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Chinese Canton Famille Verte Tea Service, Circa 1850

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Height: 6 cm (2.4")

Diameter: 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A charming set of three Chinese Canton export porcelain tea bowls and saucers, dating to circa 1850. Decorated in the richly detailed *famille verte* palette, each piece is enlivened with hand-painted scenes of elegant figures, birds, flowering plants, and ornamental borders in vivid shades of green, iron red, yellow, blue, and gilt.

Produced for export during the Qing dynasty, Canton porcelain was prized in the West for its exuberant decoration and finely painted detail. The designs on this set are characteristic of the type: busy, colourful compositions arranged within shaped cartouches and framed by decorative borders, creating an effect that is both refined and highly decorative.

The tea bowls and matching saucers retain the intimate scale and graceful proportions associated with traditional Chinese tea-drinking. Displayed together, they make a particularly attractive cabinet group, while their individual decoration ensures that each cup and saucer holds visual interest in its own right.

A delightful mid-19th-century porcelain set, ideal for collectors of Chinese export ware, Canton enamel decoration, or antique tea wares. Equally suited to display in a dining room, drawing room, or porcelain cabinet, it offers the colour, craftsmanship, and lively ornament that have made Canton porcelain enduringly desirable.

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