this is found for the first time in Cézanne, for the impressionistic technique of streaks and patches was employed in the service of an individualized reproduction, rich in details, of objects and space, and secondly this painteresque molecular structure, which reduced the value of the individual object, had yet a material significance: the atmosphere inundated with light. The structure on the basis of small component parts, as evolved in the painting of Cézanne, first marks the completion of this movement which in the course of the development of European painting led further and further away from that pictorial world composed of independent objects and individual forms. The predominance of formal and especially of chromatic combinations over the individual bodies depicted, whether living beings or inanimate images, now becomes much stronger, because there was no longer any concrete counterpart, such as the atmosphere, to this painteresque conception of the elemental. This gives rise to the often noticed impression that in Cézanne's pictures the objects appear to form themselves before our eyes, to grow out of the surface of the picture and to dissolve themselves in it again. From this form of painting are derived many curious and important consequences for all the means of form and representation, which had previously been used for the construction of individual bodies, for the drawing of outlines, for modelling and composition. In all of them, when we compare them with other methods of representation, even with the methods of "painteresque" painting, processes of transformation of values can be recognized which are equivalent to reductions of values.

Let us first consider the outlines. Cézanne's remarks concerning his contempt for line have been quoted so often, in support of the assertion that draughtsmanship was of secondary importance in his work, and, even more, to emphasize the statement that he was incapable of drawing, that it is as well to draw attention to certain examples which contradict these assertions. It is not difficult to find examples of Cézanne's absorption in drawing and of his ability as a draughtsman, particularly in the sketches he made from works of sculpture. Where, however, in Cézanne's drawing, things appear which are the opposite of linear rhythm, of accurate draughtsmanship and animation of line, in the often coarse and clumsy outlines of many of his nudes, in the simplified contours with their varying firmness such as are characteristic of Cézanne's representation as a whole—in all these cases we must recognize that we have

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to do with a form of outline which is suited to the general structure of the picture. Everywhere in the whole plane of the picture neighbouring units and modulations of colour are found balancing and contrasting with one another, and this finds its counterpart in a form of outline the aim of which is not so much to isolate the object it encloses as to form the connecting link between two contiguous colour-values. Hence the hesitation, hence the continual reappearance and dying away of outlines in Cézanne's painting, the blurring of the contours which do not everywhere correspond to real reflected or cast shadows. The use of outline as a line of demarcation between colours in this painting was bound to present numerous difficulties and obstacles. In the water-colours, in which the soft colour-patches toning down the graphic element in the drawing are often the most important or even the only portions of colour, the construction is concentrated precisely on these most difficult portions. Even the black-and-white form of pure pencildrawings contains much of this peculiar treatment of outline, so that the relationship between plane and space even in drawings of this kind is similar to that found in the paintings.

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With this kind of outline-drawing the possibility of a painteresque modelling is a priori excluded. The replacement of modelling by "modulation" of colours, which the master demanded in a celebrated saying of his, is very closely connected with Cézanne's system of outlines. The intensification of the colours in the neighbourhood of the contours, however great the resulting plastic effect, is entirely different, as a form of pictorial structure, from modelling.

Cézanne's "molecular", painteresque pictorial structure, which denies the independent value of individual images, had a particularly strong influence on his composition. The composition, that is to say the arrangement of the larger unities in plane and space, was subject to the most radical alterations: in Cézanne's pictures there is no longer any composition in the ordinary sense of the word, and this is one of the most revolutionary transformations in the history of the development of painting. One might almost believe that with his "consolidation of impressionism" Cézanne created a new form of monumentality. In some of the Mont Sainte-Victoire landscapes and in the still-lifes, in portraits like the "Woman with the Plate 71 coffee-pot" and in many figure compositions of "Bathers" or "Card-players", it seems that a monumental Plates 87, 88; composition has really been formed which can be compared with the greatest examples of the old masters. But only a superficial examination can fail to reveal how remote Cézanne's kind of compositional form is from the works of the old painters. In his pictures we soon discover that the large outlines, the lapidary form of bodies and space, are not the real supports of the framework of the picture, but that its solidity rests on the arrangement of the smaller parts of the picture, on all the structural forms of modulations of colour and tone, of outline and volume, which form Cézanne's peculiar conception of space. Linear or plastic effects of a certain minimum and consequently a decided effect of decorativeness or space-illusion are the necessary premises for compositional solidity. Pictorial structure and spatial form in the painting of Cézanne do not permit of composition in this sense. Here for the first time that transformation is completed which generally we already see in impressionism. The lack of composition in impressionistic works

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is only apparent; in reality the broad form of the composition is only concealed by the impressionistic method of painting, but in Cézanne its values have been definitely reduced.

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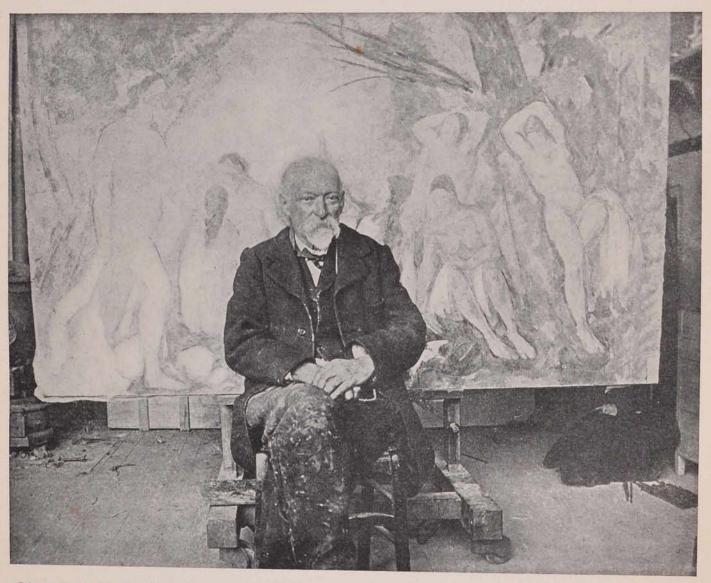
That Cézanne often "composed" very obviously, especially in many of his freely invented figure paintings and also in landscapes and still-lifes, is no real contradiction to the above statement. If we consider a number of Cézanne's pictorial compositions in themselves, without taking into account the role assigned to the compositional arrangement, in relation to the formation of the details, in the picture as a whole, we discover that there are a great number of variations: together with concealed compositions and those which seem to be without definite intention, we also find others with a simplicity and obviousness of compositional arrangement which is often almost schematic, with stress laid on symmetry or parallel lines. It is precisely in this variability and the sometimes excessive obviousness of the linear composition that we recognize its novelty and its, on the whole, secondary importance. In fact we can trace in Cézanne's work the changes in the significance of the composition: in the dark fantastic figure pictures, built up on sharp contrasts, of the early period, in which Cézanne sometimes appears to be making fun not only of his subject but also of the traditional forms of composition, these forms are nevertheless of decisive importance for the effect of the picture. But when, later, he continually used them in figure scenes, the emphasis was transferred to the structural forms he himself had created, which destroyed not only the forms and formulas of "idealistic" figure-construction, but composition in general.

Plates 1, 8, 9, 15

The principal specific characteristics here mentioned as forming part of Cézanne's pictorial method are very well suited to serve as elements for the construction of an abstract painting. And really one way taken by the followers of Cézanne led to the same end. But in the art of the master himself these characteristics have not this function; on the contrary all the effects of the relations of form, all the life of the pictorial organism, which is created out of the wealth of modulations of colour, out of the reciprocal reactions of plane and space, is brought into relation with the world of objects and serves to create objects. If we try to ascertain which of the aspects of natural phenomena finds its most adequate expression in the work of Cézanne, the first thing that occurs to our mind is perhaps the motionless life of vegetation. This, however, is only for the purposes of comparison, for Cézanne's structure does not stand in the same relationship to the phenomena of organic vegetation as, for example, impressionistic painting does to the actual effects of atmosphere. From the life of the organisms of the picture life is brought to the objects represented, but this is not a pictorially reproduced life. The same process is found in some way or other in all great painting, but the new element in the art of Cézanne is the exclusiveness of this characteristic, the fact that no painter ever before abandoned to such an extent the assistance of associations. In Cézanne a pictorial world seems to have been created with the primary elements of vision; and it is in his painting that this occurred for the first time, not in impressionism, in which, however near it may come with its great creations to Cézanne's form of construction, many non-painteresque elements nevertheless contribute to the effect of the picture. Representations of the elementals, it is true, are continually found in

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the development of art—in the early years and at the height of the Middle Ages, in the art of Giotto, of Pieter Brueghel the Elder, of El Greco and of Rembrandt—but never have they been revealed so openly in the constituents of reality as in the painting of Cézanne, and never, except in his work, without being brought into relationship to some realm of thought, either generally religious or subjective, transcending reality.



Cézanne in his Studio

Photograph, taken in his last years

ardly any of the characteristics of Cézanne's art which have been mentioned in this brief summary are to be found in the works he produced at the beginning of his artistic career, in fact the pictures he painted up to the beginning of the seventies are characterized by features which are directly opposed to those we have enumerated.

A small number of oil-paintings of various kinds, beneath the crudeness of which personal characteristics are barely discernible, have been preserved as the earliest works of the master. They were painted round about 1860. Cézanne-who was born on January 19th, 1839-was then about twenty and had not yet definitely adopted painting as his career. His father, Louis-Auguste Cézanne, a banker of Aix-en-Provence, was a strict man who did not approve at all of his son's intention to embrace the uncertain profession of a painter. However, he allowed him to study painting at the art school in Aix, but determined that as soon as his son had passed through the Collège Bourbon, he should take up the study of law. In 1861, nevertheless, Paul Cézanne succeeded in obtaining his father's permission to visit Paris, where he wanted to devote himself entirely to painting. Émile Zola, who had moved from Aix to Paris a few years before, was instrumental in persuading him to this decision. They had known each other as children and a romantic friendship sprang up in youth between the two, a friendship in which Baptistin Baille, who later became an engineer, participated. We find a clear and animated picture of this friendship in their letters and in the literary treatment which Zola gave to it in his books. The two artists remained close friends for several decades, until in 1886, after gradually drifting apart, they definitely broke off their relationship.

a short time. A few boyish drawings from the nude, now in the museum at Aix, have remained as examples of his artistic activity at that time. In 1862 he was in Paris again and in the following years he painted sometimes there, sometimes in his native town or at L'Estaque, near Marseilles. The pictures which Cézanne

Plates 1-10, 12, painted about the middle and in the second half of the sixties have a variety which shows clearly how he was striving to attain a personal style. Not only did he strive passionately, he actually succeeded in achieving a personal style, a style of emphatic, over-emphatic personality. Seldom has the hostility to the current

Cézanne's first stay in Paris, where he studied at the Académie Suisse, was not a long one. In the

same year he returned discouraged to Aix and entered his father's banking business, though only for

artistic tendencies of a painter seeking his form, and a new form, found such vigorous expression as in these works of Cézanne's early period. Although it is often easy enough to see from what contemporaries

these paintings drew their inspiration—from Courbet, Delacroix, Monticelli, and a little, in the later phase

of this period of development, from Manet-most of them with their brutality and passion, in their choice

of subject and form, give the impression of hostility to everything and everybody. Works of this kind are the large figure compositions, painted on the walls of the "Jas de Bouffan", his parents' country house

to the west of Aix, and also the series of portraits, in pure spatula technique—Cézanne's favourite tech-

nique at this period—of the so-called uncle Dominique, the portrait of the painter Achille Empéraire, and

a number of animated figure compositions often of weird and grotesque subjects. These pictures, created Plates 1, 8, 15

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Cézanne

Etching by Camille Pissarro. 1874

at a time of realism and incipient impressionism, at times appear like the works of a solitary expressionist, like caricatures of Baroque compositions. (Among the old masters, it is the great Venetians, whom Cézanne revered throughout his life, Ribera and Zurbarán, of whom we are reminded in the figure scenes which he painted at this time.) In the outlines and the modelling, and in the system of relationships of the colours with the extensive patches of chiaroscuro, these pictures often seem like rough versions of paintings by Daumier. The pictorial construction is generally of such a kind that large colour silhouettes are placed close together in sharp contrasts, before a spatial backaround usually of dark colour, as, for example, in the painting of "Christ's Descent Plate 1 into Limbo" from the "Jas de Bouffan", in which the chalk-white flesh and the

scarlet of Christ's mantle stand out against the blacks of the background.

But this is not his only form of painting in these years. Painted in 1866 or just after, his portrait of his father reading a newspaper—he is reading a copy of "L'Événement", which published in that year Zola's Plate 7 celebrated polemic on art, "Mon Salon", afterwards dedicated to Cézanne-which reveals strong reminiscences of the painting of Courbet, displays an entirely different treatment of colour. As regards colouring several pictures painted from about 1870 to 1872 form a group of their own, characterized by a strongly marked scale of grey and brown tones, as, for example, the interior with a girl playing the piano, the figure composition, dated 1870, with the sailing-boat, the winter landscape at L'Estaque, where Plates 14, 15 Cézanne lived during the Franco-Prussian war, and the view of the "Halle aux Vins". One thing is common Plate 16 to all these pictures of his early period: a remarkable power in the application of colour. These works thus already contain a presage of what was later to become the most characteristic element in his art. The colour is still bound up with chiaroscuro and obstructed by the blackness of heavy, graphically outlined shadows, but is sometimes freed from them, as, for example, in some parts of the landscape with the Plate 12 railway cutting.

About this time Cézanne again changed his place of residence, and entered upon a new and important phase in his artistic development. In 1872, Hortense Fiquet, who became his wife, bore him a son in Paris. In the same year Cézanne went to Pontoise and Auvers - sur - Oise, where he remained working in company of Camille Pissarro until 1874. There he also made the acquaintance of Dr. Paul Gachet, later the friend of Van Goah. The use of the term impressionism as applied to Cézanne's painting even at this period is certainly questionable. Many of his floral still-lifes and some of his landscapes, such as the view of Auvers in the museum at Magdeburg, can certainly be called impressionistic in many respects, but hardly a picture by Cézanne exists which one could unhesitatingly



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Painting by Camille Pissarro. 1874

assign to a group of real impressionistic pictures, for example a collection of landscapes by Pissarro, Monet and Sisley, as possessing fundamentally the same characteristics. In many of these pictures by Cézanne Plate 13 there is still too much of the form of the preceding period, especially in his "Maison du Pendu", which was shown at the impressionist exhibition held in 1874. The shut-in masses of the houses and of the terrain in the foreground still remind us of the "walled" type of painting of the preceding years, and especially of Plate 12 the "Railway Cutting", but the lightness of the colouring is not impressionistic, it already contains essential characteristics of Cézanne's specific colour treatment. This is true also of the later pictures from this period, in which the block-like solidity is abandoned and the looser construction and lighter colouring represent a distinct approach to impressionistic effects: in proportion as the contours, the modelling and chiaroscuro are replaced by the homogeneous impressionistic brushwork, the structure of the colouring, based on small component parts, acquires a new solidity. In the course of Cézanne's development, a constant return to his own older forms and a juxtaposition of different methods of painting are characteristic, and this peculiarity, which makes the arrangement of his works in chronological order so difficult, is particularly frequent in the works which he produced from about 1874 to near the end of the seventies. In the famous

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Cézanne

Pastel by Auguste Renoir. 1880

still-life with the fruit-dish in the Lecomte Plate 25 Collection, which can be dated at the end of the seventies, we have probably the first picture in which Cézanne achieves his ultimate pictorial form. Naturally his art undergoes plenty of changes even after this, but we can nevertheless speak of a certain definitiveness, for the most important principles of representation and form remain from this time on unaltered.

The pictures which Cézanne sub- Plates 13, 22 mitted to the impressionist exhibitions of 1874 and 1877 were rejected in so vehement a manner that he took no further part in such exhibitions. As his continual efforts to be allowed to exhibit in the official Salon met with no success—with the exception of that held in 1882—his activity remained unnoticed

until the great comprehensive exhibition organized in 1895 by Ambroise Vollard.

