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Title Teacup and Saucer

Date mid 19th-early 20th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Drape-molded hard paste porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue

decoration

Description Round, hard paste porcelain teacup and saucer with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration. Teacup (.a): The teacup has a small molded and applied handle to one side, and a tall foot. The outside of the teacup is decorated with two floral scenes showing a patch of ground with leafy plants and flowers hand-painted in a naturalistic manner. Between these two scenes and opposite the handle, there are two small flying insects, at least one of which is a dragonfly. A double line is hand-painted at the outside edge of the rim, but there is a far more elaborate border at the inside edge. This border consists of dark blue abstract shapes, perhaps a stylized leafy plant, hand-painted along a thick dark blue line. This border is repeated on the inside bottom of the cup, surrounding a flower with many petals. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots or lines on the surface of the ceramic. There is a crack in the rim which runs down the side of the teacup, almost opposite the handle. Saucer (.b): The saucer is decorated with an eight-petal flower in the center, surrounded by a border of dark blue abstract shapes, perhaps a stylized leafy plant, along a thick dark blue line. This is surrounded by two floral scenes showing leafy plants and flowers hand-painted in a naturalistic manner. A dragonfly hovers over one

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group of plants, and possibly an insect or hummingbird hovers over the other.

These are surrounded by a border of dark blue abstract shapes, perhaps a stylized leafy plant, hand-painted along a thick dark blue line at the rim. The bottom of the rim is painted with three groups of dark blue leaves and flowers along a trailing blue vine. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots or lines on the surface of the ceramic. There are a few spots of dirt adhered to the top surface of the rim.

Dimensions Component (height x width including handle x depth of teacup): 2 x 3 1/4 x 2 5/8in. (5.1 x 8.3 x 6.7cm) Component (diameter of saucer): 4 1/4in. (10.8 cm)