“168 and 170”  
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These twin painted ladies are not the famous ones. This sunny block couldn’t be more cheerful or humble, for nothing says home better than a little black dog trotting toward wooden stairs and smiling doors.

Two sisters bookended by tree and birdhouse, bejeweled with window flower boxes and pearly picket fences, deep rooted in neighborhood lore, these mature girls are the cat’s meow!

Yes, they’ve still got it, Miss Lemon and Miss Rose, as if with dance cards filled and teacups warm, behind folding silk fans they gossip and giggle, exchanging recipes for good fortune and long life.