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A Flamboyant Portal in the Boppard Room
The Cloisters, New York

The portal that we shall present here is one of the finest in American Museums. It was given to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by John D. Rockefeller in 1940 (Acc. 40.147.3). Its measurements are 445 x 270 cm (14'7" x 8'10"). It was reassembled in the Boppard Room of the Cloisters Museum in 1941. Between around 1920 and 1940, it had embellished the paths of the Rockefeller's gardens and property at Pocantico Hills.

The history of this portal before Rockefeller's ownership is absolutely unknown. But last summer, with the help of Mr. Jean Guillaume, professor at the Centre d'études supérieures de la Renaissance at the Université de Tours and author of an extensive thesis (doctorat d'Etat) on the first Renaissance in Poitou, I had the great surprise of discovering an astonishing copy of this portal at the castle of La Roche, near Magné and

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