Cézanne returned to work in Auvers several times after his long stay there, and he also worked in Pontoise, in Paris and the environs of the capital. In 1878 he was in L'Estaque again, and during the following years lived in various places in Provence and the North, in Paris, with Zola at Médan, at Melun and other places in the Île-de-France. This continual change of scene went on until the last years of his life. In 1885 and 1886 he made long stays at Gardanne, to the south of Aix, where he painted the series of Plate 42 views of the town. A subject which he constantly returned to during his stays in Aix was the "Jas de Plates 39, 40, 97, Bouffan", its buildings, its garden, its avenue of chestnuts and its ponds. The series of pictures of cardplayers and smokers, about 1890, was likewise painted at the "Jas de Bouffan". Soon after the death of Plates 58, 59 his mother in 1897, the "Jas de Bouffan" was sold and Cézanne moved into the town. From the middle of the nineties a certain landscape zone to the east of Aix had special significance for him: the curious building of the so-called "Château Noir" and its surroundings, the woods with their peculiar rock-formations, Plates 86, 105, 112, the neighbouring "Bibémus" quarry, and the views of Sainte-Victoire from this direction. In 1902 Cézanne Plates 90; 78, 82 built himself an atelier to the north of Aix, at "Les Lauves". In the landscapes painted during the master's

last years the Mont Sainte-Victoire is found again and again; as a mountain massif towering above the surrounding hilly country, it made a particularly effective subject for painting.

from nature, Cézanne constantly created invented figure compositions, mostly "Bathers", but some-

times also allegorical scenes such as the "Apotheosis of Delacroix" and the two versions of the

In addition to the pictures painted directly

Plates 87, 88, 111

Plate 67

Plate 93

"Apotheosis of Woman". Pictures of this kind give the most striking evidence of the continuance of tendencies found in his early paintings. The most important examples of his study of the problem of large figure compositions are the "Baigneuses" painted in his last years, of which two smaller versions exist in addition to the one in the

Plates 87, 88

Though still difficult, the chronological order of the pictures painted during his last phase can be established rather more clearly, for, in addition to the motive groups and landscapes men-

Pellerin Collection.



Cézanne on the way to worl Photograph. 1877

Plate 7

Plates 79, 80; 81

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Plate 89

tioned above, several of his principal works can be dated, for example the portraits of Gustave Geffroy (1895), of Henri and Joachim Gasquet (1896/7), of Ambroise Vollard (1899), and the various portraits of the gardener Vallier, created in 1906, the last year of his life.

Except for a few interruptions—a visit to Western Switzerland in 1891 (the only time he went abroad), a journey to the lake of Annecy for the sake of his health in 1896, stays in Paris and its environs (Montgeroult in 1899, Fontainebleau in 1904 and 1905)—Cézanne spent the closing years of his life in Aix.

His proud and assertive solitude, with its foundations in the peculiarities of his temperament—shyness and explosions of violence, weakness and ineptitude in dealing with everyday matters, distrustfulness and irritability—now degenerated into the loneliness of old age. A whole series of anecdotes—many of them of dubious authenticity—has sprung up concerning the external appearance at that time of this ever restless and incalculable man, always tortured by doubts of his own ability; often the desire to give literary interest to the many obscure peculiarities of his temperament and his artistic life has hindered rather than helped the discernment of the truth, and stereotyped judgements such as that of the "queer" Cézanne have led to mischievous exaggerations and distortions of the truth.

In his last years signs of outward success and recognition at last came to Cézanne. At first he accepted them suspiciously, but later they gave him cause to hope that a younger generation might carry on his work. He thought it necessary to go on working intensively until the last day of his life, in order that he might carry his work, which still seemed to him to present so many unsolved problems, still further. Repeatedly, in the letters written in his last years, he speaks of "some progress" which he has succeeded in making. His last pictures—landscapes of the Sainte-Victoire, the Château Noir and the Arc valley—which Plates 83, 86, 91 represent the zenith of his own achievements and are masterpieces of pictorial creation in general, were painted while he was struggling against illness and exhaustion, as can be seen from the letters which he wrote to his son Paul during the last weeks. His son, who was bound to him by the ties of a deep affection, and several friends both young and old were with him during the last years: a friend of his youth, the sculptor Philippe Solari—the prototype of Mahoudeau in Zola's "L'Œuvre"—with his son Émile; Henri Gasquet, another contemporary, and his son Joachim; the painters Émile Bernard and Charles Camoin; and the writer, Léo Larguier. It is from the reminiscences of Joachim Gasquet, Bernard, Camoin and Larguier that the picture of the master's outward appearance and life has been handed down to us.

On October 15th, 1906, Cézanne was overtaken by a heavy storm of rain while working on a picture; he was brought back unconscious to his house in the Rue Boulegon, and died there a few days later, on October 22nd.



Self-portrait. Lithograph. 1898—1900



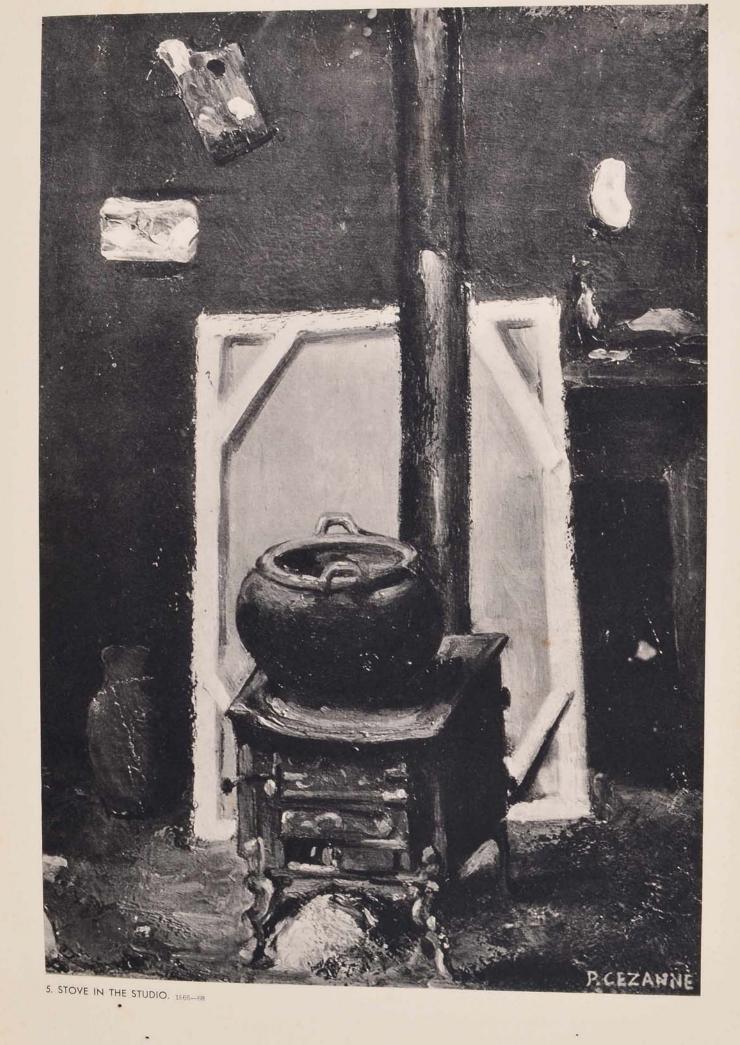


2. PORTRAIT OF "UNCLE DOMINIQUE". 1865-67





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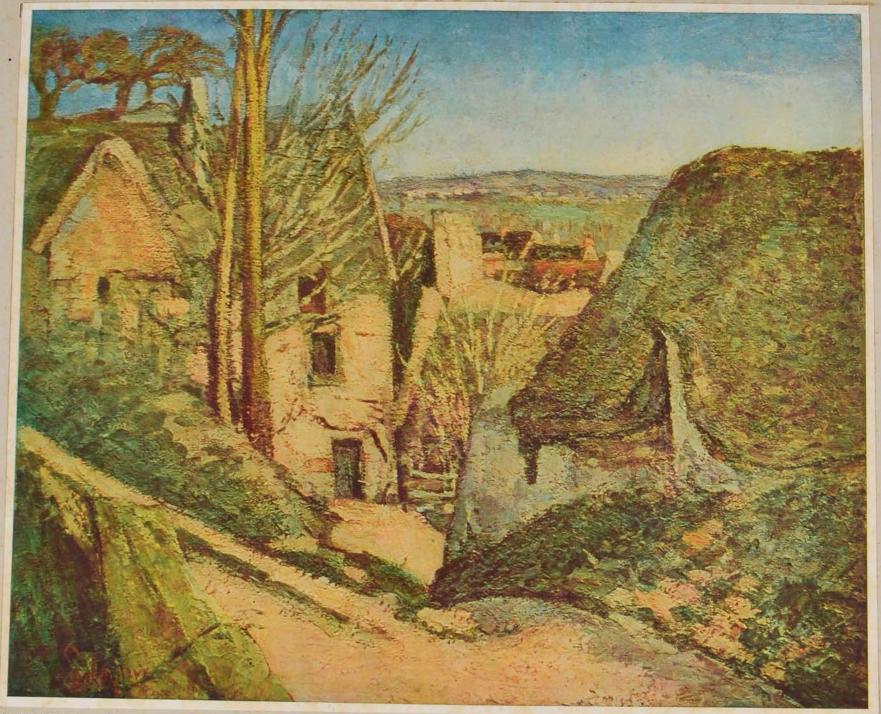
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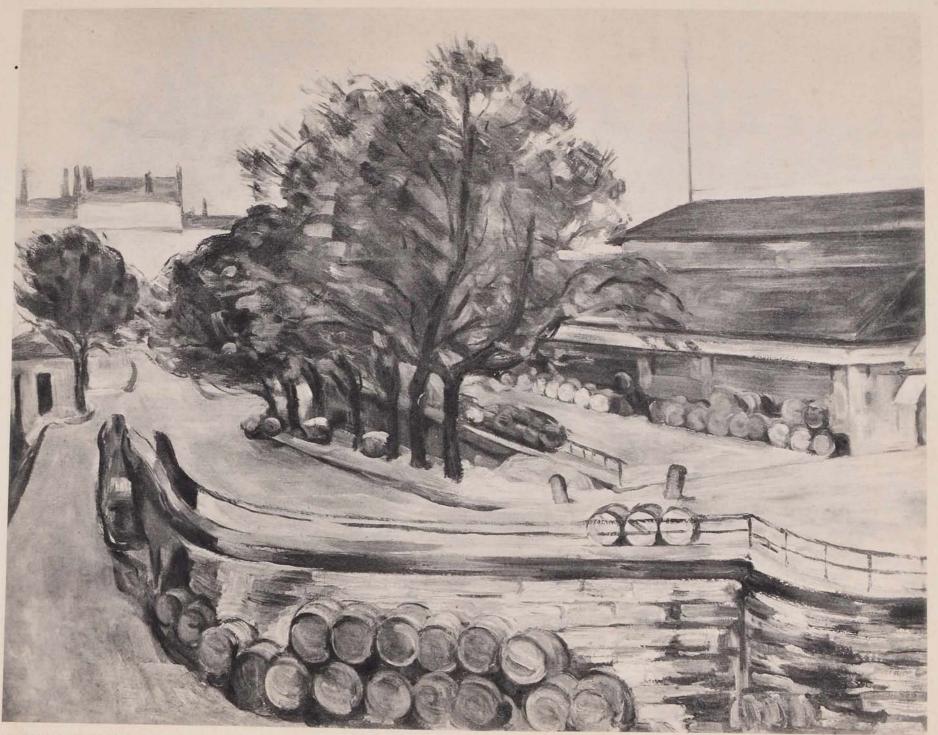
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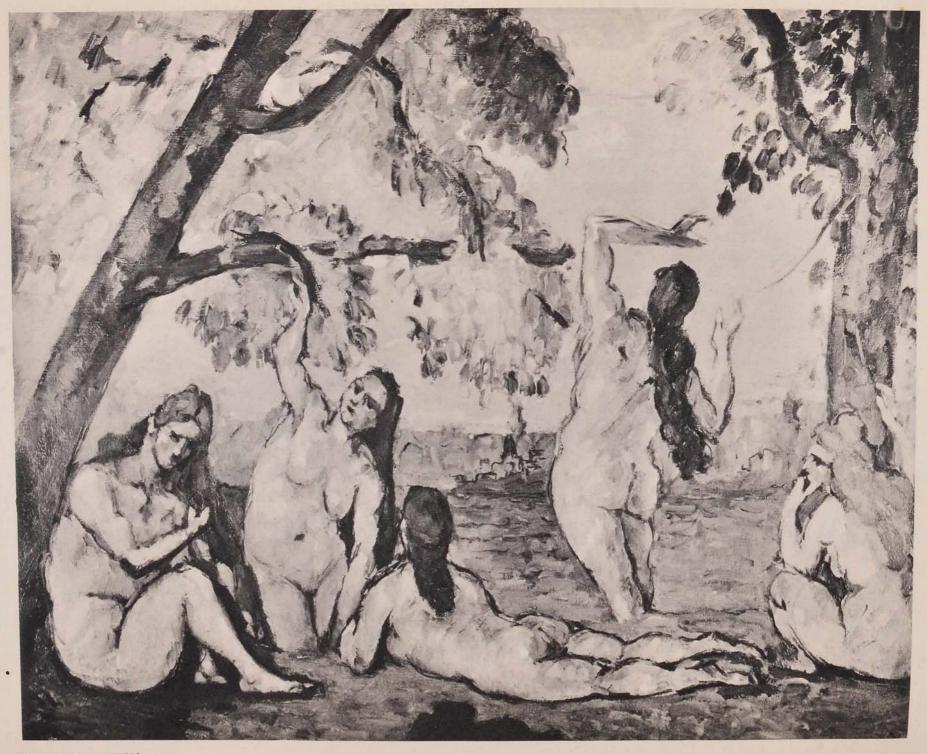
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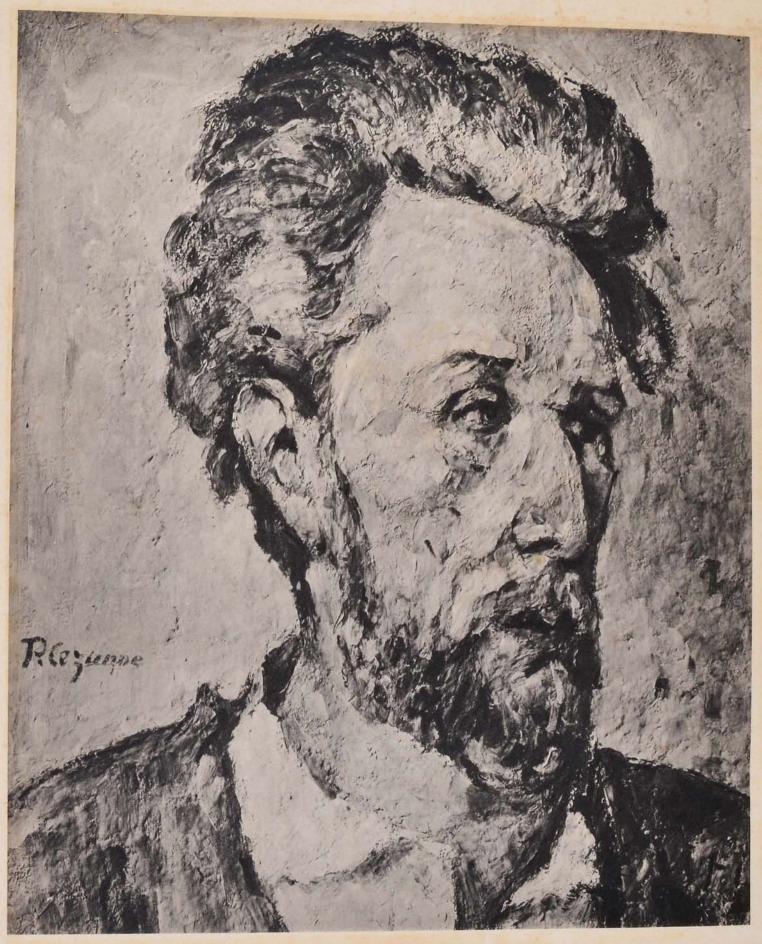
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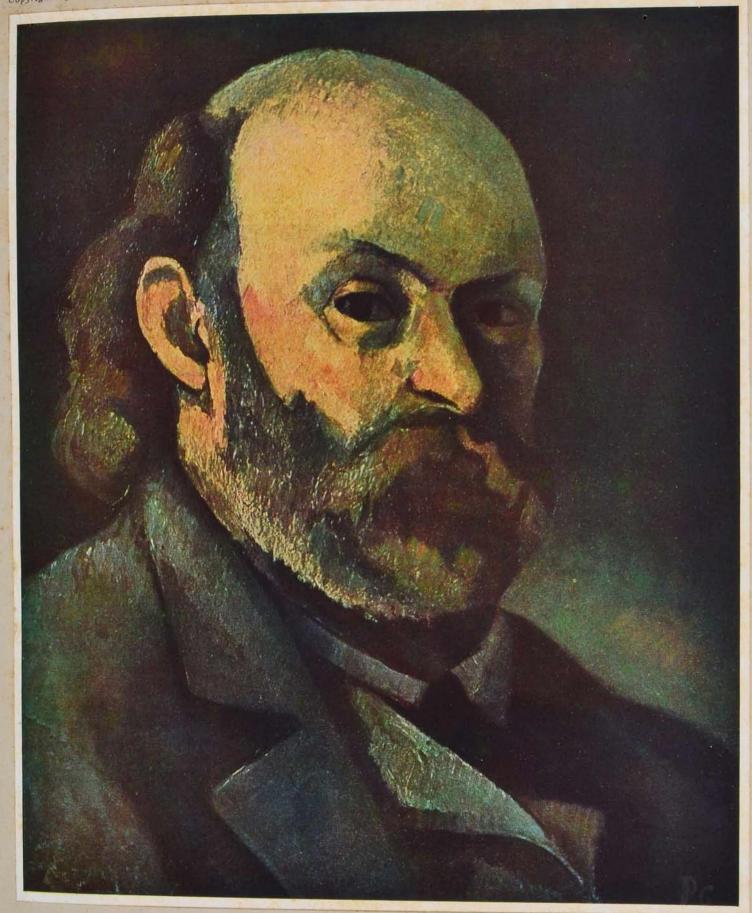
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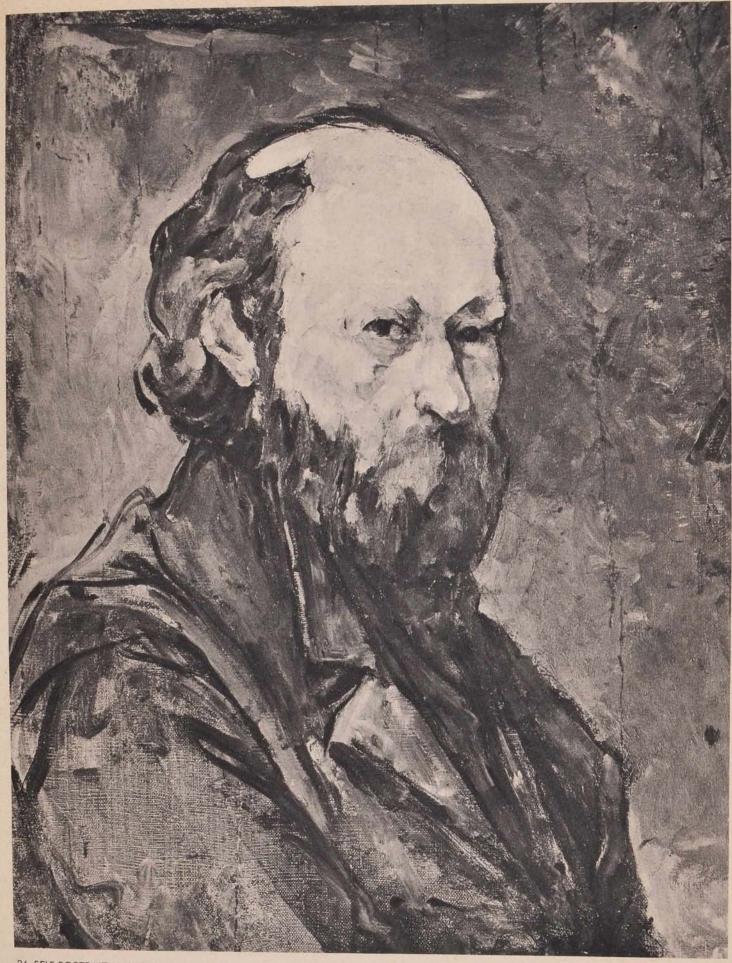
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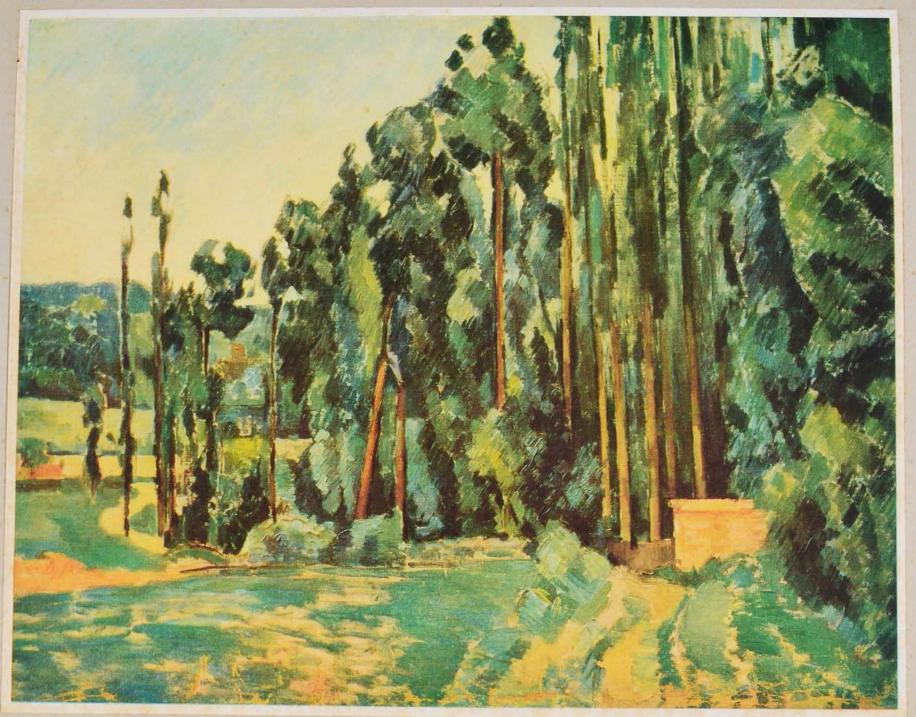
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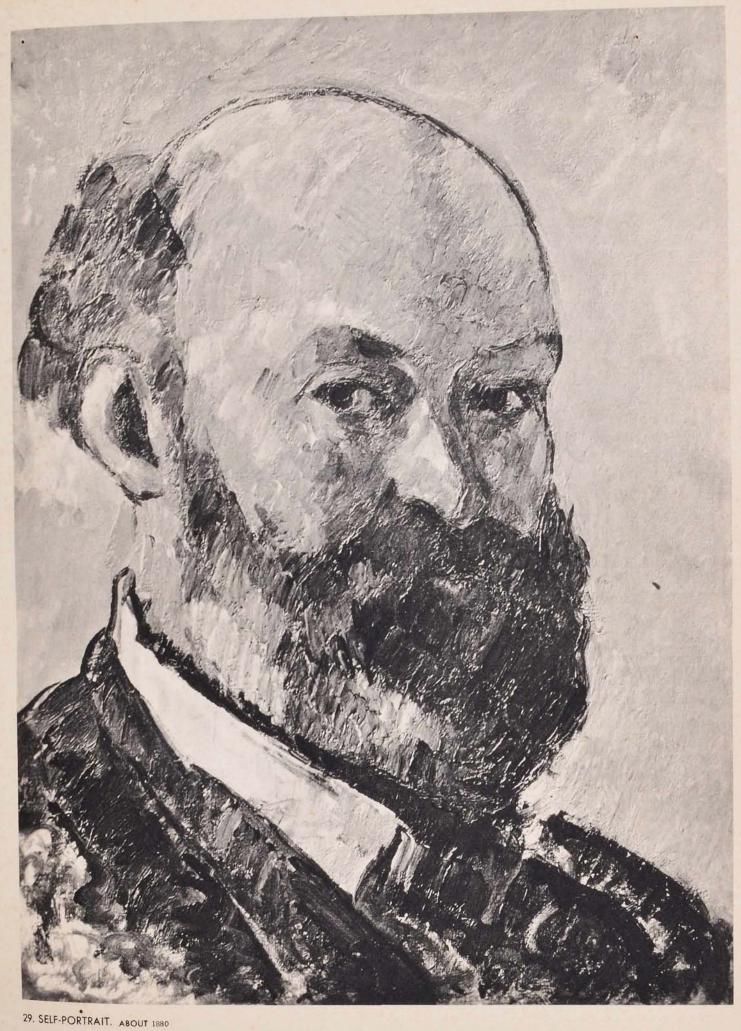


