

Sale Name: Online Fine Art Auction February 28th 2024

LOT 6 - John Leech - A Friendly Mount 1865



Artist Description John Leech (1817 – 1864 UK) A British caricaturist and illustrator. He was best known for his work for *Punch*, a humorous magazine for a broad middle-class audience, combining verbal and graphic political satire with light social comedy. Leech catered to contemporary prejudices, such as anti-Americanism and antisemitism and supported acceptable social reforms. Leech's critical yet humorous cartoons on the Crimean War helped shape public attitudes toward heroism, warfare, and Britons' role in the world. Leech also enjoys fame as the first illustrator of Charles Dickens' 1843 novella *A Christmas Carol*. He was furthermore a pioneer in comics, creating the recurring character Mr. Briggs and some sequential illustrated gags. In 1862 Leech appealed to the public with a very successful exhibition of some of the most remarkable of his *Punch* drawings. These were enlarged by a mechanical process, and coloured in oils by the artist himself, with the assistance and under the direction of his friend John Everett Millais.

Description

Chromolithograph, Published by T. Agnew & Sons, London, 1865

Signed Lower Left

Sight - 21.5 ins x 28.5 ins (54.16 cm x 72.39 cm)

Paper: Woven

Framed Under Glass

Provenance:

Private Collection

Quantity: 1



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