Editor's Note: New EAA subscribers might not be aware of Visualizing Cultures, founded in 2002 by Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professors Shigeru Miyagawa and John Dower. Visualizing Cultures, which uses technology to blend images, video, and text into superb interactive teaching units, is the source for all the graphics in this photo spread. Readers interested in the Russo-Japanese War are particularly encouraged to explore the units titled “Throwing off Asia,” “Asia Rising,” and “Yellow Promise/Yellow Peril.” These are on the “Visualizing Cultures” Web site at http://ocw.mit.edu/ans7870/21f/21f027j/menu/index.html.

Russian text:
There were a few coppers,
But they had to buy galoshes
So as not to catch a cold
If they stepped in the mud.
So all the money, bit by bit,
They were forced to squander
Before reaching the Yalu River,
And their coffers were bare.
There is, we suppose, “Uncle Sam,”
But he won’t give money voluntarily
And so the “warriors” go after
Another purse…

British, “Now I Have to ‘Russia’ about”

Uncle Sam Sitting on a Big Purse
Attacked by Tiny Japanese Soldiers.

From an Italian series on Port Arthur published by Rodolfo Falb, Siena
The Japanese kick the Russians out.
Commemorating a Great Battle

The Battle of the Japan Sea
by Saitō Shōshū, 1904–1905
Designed by Saitō Shōshū and made up of ten cards. Two of the cards are shown here:

Left: “The Battle of the Japan Sea with General Tōgō, #5”

Right: “The Battle of the Japan Sea with Admiral Tōgō, # 4”

“Rising Sun, Cherry Blossoms, and Eagle”

“Commemoration of the Ceremony of the Army’s Triumphant Return”

“Russian General Showing off his Saint Andrew Flag to a Japanese General in the Distance”
Above: "The Dream of a Japanese" by Georges Bigot.
Russian text:
In your dreams you own the planet,
And all of mankind you’ll conquer.
But if you don’t manage to wake up right now,
You’ll fly off the face of the Earth.

Middle, right: "Make Way for the Yellows" by Mille.