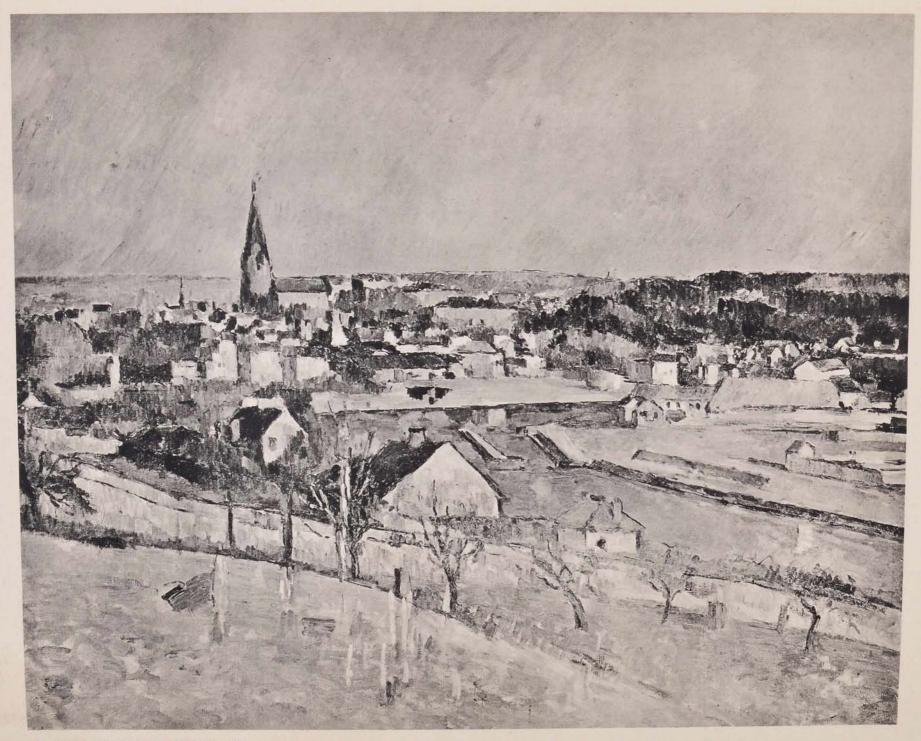
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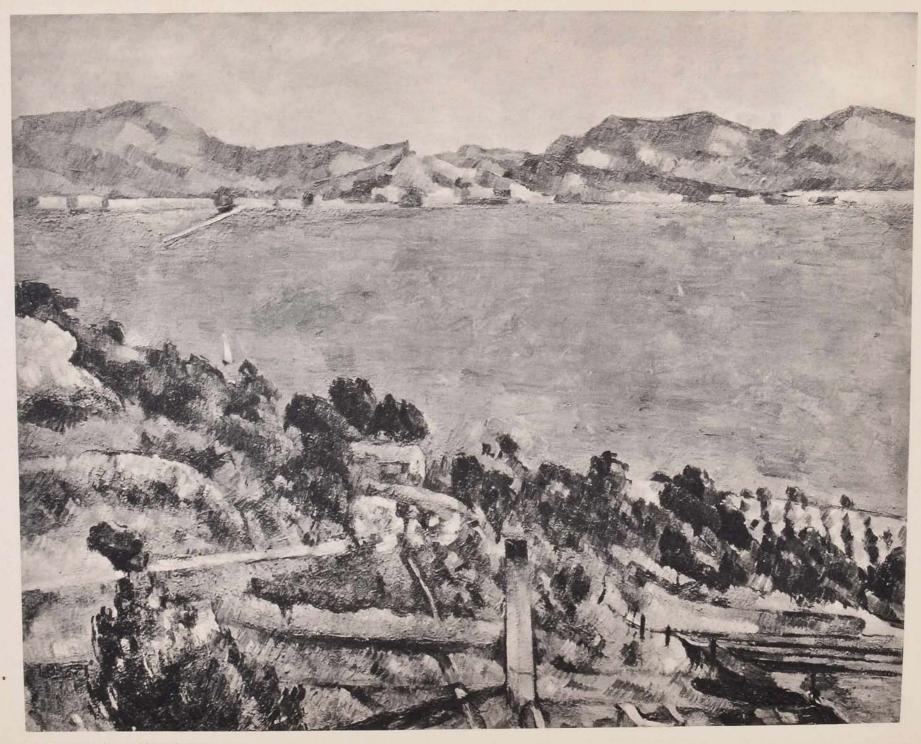
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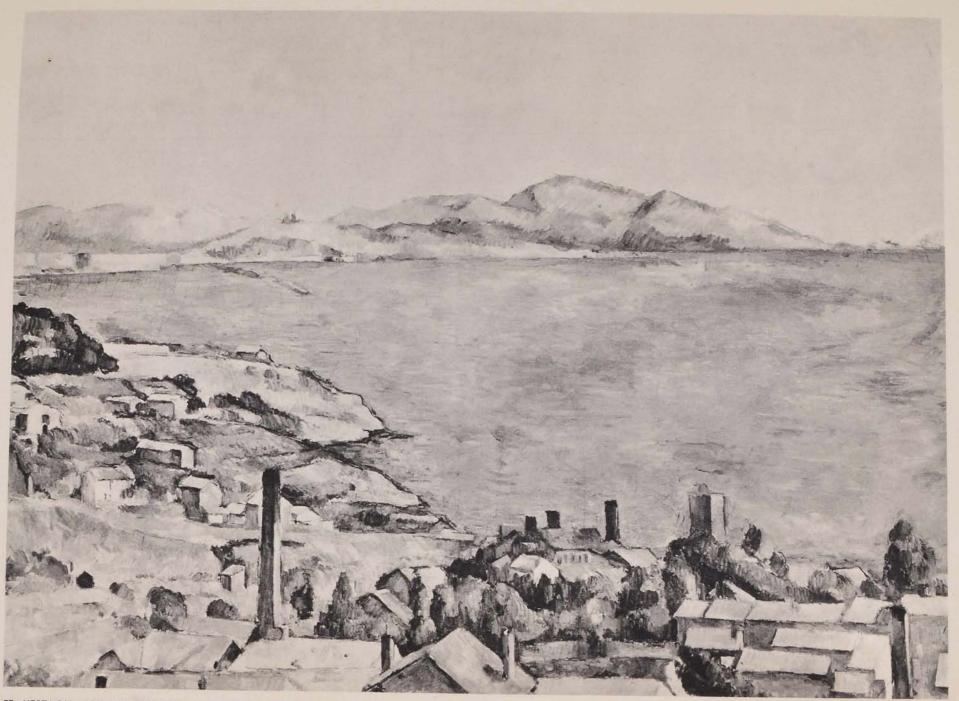
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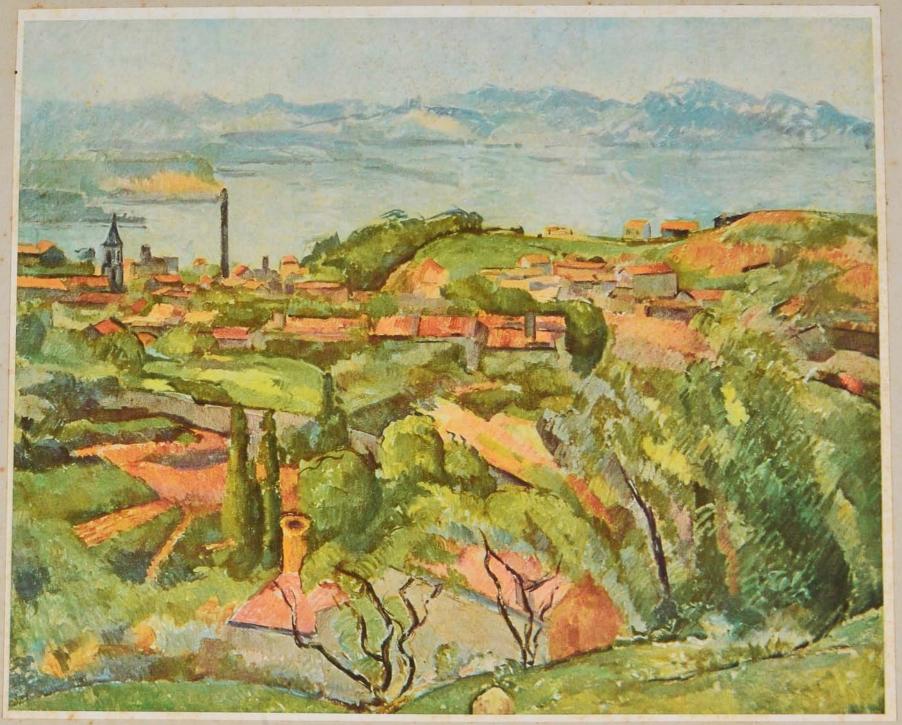
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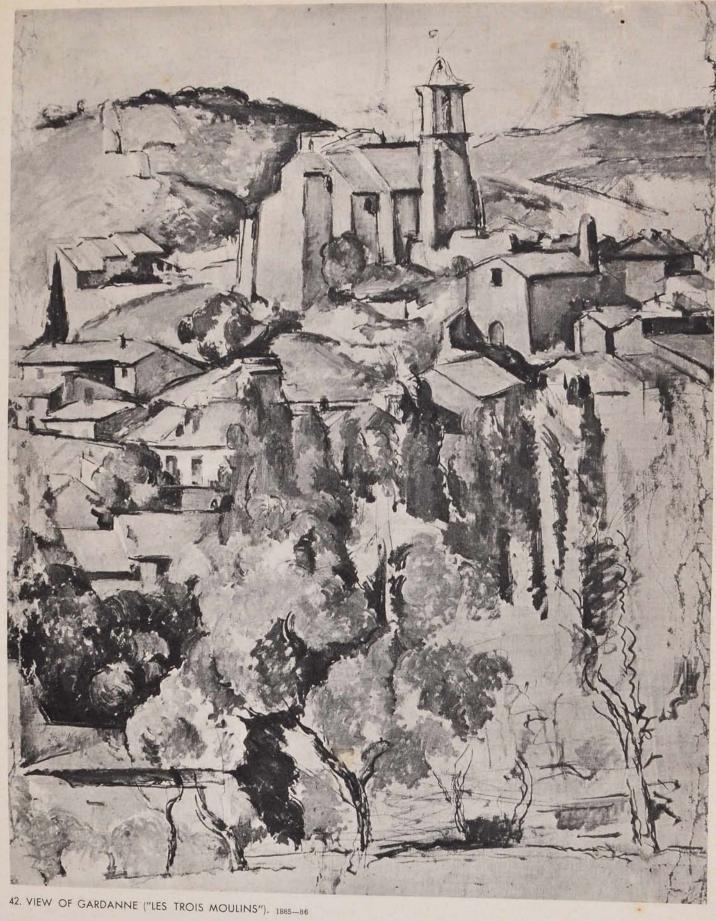
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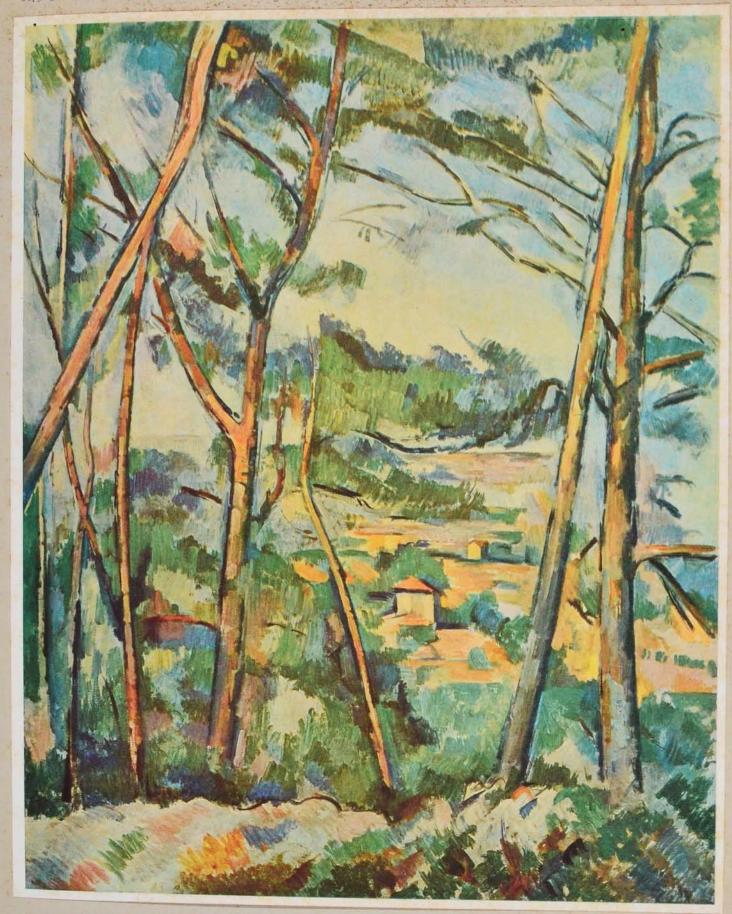


