

QUEEN WITH A QUILT

The Queen with a Quilt first appeared in the Spring 1980 issue of the JOURNAL.

Many of our readers came to our rescue with clues for the Queen", but it was Pat Long who put Druscilla P. Jones of Druscilla's Books in Lutherville MD in touch with us.

Ms. Jones specializes in children's and illustrated books and wrote, "Your print was done by Edmund Dulac in 1906. It was published by Frederick Warne & Co. (1908) in LYRICS PATHETIQUE AND HUMOROUS FROM A TO z.

These same designs were also used in BOYS AND GIRLS BOOKSHELF, The Univ. Society (1920) N.Y. Some of the verses under the pictures were changed for this publication and not all editions had the Dulac illustrations.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has used these illustrations to publish a BOOK OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES (5 1/4" x 6 1/2") and a box of note cards with the Queen on the cover. Each has 24 full-color illustrations (xyz appear together) by Dulac including the Queen with the Quilt."



FROG IN YOUR TEA?

by Joyce Gross

Many years ago while traveling in Vermont, I purchased a ceramic mug with a little green frog in the bottom. My husband and I collect frogs and I thought it would be fun to see his face when he finished his drink. Sometime later I ran across this bit of folk-lore.

During the Revolutionary times, tea was a forbidden commodity. In fact, if one were caught selling it, the penalty was a ride on a rail and being branded as a Tory. This threat discouraged tea drinking, but some women were loath to give up their favorite drink.

One evening about twenty women were meeting in one of the homes, secure in the knowledge that the master of the house was at the tavern and not likely to be home until late. They enjoyed their bits of gossip, perhaps quilted, and sipped their tea thinking surely no one knew what they were doing.

As was their practice, before the master arrived home they took the lid off the pot and poured out the tea leaves to bury them. Only this time along with the tea leaves out floated the bloated body of a very large and very dead frog! It is not hard to imagine that the consumption of tea dropped off considerably for a while.

In memory of that awful event, one may still find mugs fashioned with frogs in the bottom.

