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Title Teacup, Saucer, and Plates

Date 1898-1900, 1909-1927

Primary Maker Henry Alcock and Company

Medium Mechanically-molded ironstone with gilding and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Round, ironstone teacup, saucer, and plates with transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue decoration and overglaze gilding. The transfer-printed design was printed in a dark blue then made to run in the kiln, a type of ceramic known as flow blue. The primary decoration on the group consists of printed groups of small flowers and leaves on a stem. A border, printed at the rim of each object, consists of white scrolls on a field of dark blue. "Touraine" is the pattern name for this group of ceramic. Teacup (.a): The round teacup has a small applied handle in the shape of a scroll. One large and one small group of

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flowers is printed on the outside of the cup, and one small group of flowers is printed just inside the rim. A border, printed on the outside edge of the rim, consists of white scrolls on a field of dark blue. There is a line of gilding above and below the border. Saucer (.b): The round saucer has an undulating rim with three groups of flowers printed along the inside edge of the rim. A line of gilding is located just inside a border that is printed at the outer edge of the rim. The border consists of white scrolls on a field of dark blue. Plates (.c and .d): The plates each have an undulating rim with raised decoration, consisting of a line that follows the rim and a series of scrolls just inside that. The plates are decorated with five groups of flowers printed along the inside edge of the rim, then a border is printed over the raised decoration. The border consists of white scrolls on a field of dark blue, although the raised decoration remains white.

Dimensions Component (height x width including handle x depth of teacup): 2 3/8 x 5 x 4 1/4in. (6 x 12.7 x 10.8cm) Component (diameter of saucer): 5 7/8in. (14.9 cm) Component (diameter of smaller plate): 6 1/2in. (16.5cm) Component (diameter of larger plate): 8 3/4in. (22.2cm)