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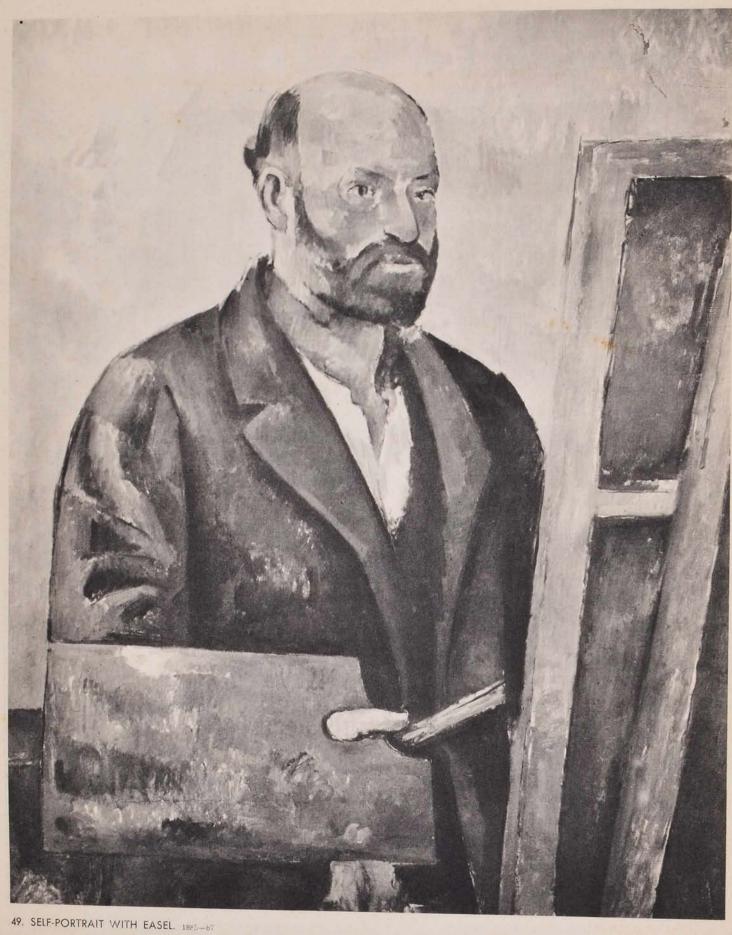
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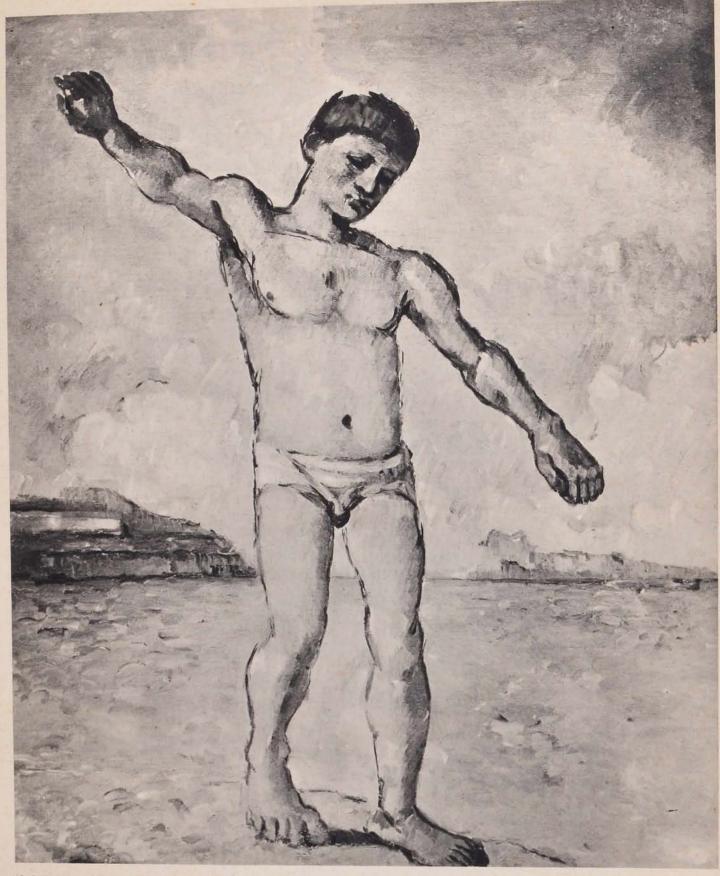




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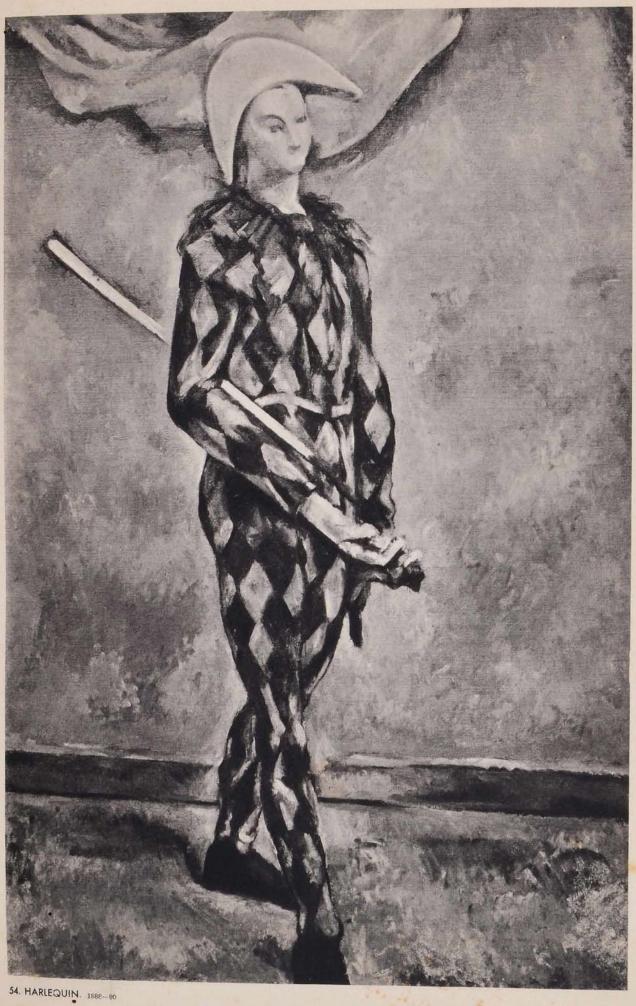
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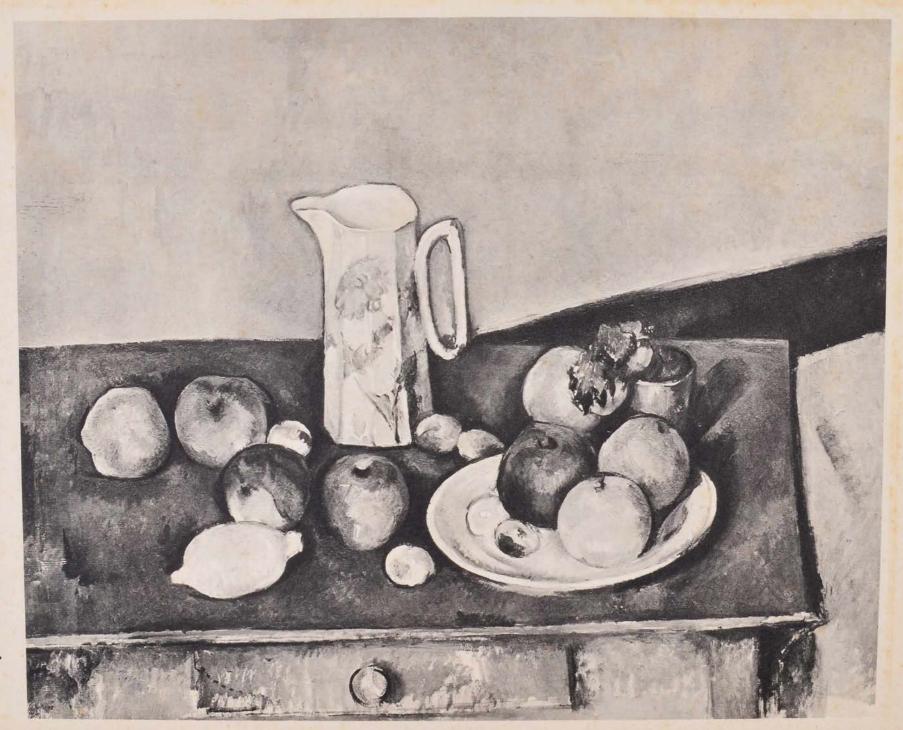


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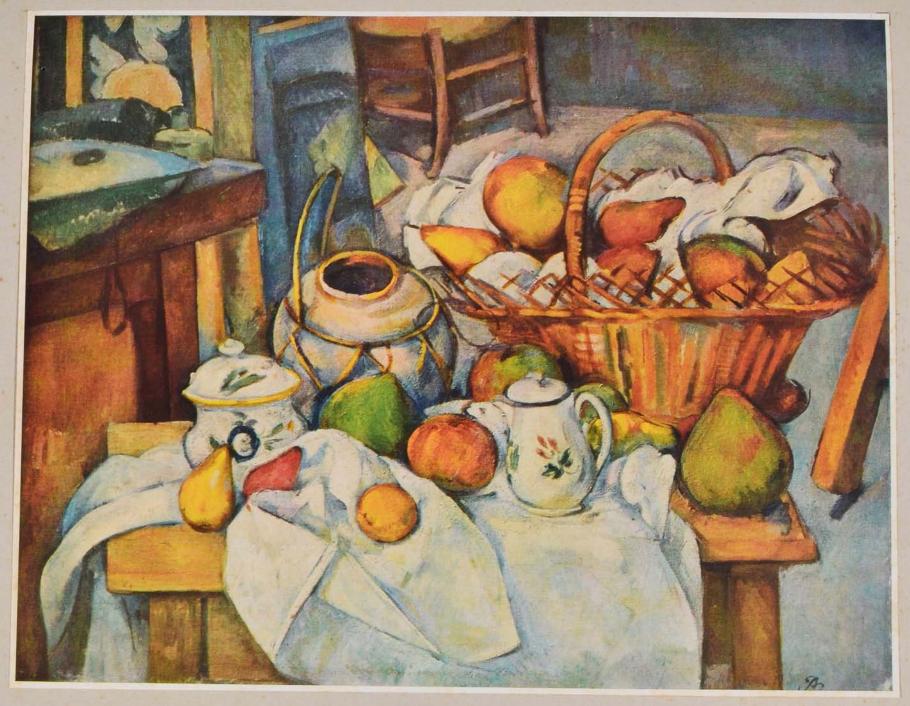


