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Painter of Kings and Presidents.

Philip de Laszlo has deserted us again to go painting in the States, but I hear that he will be back in six weeks. There has just been published an "édition de luxe" of reproductions of his art, limited to seventy-five copies, and before he went he autographed them all.

Not so long ago de Laszlo was the most fashionable of all portrait painters, not excepting Sargent. King Edward gave him sittings at the Palace, and when de Laszlo tells you about it he recalls how the King was bored by inaction and used to jump up in the middle of the sitting to take the painter to see the points he raised illustrated in some picture in the Palace.

His first commission in the States, after painting the Pope and most of the crowned heads of Europe, was President Roosevelt. Perhaps this time he is going to paint President Coolidge.