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THE

Cottier Collection.

The Great Modern Classic Painters.

WILL BE HELD AT

ASSOCIATION FIELD,

Battery and Washington Street,

APRIL 23d AND 24th, 1876.

THE GREAT ART AUCTION.

Second Day's Sale in Paris of the Laurent-Richard Collection.

PICTURES AND PRICES.

Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars for a Rousseau.

TOTAL OF THE TWO DAYS, \$195,763.

Paintings Bought for the New York Market.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

Paris, May 21, 1873.

The second day's sale of the famous Laurent-Richard collection attracted again to-day to the Hôtel Drouot a large audience, among which were represented, as on the opening day, all the principal buyers, both collectors and dealers. The figures after the titles give height and width in inches.

ROUSSEAU'S MASTERPIECE.

The highest price reached was \$9,300, which was paid for Théodore Rousseau's melancholy, dramatic *chef-d'œuvre*, "The Hoar Frost on the Heights of Valsmoids, Near l'Isle Adam," 16 by 24 1-2. This magnificent rendition of one of nature's dreariest and most solemn aspects shows a broken country covered with the frost pall, under a sky charged with dark clouds, rent across the middle of the picture, into an opening through which the sun, but lately set, has thrown a band of cold lurid red. The thick shadows of the night almost cover the distant hills and reach to the farm house, surrounded by poplars, which is seen in the middle distance.

A FROMENTIN.

One of Fromentin's best pictures, "Hawking," 42 1-2 by 55 1-3, brought \$6,820. On the borders of a river are scattered here and there mounted Arabs, who are engaged in the favorite sport. One of those in the middle distance has just cast his falcon and is watching its descent to its quarry. In the foreground are grouped three of the party, whose picturesque rich costumes and the noble steeds they hestride are painted in the height of the artist's graceful manner and rich coloring.

THE FIRST OF THE DELACROIX.

One of the most important of the eight examples of the famed Eugène Delacroix is his spirited picture, admirable in tone, brilliant in color and full of life and movement, "The Giaour and the Pacha," 28 1-2 by 23 1-2. It represents a dramatic combat d'outrance between two mounted Orientals. One is at his last moments, for his scimitar is gone, and his adversary is about to plunge his yataghan into his heart. Under the feet of the powerfully painted horses, who are trying to bite each other, lies a dead Mussulman. The picture was sold for \$5,400.

THE RETURN TO THE FARM.

Constant Troyon's fine example, "The Return to the Farm," 19 1-2 by 30 1-2, painted in 1850, brought \$1,600. The flock of cattle and sheep in charge of a mounted herdsman, who heads the procession, and of his dog waiting behind for stragglers, are returning from the pasture. The reason of the movement is told in the signs of the approaching storm seen in the cloudy sky. A white and a dark colored cow in the foreground, standing up among the sheep, look at the dog and seem undecided whether to heed him. On the edge of the rise, in the field by the roadside, are seen a couple of peasants.

ANOTHER ROUSSEAU.

For Théodore Rousseau's magnificent and very vigorous "Sunset After the Storm," 16 by 24 1-2, \$3,900 was paid. An ordinarily quiet landscape—a meadow land, with a few graceful trees, by a gentle stream—is rendered dramatic by the presence and effect of the magnificent sky above, crowded with masses of storm clouds drawing off, their edges softened and enpurpled by the last gleams of the dying sunset. The vigorously painted trees reflected in the brook stand up and out against the gray, purple and orange tints of the sky.

A DELICIOUS PICTURE.

Still another Rousseau, "Banks of the Oise," 16 by 25, sold for the same price, \$3,900. It is a delicious study of rich greens and foliage, about a

stream, which seems to go where the sun has caught with full force the clump of trees on the far bank to the right. A living interest is given to the scene by the sight of a sail down the river and a few figures on the bank. A fine sky above is covered with fleecy clouds.

A SILENT PICTURE.

Troyon's "Shepherd Returning with His Flock," 18 by 14, painted in 1849, went for \$3,650. The picture, admirably composed, shows a shepherd coming along a road and driving pell-mell before him his flock of sheep. As he walks in the shade of the autumn-tinted leaves of the trees which overhang the path, and turns to examine the cloudy threatening sky behind him,

he forms, with those of the flock near him and likewise in shadow, a fine contrast to the vanguard of the sheep in full sunlight, as well as to the bright lights on the landscape behind. The treatment of the sun is admirable in grouping and shadow off.

A FARM STORY.

Jean François Millet's "The Winnower," 28 1-2 by 23—a sturdy peasant in a barn is engaged in the familiar occupation, the dust from which, caught by the sunlight, fills the air—cost, \$3,321.