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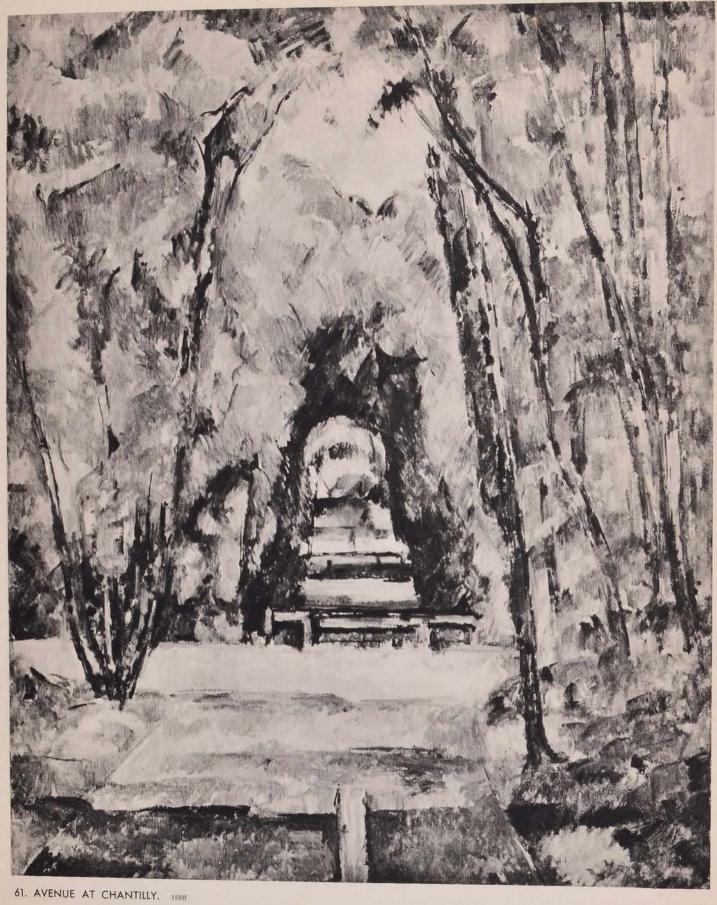
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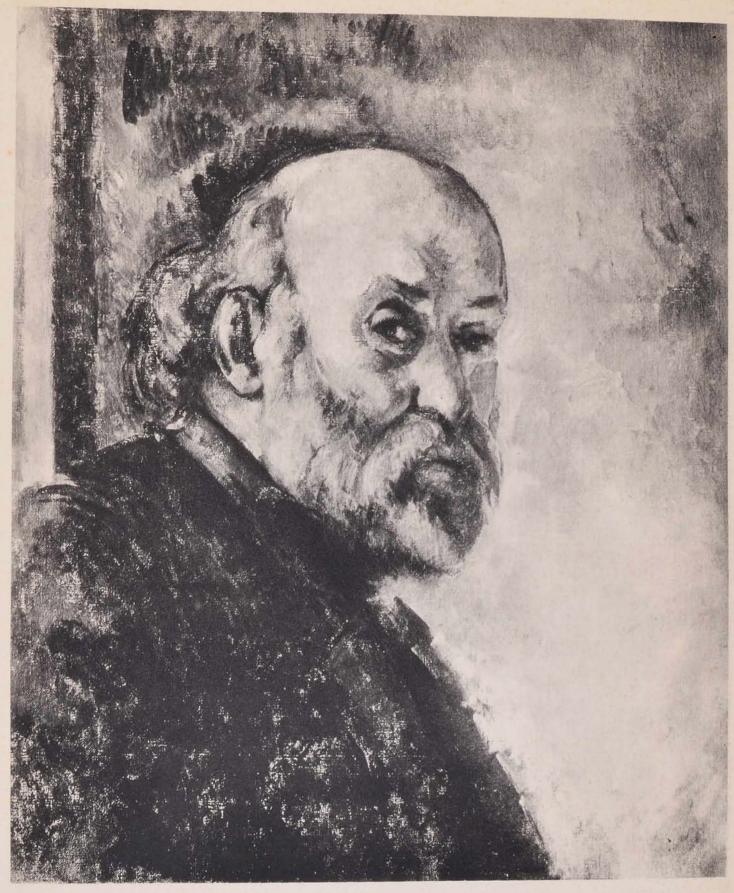


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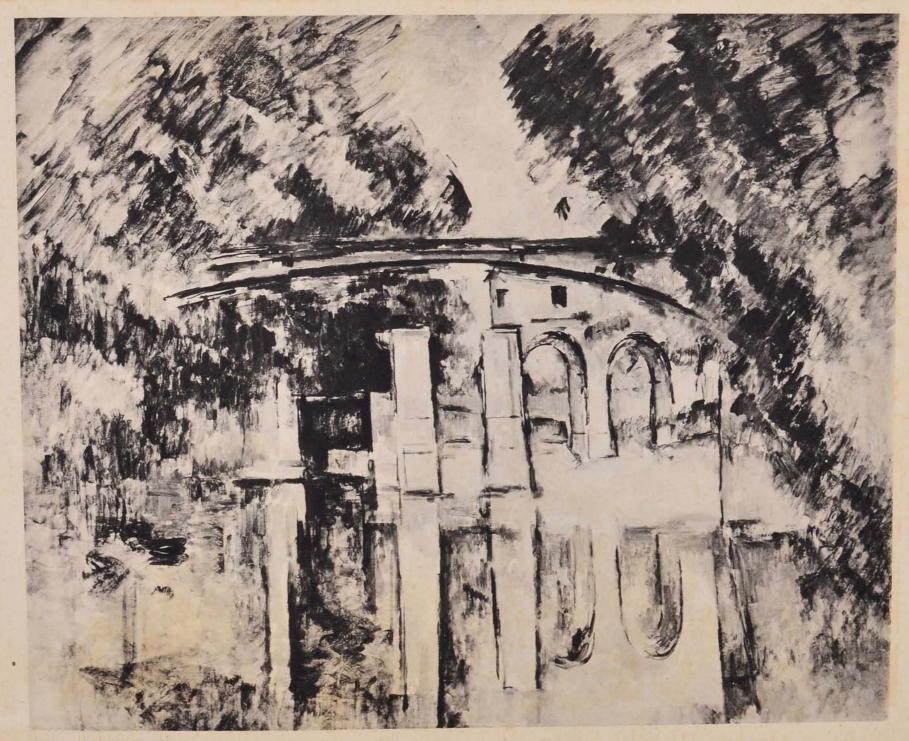
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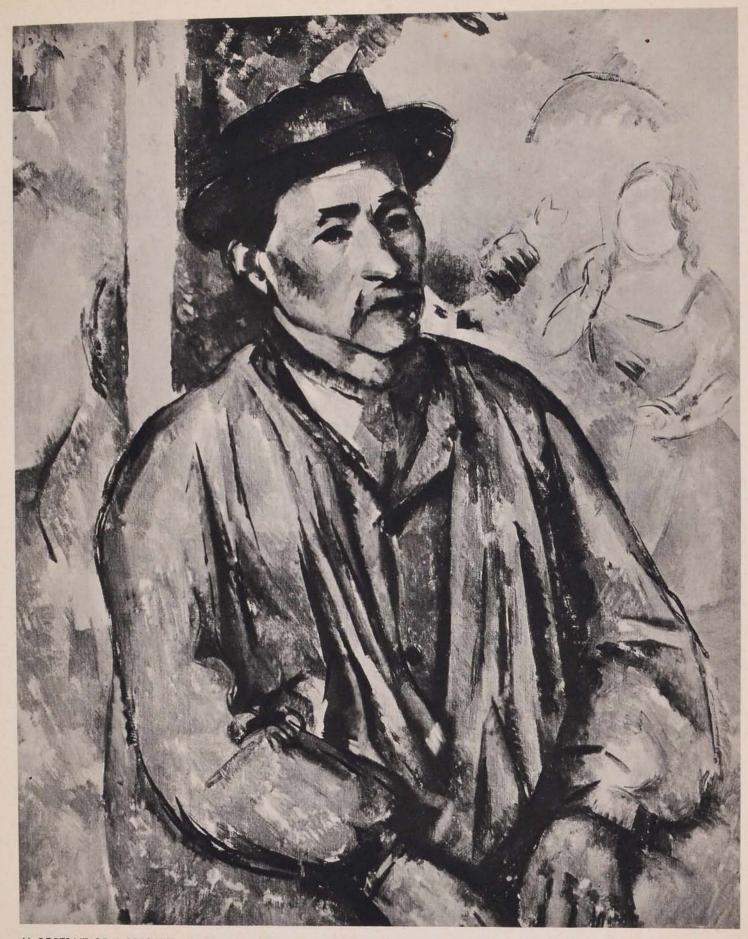




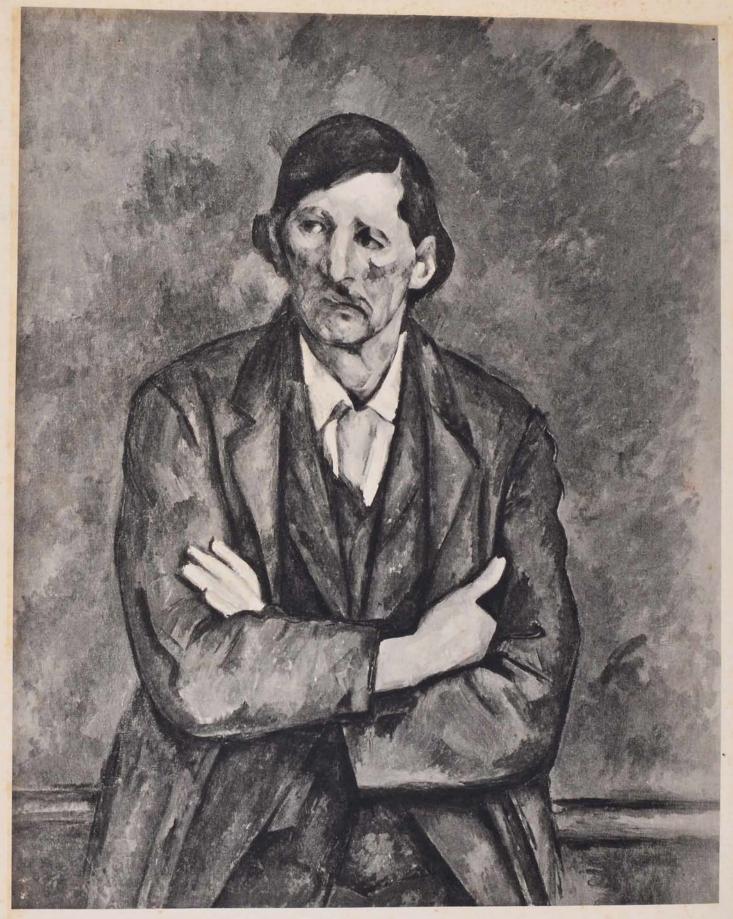
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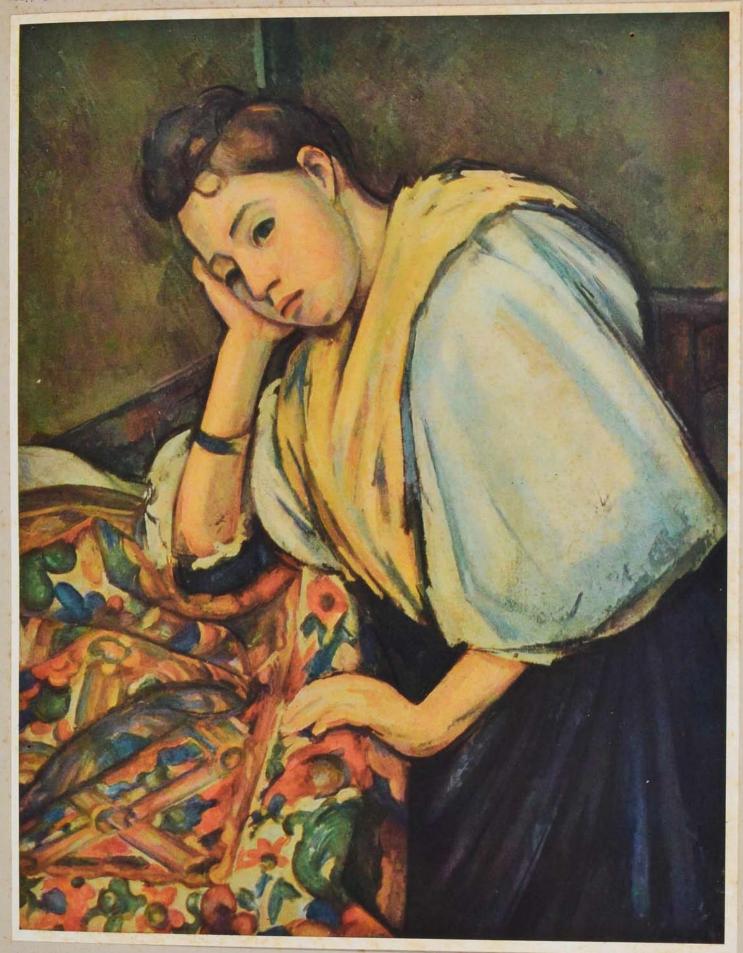
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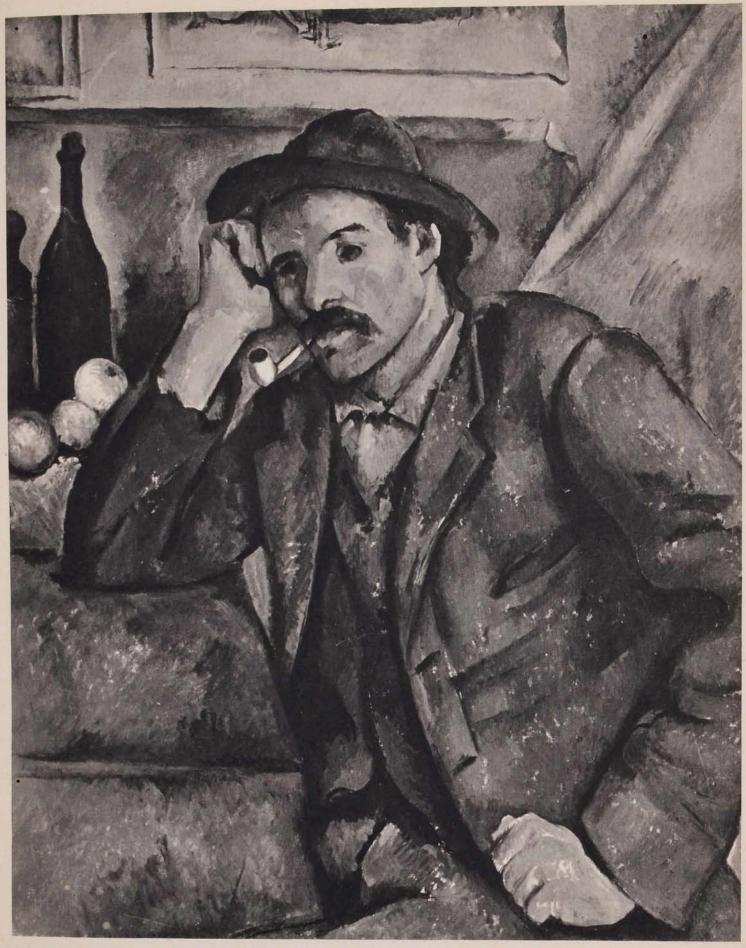
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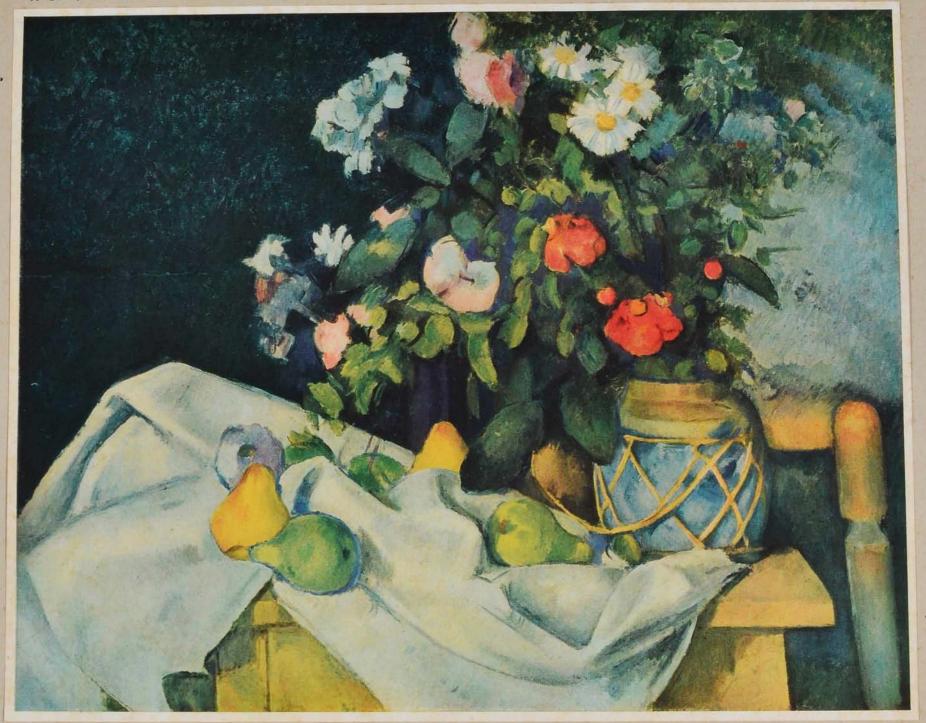
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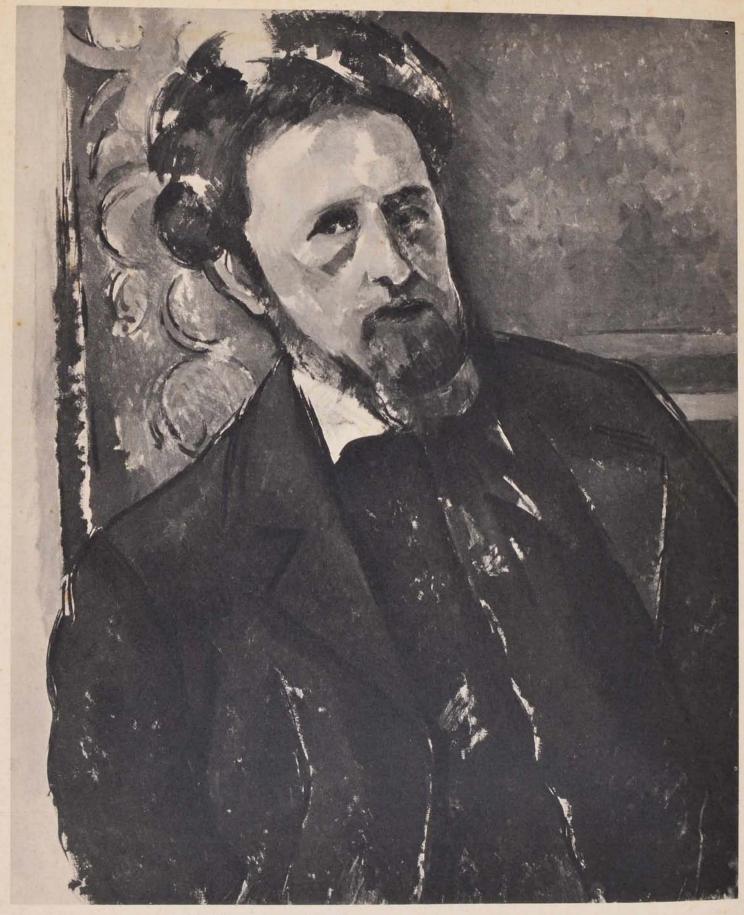


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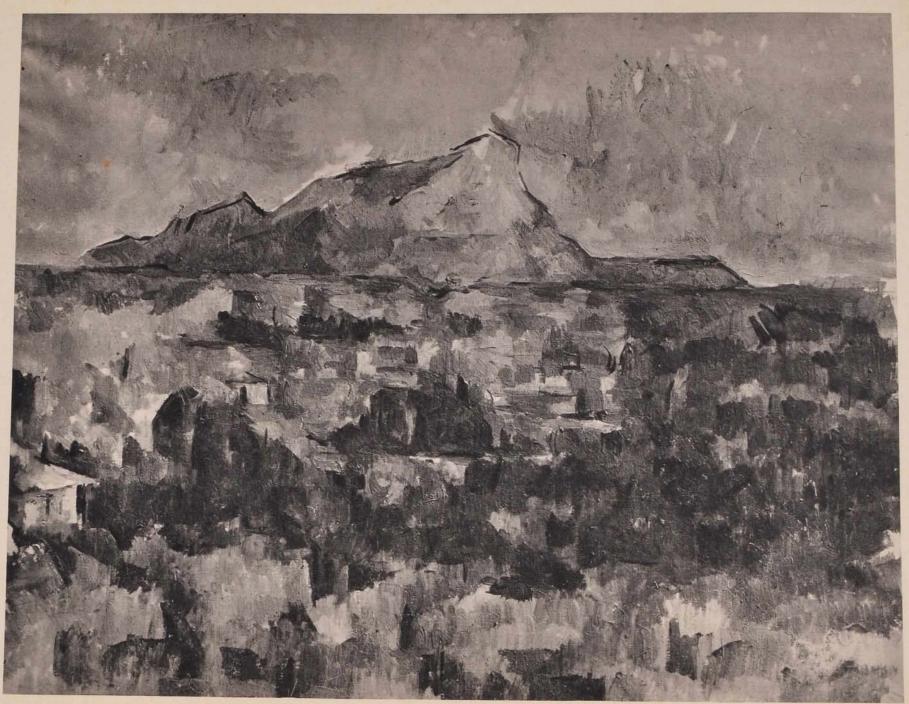
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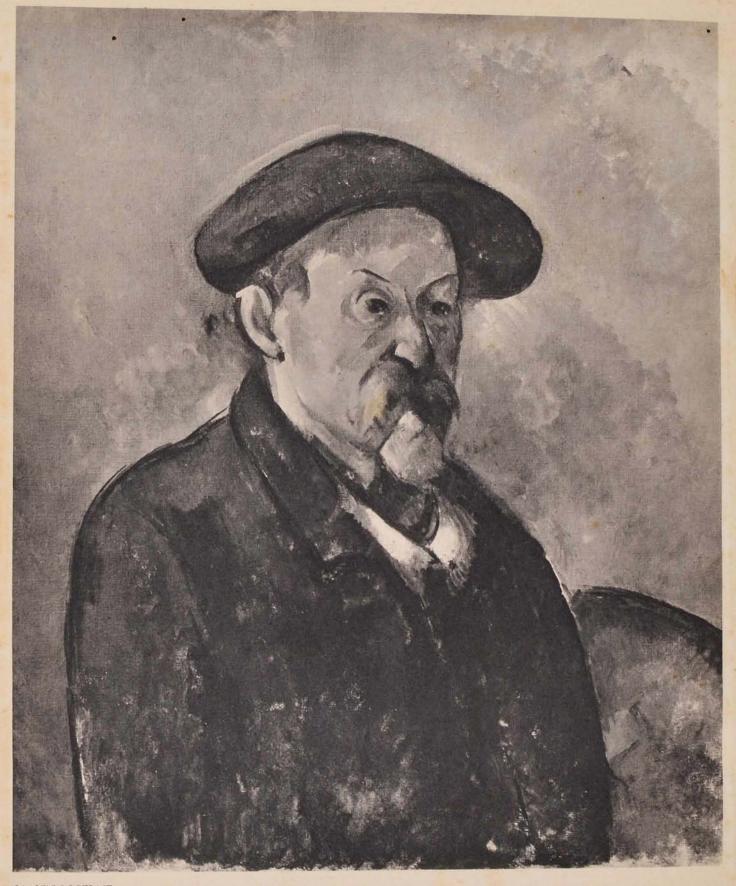
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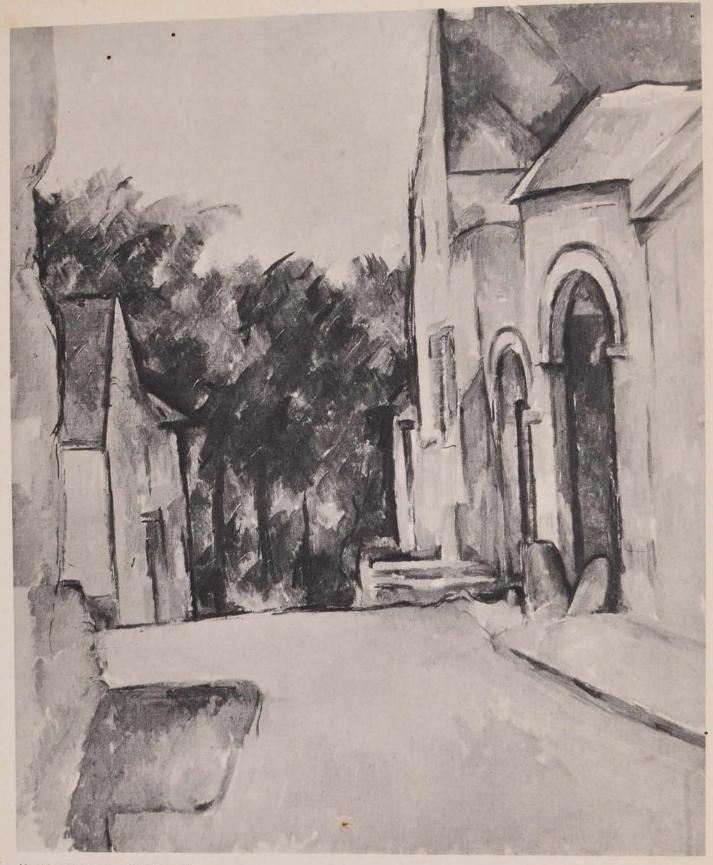
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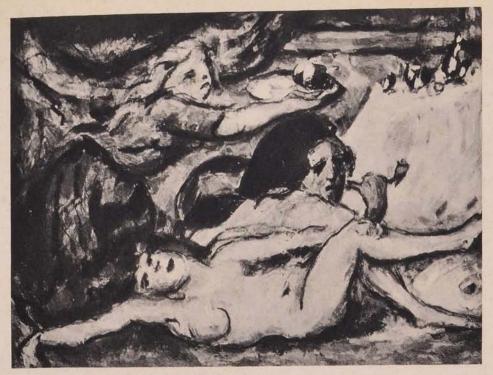




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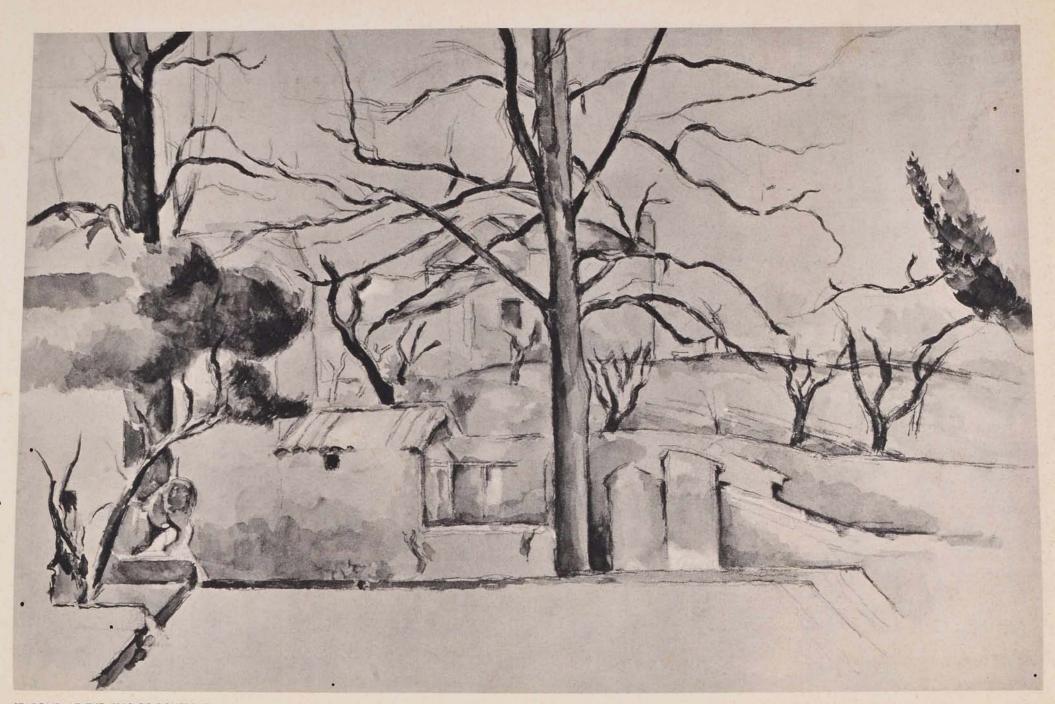
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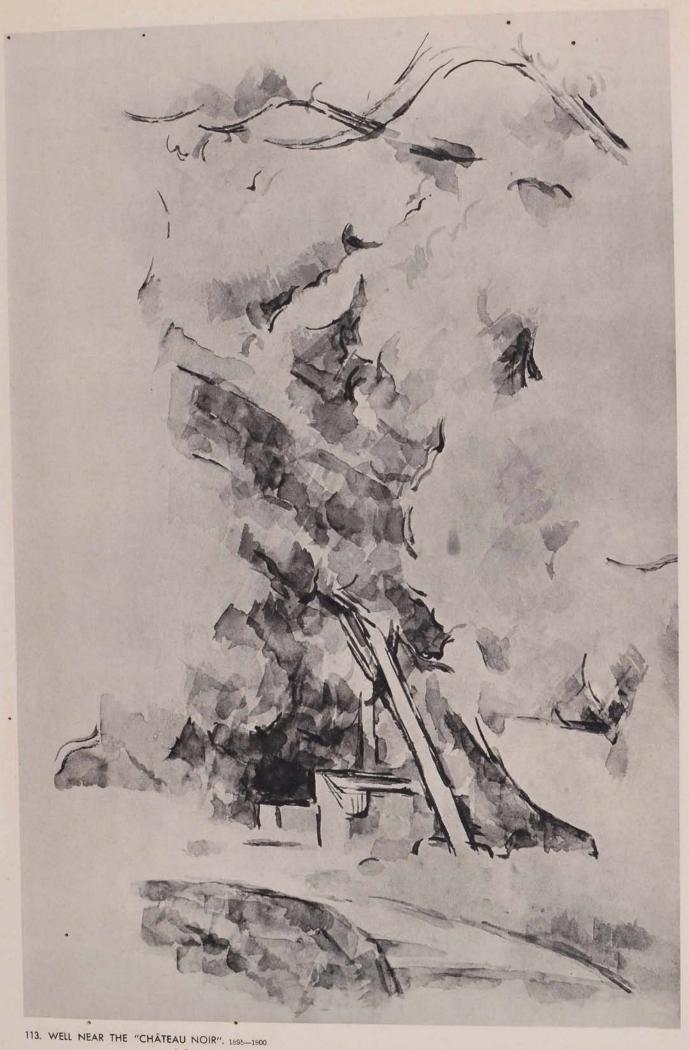
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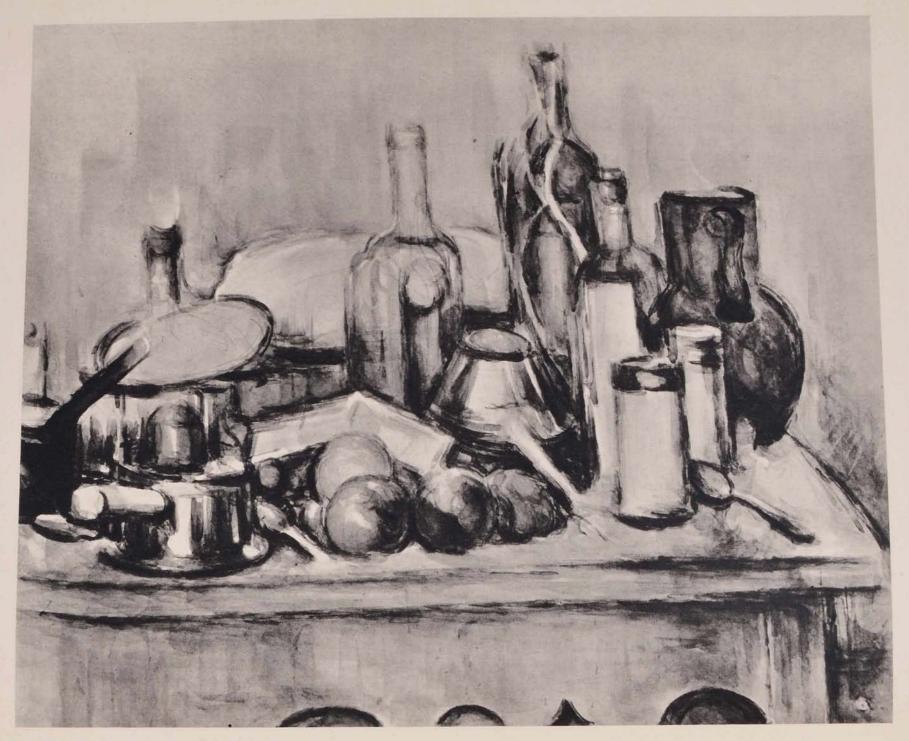


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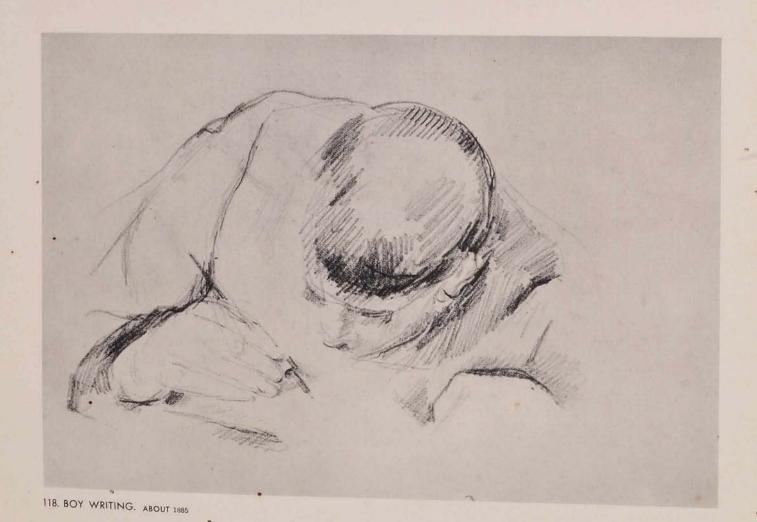


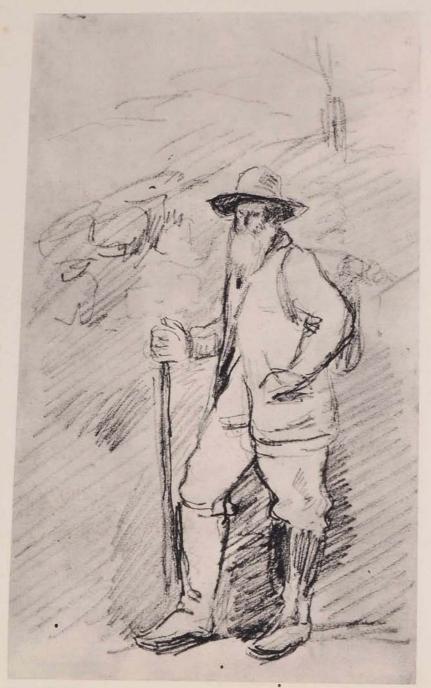
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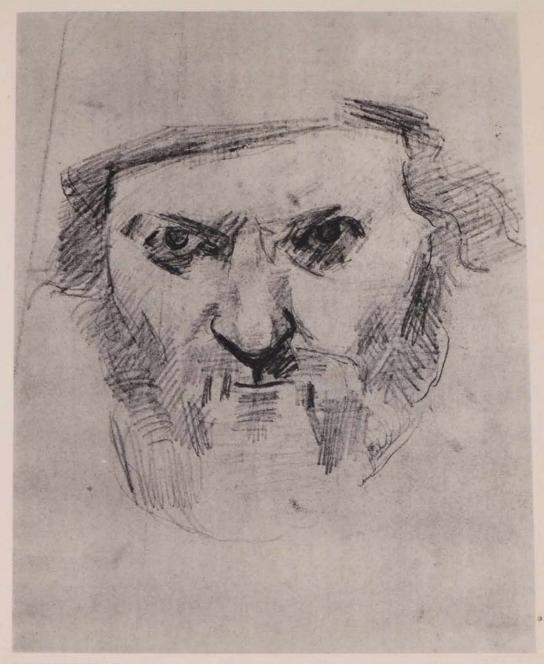
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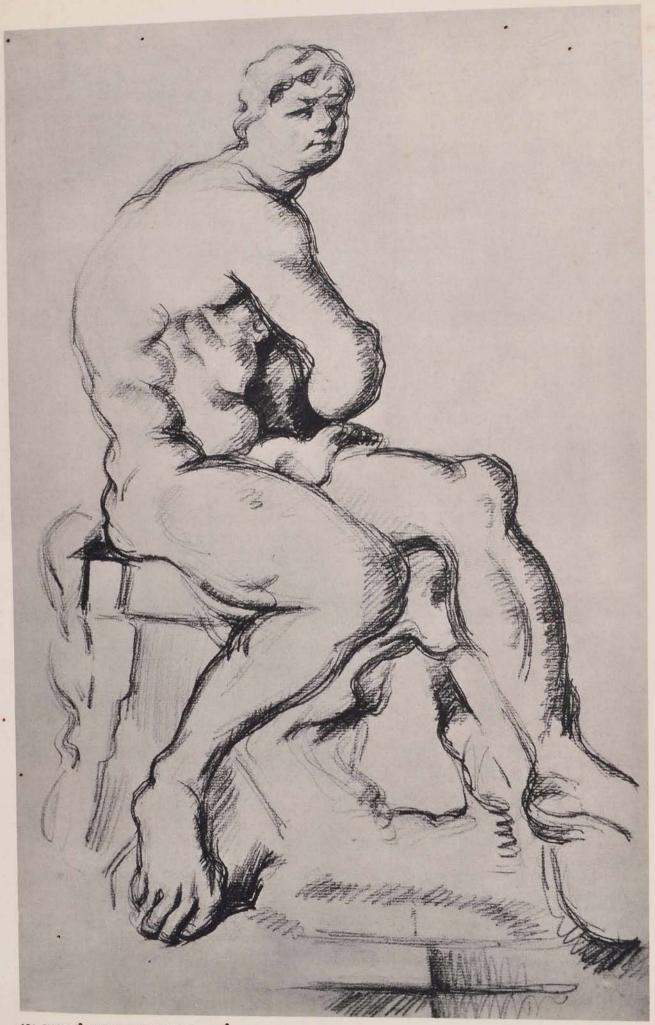


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- Frontispiece (284) SELF-PORTRAIT. 1877-79. 21³/₄×18¹/₂. Munich, Neue Staatsgalerie (Photo Uvachrom, Munich).
 - 1. (84) Christ in Limbo. 1864-68. 661/8×393/4. Paris, R. Lecomte* (Photo Bulloz, Paris). One of the wall paintings in the ground-floor room of the "Jas de Bouffan", of which a copy after a genre scene by Lancret and a recently discovered landscape with fishermen are still on the wall. This picture is derived from the painting by Sebastiano del Piombo in the Prado at Madrid. Cézanne used as model a reproduction in Charles Blanc's history of painting, in which it appears under the name of Juán Fernández de Navarrete. Originally there was to the right of the representation, not separated from it but in much larger proportions, a kneeling figure, perhaps a penitent Magdalen; this figure is at present in the A. Kann collection at Saint-Germain-en-Laye.
 - (79) Portrait of "Uncle Dominique".
 1865-67. 18¹/₈×14⁷/₈. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
 One of a series of nine portraits from this period which, according to Paul Cézanne fils, represent Dominique Aubert, a brother of the artist's mother.
 - 3. (87) Two Heads ("Contrastes"). 1864-68. Ca. 19³/₄×15³/₄. Aix-en-Provence ("Jas de Bouffan"), Dr. F. Corsy (Photo Vizzavona, Paris). The picture was originally one of the wall-paintings in the "Jas de Bouffan" (cf. Plate 1).
 - 4. (109) Boy in blue blouse. 1867-69. $22^3/4 \times 19^3/4$. Solothurn, J. Müller (Photo Schwitter A.G., Basle).
- * The René Lecomte collection (Mr. Lecomte and Madame Lecomte-Pellerin) forms part of the former Auguste Pellerin collection, the other principal part of which is now the J.-V. Pellerin collection.

- Stove in the Studio. 1865-68. 16¹/₂×11³/₄.
 Signed. London, Mrs. E. Chester Beatty (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
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- 6. (88) Portrait of Achille Empéraire. 1866 to 1868. 78³/₄×48. Signed. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

 Achille Empéraire, the Aix painter, was a friend of Cézanne, who made numerous portraits of him (cf. Plate 116).
- 7. (91) Portrait of the Artist's Father. 1866 or shortly after. 783/4×371/4. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Bulloz, Paris).

 The dating of this picture is supported by the newspaper which the sitter holds in his hands: "L'Evénement" published in 1866 Emile Zola's articles in defence of the new painting.
- 8. (105) Washing of a Corpse. 1867-69. 191/4×311/2. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 9. (118) Reading aloud (Zola and Alexis). 1869-70. 201/2×22. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Vizzavona, Paris). The personages represented are supposed to be Emile Zola (left) and the writer Paul Alexis,

a mutual friend of Zola and Cézanne.

- 10. (69) Still-life with sea-shell and black clock ("La pendule noire"). 1869-70. 211/4×283/4. Paris, G. Wildenstein (Photo Bulloz, Paris).

 This picture belonged to Zola.
- 11. (70) Still-life. 1871-72. 24³/₄×31¹/₂. Paris, G. Bernheim de Villers (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 12. (50) Railway Cutting. 1868-70. 311/2×503/4.

 Munich, Neue Staatsgalerie (Photo Hanfstaengl, Munich).

 In the foreground the garden-wall of the "Jas de Bouffan", in the background the Mont Sainte-Victoire.

- 13. (133) THE "HOUSE OF THE HANGED" IN AUVERS. 1872-73. 21⁷/₈×26¹/₄. Signed. Paris, Louvre (Photo Archives Photographiques d'Art et d'Histoire, Paris). The principal work of the Auvers period, shown under the title "La maison du pendu"
 - The principal work of the Auvers period, shown under the title "La maison du pendu" at the Impressionist exhibition in 1874. It is impossible to say why the house—which still exists—was so designated.
- 14. (90) Interior with girl playing the piano. 1869-71. 221/2×361/8. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Bulloz, Paris). The sitters have been stated to be the artist's sister Marie and his mother. In all probability this picture is a variant of a scene called "L'Ouverture de Tannhaeuser", of which Cézanne, who at that time was an enthusiastic admirer of Wagner's music, painted two versions about 1866-67. These have disappeared, but are described in letters from the writer Fortuné Marion to the German musician Heinrich Morstatt. (Cf. A. Barr, Cézanne d'après les lettres de Marion à Morstatt. Gazette des Beaux-Arts, January 1937; here the possibility is ventilated, that the above picture is one of these, which Cézanne, when repainting it, altered considerably.)
- 15. (104) Id y II. Dated 1870. 25⁵/₈×31⁷/₈. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Vizzavona, Paris). The bearded man looking out of the picture may be a self-portrait.
- 16. (56) The "Halle aux vins" in Paris. 1872. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Vizzavona, Paris). The picture shows the view from the house in the Rue Jussieu which Cézanne occupied from December, 1871, until the summer of 1872.
- 17. (134) Street in Auvers. 1872-73. 15³/₈×18¹/₂. Signed. Basle, Private Collection (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 18. (151) VIEW OF AUVERS. 1873-74. 187/₈×22³/₄. Mag-deburg, Kaiser Friedrich-Museum (Photo Hanfstaengl, Munich).
- 19. (242) The Quaide Bercy in Paris. About 1877. 23⁵/₈×28³/₄. Hamburg, Kunsthalle (Photo F. Rompel, Hamburg). This picture is very similar in motive and manner to paintings by Guillaumin from the middle of the seventies.
- Women Bathers. 1873-77. 193/4×24. Paris,
 R. Lecomte (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).

- 21. (380) The Battle of Love. 1875-78. 147/8×181/8. New York, M. Harriman (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 22. (283) Portrait of Victor Chocquet. 1876-77.

 181/8×141/8. Signed. Cambridge, Lord Victor Rothschild (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).

 Shown at the Impressionist exhibition in 1877. The sitter, whom Cézanne painted several times, was one of the first collectors of works by the Impressionists and especially by Cézanne.
- 23. (368) SELF-PORTRAIT. About 1880. 181/8×15. Signed. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Museum of Modern Occidental Art, Moscow).
- 24. (290) Self-portrait. About 1877. 24×18¹/₈. Washington, Duncan Phillips Memorial Gallery (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 25. (341) Still-life with fruit-dish. 1877-79. 181/8×215/8. Signed. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 26. (336) Melting Snow at Fontainebleau. 1879-82. 28³/₄×40¹/₈. Signed. Giverny, M. Monet (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- (318) Landscape near Auvers. About 1880.
 (Photo Dr. Grete Ring, Berlin).
- 28. (335) POPLARS. 1879-82. 24³/₈×30³/₄. Paris, Louvre (Photo Archives Photographiques d'Art et d'Histoire, Paris).
- 29. (367) Self-portrait. About 1880. 13×91/2. Winterthur, Dr. O. Reinhart (Photo H. Linck, Winterthur).
- 30. (307) Landscape in Northern France.
 1879-80. 23⁵/₈×28³/₄. Paris, G. Renand (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
 This picture is sometimes wrongly described as a view of Pontoise.
- 31. (324) Mill on the Couleuvre near Pontoise. 1881. 283/4×361/4. Berlin, National-galerie (Photo Nationalgalerie, Berlin).
- 32. (175) Roofs (View of Paris). About 1880. 22⁷/₈×28³/₈. Czechoslovakia, Private Collection (Photo Frequin, The Hague).
- 33. (329) Bend in a Road. 1879-82. 235/8×283/4. Boston, J. T. Spaulding (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 34. (396) Bridge in the Forest ("Le petit pont"). About 1880. 23⁵/₈×28³/₄. Paris, G. Bernheim de Villers (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 35. (397) Provençal Landscape. 1882-83. $25^{5}/_{8} \times 31^{7}/_{8}$. New York, Mrs. V. Harrison (Photo Poplin, Villemomble).

- 36. (428) The * Bay of Marseilles. 1883-85. 227/8×283/8. Paris, Louvre (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 37. (429) L'Estaque and the Bay of Marseilles. About 1883. 283/4×393/8. New York, Metropolitan Museum (Photo Metropolitan Museum, New York).
- 38. (402) Railway line near L'Estaque. 1882-85. 211/4×255/8. Helsingfors, Museum Atheneum (Photo Museum Atheneum, Helsingfors).
- 39. (476) Avenue of Chestnuts at the "Jas de Bouffan" in Winter. 1885-87. 283/4×361/4. Paris, G. Wildenstein (Photo Wildenstein, Paris).

 Mont Sainte-Victoire in the background.
- 40. (463) The "Jas de Bouffan" in Spring. 1885-87. 25⁵/₈×31⁷/₈. Providence, U.S.A., Rhode Island School of Design (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 41. (411) VIEW OF SAINT-HENRI AND THE BAY OF MARSEILLES. About 1883. 255 8×317/8. Formerly Dresden, Dr. Schmitz (sold in Paris by G. Wildenstein in 1936) (Photo Hanfstaengl, Munich).

42. (431) View of Gardanne ("Les trois

- m o u l i n s "). 1885-86. 361/4×283/4. Brooklyn, U.S.A., Brooklyn Museum of Art (Photo Durand-Ruel, Paris).

 The picture is obviously unfinished, whereas in the case of many other oil-paintings by Cézanne it is difficult to decide whether they are finished or not, and the problem has given rise to much discussion.—The title of "Les trois moulins" refers to the cylindrical foundations of three windmills on the hill to the left.
- 43. (452) View of the Arc Valley, with Mont Sainte-Victoire and a railway viaduct. 1885-87. 255/8×317/8. New York, Metropolitan Museum (Photo Metropolitan Museum, New York).

 The series of landscapes in which Mont Sainte-Victoire and the railway viaduct figure, were painted from Bellevue to the south of the "Jas de Bouffan"; Cézanne's brother-in-law, M. Conil, owned an estate near this spot (cf. Plates 46, 50, 99).
- 44. (458) Large Tree. 1885-90. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Museum of Modern Occidental Art, Moscow).
- 45. (512) Still-life with blue vase. 1883-87. 24×193/4. Paris, Louvre (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 46. (472) VIEW OF THE ARC VALLEY. 1885-87. 317/8×255/8. New York, Mrs. C. S. Cutting (Photo Photographische Gesellschaft, Berlin).

- 47. (519) Portrait of the Artist's Son. 1885. 25⁵/₈×21¹/₄. New York, Chester Dale (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 48. (527) Portrait of Madame Cézanne. 1883-87. 24³/₈×20¹/₈. Philadelphia, H. P. Mac Ilhenny (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 49. (516) Self-portrait with easel. 1885-87. 361/4×283/4. Paris, P. Cézanne fils.
- 50. (457) Mont Sainte-Victoire seen from Bellevue. 1885-87. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. Merion, U.S.A., Barnes Foundation (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 51. (433) HOUSE IN FRONT OF MONT SAINTE-VICTOIRE. 1885-86. 25⁵/₈×31⁷/₈. New York, M. Harriman (Photo Hanfstaengl, Munich).
- 52. (549) Bather. 1885-87. 283/4×235/8. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 53. (552) Pierrot and Harlequin ("Mardigras"). 1888. 393/8×317/8. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Cooper & Sons, London).

 According to Paul Cézanne fils, to whom we also owe the dating, he himself served as model for the Harlequin and Louis Guillaume for the Pierrot. With this picture of "Mardigras" may be grouped a number of studies in oil, water-colours and drawings for both figures (cf. Plate 54).
- 54. (554) Harlequin. 1888-90. 393/8×255/8. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 55. (393) Still-life with milk-jug. 1888-90. 231/4×283/4. Oslo, National Gallery (Photo Vaering, Oslo).
- 56. (594) STILL-LIFE WITH FRUIT-BASKET. 1886-88. 25⁵/₈×31⁷/₈. Signed. Paris, Louvre (Photo Archives Photographiques d'Art et d'Histoire, Paris).
- 57. (521) Portrait of Madame Cézanne. About 1885. 181/8×15. Ardmore, U.S.A., S.S. White (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 58. (558) Card-players. 1890-92. 173/4×221/2. Paris, Louvre (Photo Giraudon, Paris).

 According to Paul Alexis and Georges Rivière, about this time Cézanne painted at the "Jas de Bouffan" the series of card-players and portraits of various peasants (cf. Plates 59, 60).
- 59. (560) Card-players. 1890-92. 523/4×711/4. Merion, U.S.A., Barnes Foundation (Photo Morgan, New York).
- 60. (567) Portrait of a Peasant. 1890-92. 21⁵/₈×18¹/₈. Winterthur, Dr. A. Hahnloser's bequest (Photo H. Linck, Winterthur). The same man appears in the two-figure pictures of card-players (cf. Plate 58).

- 61. (626) Avenue at Chantilly. 1888. 301/2×251/4.

 London, Mrs. E. Chester Beatty (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).

 Cf. the water-colour, Plate 102.
- 62. (578) Self-portrait. 1890-94. 21⁵/₈×18¹/₈. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 63. (570) Madame Cézanne in a red dress (large version). 1890-94. 455/8×35. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 64. (640) Landscape with bridge. 1888-90. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. Paris, Colonel Balson (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 65. (631) BRIDGE OVER THE MARNE NEAR CRETEIL. 1893-95. 277/8×351/2. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Schwitter A.G., Basle).
- 66. (687) Portrait of a Peasant. About 1895. 317/8×255/8. New York, Mrs. A. Conger Goodyear (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
- 67. (245) Apotheosis of Delacroix. About 1894. 105 8 X 133/4. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris). The picture is one of those-mostly figure compositions—the dating of which is particularly difficult. A photograph of 1894 shows the artist working on this painting. Nevertheless L. Venturi dates it about 1873-77 and assumes merely a subsequent revision. It is more probable that the picture, which is a compositional design for a work that was never executed, was actually created about 1894. Cézanne attached great importance to this plan of painting an Apotheosis of Delacroix, as can be gathered from a letter to Émile Bernard dated May 12th, 1904.
- 68. (659) Provençal Landscape. 1892-94. 193/4×24. Cleveland, U.S.A., R. M. Coe (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

 This picture is also known under the titles of "The deserted house" and "The house of the hanged".
- 69. (685) Man with crossed arms. 1895-1900. , 36¹/₄×28³/₄. Czechoslovakia, Private Collection.
- 70. (701) ITALIAN GIRL. About 1896. 361/4×283/4. New York, H. Bakwin (Photo Schwitter A.G., Basle).
- 71. (574) Woman with a coffee-pot. 1890-94. 511/4×381/4. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Bulloz, Paris).
- 72. (576) Portrait of a Woman. 1892-96. 255 8×211/4. Paris, M. Kapferer (Photo Reid & Lefèvre, London).

- 73. (686) S m o k e r. 1895-1900. 361/4×283/4. Leningrad, Hermitage (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- 74. (599) Still-life with pot of geraniums. 1886-90. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. New York, S. A. Lewisohn (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- 75. (610) STILL-LIFE WITH BUNCH OF FLOWERS. 1888 to 1890. 255 8×317/8. Berlin, Nationalgalerie (Photo G. Schwarz, Berlin).
- 76. (692) Portrait of Gustave Geffroy. 1895. 455 8×35. Paris, R. Lecomte (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

 The painting of this unfinished picture, which represents the writer and art critic in his study at Belleville, is described by Geffroy himself in his book on Monet.
- 77. (732) Still-life with apples and oranges. 1895-1900. 28³/₄×36¹/₄. Paris, Louvre (Photo Giraudon).
- 78. (763) Landscape with Mont Sainte-Victoire. 1897. $28^3/_8 \times 35^7/_8$. Paris, P. Cézanne fils.
- 79. (694) Portrait of Joachim Gasquet. 1896-97. 255'8×211/4. Prague, Gallery of Modern Art (Photo Grafický Závod, Prague).
- 80. (694) PORTRAIT OF JOACHIM GASQUET. Detail (actual size) of Plate 79 (Photo National Graphical School, Prague).
- 81. (696) Portrait of Ambroise Vollard. 1899. 393/8×317/8. Paris, A. Vollard (Photo Bulloz, Paris).

 The story of the painting of this portrait is related by the sitter, the well-known art-dealer, in a chapter of his book on Cézanne. The story is often quoted as an example of how slowly Cézanne worked: according to Vollard, after 115 sittings Cézanne stopped work on it, remarking that he was "not altogether displeased with the painting of the shirt".
- 82. (663) Mont Sainte-Victoire from the path leading to the "Château Noir". 1895-1900. 317/8×393/8. Moscow, Museum of Modern Occidental Art (Photo Schwitter A.G., Basle).
- 83. (802) Mont Sainte-Victoire from "Les Lauves". 1904-1906. 255 8×317/8. Paris, A. Vollard.
 From the vicinity of his studio, built in 1902, Cézanne did a number of oil-paintings and water-colours showing the mountain.
- 84. (693) Self-portrait. 1898-1900. 255 8×211/4. Boston, R. Treat Paine II. (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

- 85. (702) OLD WOMAN WITH ROSARY. 1898-99. 331/2×255/8. Neuilly, Mme. Veuve J. Doucet (Photo Schwitter A.G., Basle).
- 86. (796) The "Château Noir". 1904-1906. Formerly Paris, A. Vollard (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- 87. (719) Women Bathers. 1898-1906. 82×981/4.

 Paris, J.-V. Pellerin (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

 This is the largest version, extended to give the effect of a mural painting, of Cézanne's nudefigure compositions. He went on working for years on his last paintings of "Baigneuses" (cf. Plate 88) and in the end left them uncompleted at his death.
- 88. (720) Women Bathers. 1900-1906. 523/8×811/2.

 Merion, U.S.A., Barnes Foundation (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).

- 89. (656) Motive from Montgeroult. 1899. $25^{1}/_{4} \times 20^{1}/_{2}$. Paris, A. Vollard.
- 90. (778) View of the "Bibémus" Quarry. 1895-99. 255/8×211/4. Paris, Galerie Pierre (Photo Galerie Pierre, Paris).

 This picture belongs to a group of rock-land-scapes in the "Bibémus" quarry, situated to the north of the "Château Noir", where Cézanne rented a hut during these years.
- 91. (790) Bend in a Road. 1900-1906. 31⁷/₈×25⁵/₈. Paris, A. Vollard.
- 92. (718) Portrait of the Gardener Vallier.
 1906. 25⁵/₈×21¹/₄. Paris, P. Rosenberg (Photo Paul Rosenberg, Paris).
 During the last years of his life, Cézanne painted the portrait of his gardener Vallier several times. On October 16th, 1906, shortly before his death, he was working on the portrait here reproduced.

WATER-COLOURS

- 93. (895) The Apotheosis of Woman ("L'Éternel féminin"). 1875-77. 61/2×87/8. Paris, J.-V. Pellerin.

 Of this composition, also known as "Le triomphe de la femme", "La belle Impéria" and "Le veau d'or", several versions exist: an oil-painting, for which the water-colour here reproduced appears to have been a study; and, with different arrangement of the figures, an approximately contemporaneous pencil drawing and a water-colour from a later period.
- 94. (915) LANDSCAPE NEAR L'ESTAQUE. 1882-85. 113/8×177/8. Zürich, Kunsthaus (Photo R. Piper, Munich).
- 95. (820) Pair of Lovers ("Lepunch aurhum"). 1870-72. 315/16×51/8. Paris, G. Bernheim de Villers (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris). This water-colour belongs to a group of closely related oil-paintings, water-colours and drawings executed at the beginning of the seventies, some of which are known under the title of "L'Après-midi à Naples".
- 96. (899) Bathers. 1875-77. 3¹⁵/₁₆×6¹/₂. Paris, J. Bernheim Jeune (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris). The group of figures in this water-colour pendrawing also occurs in three oil-paintings of the same period and in the well-known lithograph.

97. (945) Pondat the "Jas de Bouffan". 1833-87. 141/8×211/4. Winterthur, Dr. O. Reinhart (Photo H. Linck, Winterthur).
This winter landscape of the "Jas de Bouffan"

was painted by Cézanne in oils, with almost exactly the same arrangement, a few years previously; the version in oils is now in the R. Lecomte Collection in Paris.—The house seen behind the tree is the same as in the painting of the "Railway Cutting" (Plate 12).

- 98. (942) Avenue of Chestnuts at the "Jas de Bouffan". 1883-87. 11¹³/₁₆×18¹/₂. Paris, P. Cézanne fils (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).
- 99. (913) View of the Arc Valley with a railway viaduct. 1883-87. 11¹³/₁₆×18¹/₂. Vienna, Albertina (Photo Frankenstein, Vienna). The tree is the same as that in Plate 43.
- 100. (952) FLOWER-POTS. 1883-87. 91/8×117/8. Paris, Louvre (Photo Archives Photographiques d'Art et d'Histoire, Paris).
- 101. (851) Arm-chair. 1885-90. 123/16×105/8. Vienna, Count A. Seilern (Photo Frankenstein, Vienna).
- 102. (923) Avenue at Chantilly. 1888. Formerly Paris, J. Bernheim Jeune (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris).

 Cf. Plate 61.
- 103. (961) Trees. 1890-1900. Paris, Princesse de Bassiano.
- 104. (978) Mill at the "Pont des Trois Sautets". 1890-1900. 12×18⁵/₁₆. Signed. Paris, J. Bernheim Jeune (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

- 105. (1025) THE "CHÂTEAU NOIR" AND MONT SAINTE-VICTOIRE. 1895-1900. 123/8×191/8. Vienna, Albertina (Photo Angerer & Göschl, Vienna).
- 106. (1139) Peaches. 1895-1900. $7^{7}/_{8} \times 10^{1}/_{4}$. Paris, P. Cézanne fils (Photo Poplin, Villemomble).
- 107. (1043) Rock-scene near the "Château Noir". 1895-1900. 123/8×181/2. New York, Museum of Modern Art, Lillie P. Bliss Collection (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).

 Cézanne often painted the groups of rocks behind the "Château Noir", and especially the one shown in this water-colour.
- 108. (938) Study of Trees. 1890-95. $15^{15}/_{16} \times 21^7/_8$. Winterthur, Dr. O. Reinhart (Photo H. Linck, Winterthur).
- 109. (1554) Landscape with Mill. 1900-1906. 125/8×191/2. Paris, A. Vollard.

- 110. (1150) STILL-LIFE WITH A TEA-POT. About 1900. 181/2×243/8. New York, S. A. Lewisohn (Photo R. Piper, Munich).
- 111. (1107) Women Bathers. 1895-1900. 8¹⁵/₁₆×14¹/₈. Winterthur, Dr. O. Reinhart (Photo H. Linck, Winterthur).
- 112. (1061) Well near the "Château Noir". 1895-1900 (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- 113. (998) Well near the "Château Noir". 1895-1900. 18⁷/₈×11¹³/₁₆. New York, Mrs. Connelius J. Sullivan (Photo Vizzavona, Paris).
- 114. (1541) Still-life with bottles and spiritstove. 1902-1906. 181/2×221/16. Paris, P. Rosenberg (Photo Poplin, Villemomble).
- 115. (1154) Still-life. 1906. 181/2×243/8. Paris, P. Cézanne fils (Photo Bernheim Jeune, Paris). Cézanne's last water-colour, on which he was still working on his sick-bed, after October 15th, 1906.

DRAWINGS

- 116. (1195) Portrait of Achille Empéraire. 1867-70. 17³/₄×11³/₄. Paris, A. Chappuis. Cf. Plate 6.
- 117. (1188) Billiard players. 1870-75. $4^{3}/_{4} \times 8^{1}/_{4}$. Paris, P. Cézanne fils (Photo Poplin, Villemomble).
- 118. (1305) Boy writing. About 1885. 5⁷/₈×9³/₈. Paris, A. Chappuis (Photo Marc Vaux, Paris).

 The artist's son is presumably represented.—

 The drawing is from one of Cézanne's seven sketch-books which have been preserved.
- 119. (1235) Portrait of Camille Pissarro. About 1877. 8⁵/₈×5³/₁₆. Paris, Louvre (Photo Giraudon, Paris).

 A group-photograph from Pontoise, in which Cézanne is also to be seen, served as a model for this drawing.
- 120. (——) Study of Trees. 1877-80. 9¹/₄×6¹⁵/₁6. Vienna, Albertina (Photo Frankenstein, Vienna). The contents of a letter written by Cézanne appearing on the back of the drawing, belong to the years 1885-86. But the drawing is probably a few years earlier.
- 121. (1481) Portrait of Madame Cézanne. About 1880. 91/16×57/8. London, Kenneth Clark (Photo Cooper & Sons, London).

 The tin can sketched on the drawing, which

- occurs in several still-lifes from the period round about 1880, may help in the dating.
- 122. (1238) Self-portrait. About 1880. $7^{1}/_{4} \times 5^{11}/_{16}$. Paris, M. Gobin.
- DRAWINGS AFTER WORKS OF OLD MASTERS IN THE LOUVRE
- 123. (1444) Angel from Rubens's painting of "Henry IV receiving the portrait of Maria de' Medici". About 1880. 123/16×71/16. Zürich, Dr. H. Ganz (Photo P. Delbo, Paris).
- 124. (1437) Puget's statue of Hercules. 1890-95. $18^{1}/_{2} \times 11^{3}/_{4}$. Budapest, Prof. S. Meller (Photo Poplin, Villemomble).
- 125. (1369) Coysevox's bust of Le Brun. 1890-95. 8¹/₂×4⁷/₈. Basle, Museum. This and the following drawing are also from one of the sketch-books.
- 126. (1364) Bernini's bust of Richelieu. 1890-95. $8^{1}/_{2}\times 4^{7}/_{8}$. Basle, Museum.
- Illustration in the text, p. 22: (1158) Self-portrait.
 Lithograph. 1898-1900. 181/2×139/16.
 Coloured impressions of this lithograph exist as well as the black.