The same artist's "Evening," 31 1-2 by 39, went for \$3,100. It is a quiet, yet strong picture, full of the sentiment of the hour. A peasant woman stands at the banks of a stream, lit by the last of the sunlight, holding her cow while she drinks. On the height of the field behind, standing out against the sky, luminous from the sun which has just set, are a few geese.

COURBET'S CHEF D'ŒUVRE.

The first of the two examples of Gustave Courbet, "The Brook of the Black Gorge, Valley of the Loue, Doubs," 40 by 53, is the masterpiece which represented the artist at the Universal Exhibition of 1855. It is a careful picture of a rocky brook, with its banks lined with trees, through which the daylight breaks, and by dark, and here and there silver gray overhanging walls of granite. The work is admirable in fresh, real coloring. It brought \$2,620.

A MILITARY SUBJECT.

A very important example, considered the masterpiece of Paul Alexandre Prévost, from the Salon of 1874, and called "An Alarm," 33 1-3 by 45, brought \$2,100. Troops are hurriedly forming, chasseurs are dashing off at a gallop, and further off other cavalry are seen.

DUPRÉ'S "LES LANDES."

The first of the masterly examples of Dupré offered; the somewhat melancholy "Les Landes," 25 1-3 by 36, sold for \$2,240. A number of cattle are browsing by their guardian on a plain near a road. In the middle distance is a line of tree forms. A luminous sunset sky, in that vivid manner familiar to those who know the artist's paintings, rises over the landscape, which shows to the full his skill in color.

A HOLY FAMILY.

Diaz's "Holy Family," 25 1-3 by 21 1-2, cost \$2,220. In the foreground, under the spreading branches of a large tree, sits the Virgin Mary, holding in her arms the radiant child Jesus. To the left stands the young Saint John with his staff, Saint Anne, on the right, looks on with loving eyes, and above three angels, in attitudes of joy, float in the air. The scenery is that of autumn, and the coloring of the figures and drapery shows strong Venetian influence.

ROYER'S "HALLES L."

The historical painting by Royer, "Charles I. Insulted by the Soldiers of Cromwell," 31 by 40, sold for \$2,201. The scene is laid on the stairs of Westminster Hall. The King, descending after his condemnation by the high tribunal, is beset on every side by the mob, who are rudely addressing him, and jeered at by the soldiers standing and sitting at table by the doorway. The crowd is admirably treated, the King is dignified, the figures of the soldiers are striking and the effect of light admirable.

A BIBLICAL STORY.

Marilhat's "Return of the Prodigal," 15 1-3 by 38 2-3, is a striking work, which brought \$2,200. The scene is a picturesque one, laid in a grand landscape. The father and son have just met on a road near the town, and are surrounded by retainers of the former with their camels.

AREAS ON THE MARCH.

Fromentin's "Arabs on the March," 10 by 14, is a most delicate and charming painting, which sold for \$1,620. The foreground group consists of a sheik, mounted on a white horse, leading a band of the tribe on foot, burdened with their water skins. Ahead are seen several parties in motion on horseback. It is full of the very air of the desert, and a poem of the life of its denizens.

Finally a small Dupré, "The Return from the Market," 10 by 12, sold for \$620. A number of peasants are leading their animals along a sunlit road, past a group of foreground trees standing out against the blue sky and light clouds.

The last two paintings were bought by Mr. Schaus, of New York. The total amount realized by the first two days of the sale is \$195,763.

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THE COTTIER COLLECTION.

A UNIQUE GALLERY OF PAINTINGS.

The MESSRS. LEAVITT take great pleasure in announcing to the Art public the first exhibition in this country of a collection of Paintings composed exclusively of the works of the GREAT MODERN CLASSIC PAINTERS, the school of colorists of this age.

Single Pictures from the hands of these departed spirits, MILLET, COROT, DELACROIX, DIAZ, TROYON, MICHEL, DAUBIGNY, and others, have been from time to time shown to our people, but never before has an exhibition been made where several of each of these great master's productions could be seen together, and supplemented, as in this collection, with examples by contemporary and living artists of France and Holland, who are building a noble structure of art upon the foundations laid by the honored names mentioned above.

The exhibition of these homogeneous works must be of great benefit to the Art student (professional or layman), and their dispersion will afford cultivated collectors a rare opportunity of procuring *master works by the master minds of our time*. There is hardly a canvas in the collection but will do honor to almost any formed gallery, certainly not impoverish it.

MESSRS. COTTIER & Co., of No. 144 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., intending to discontinue this branch of their business, have requested Mr. S. P. AVERY to undertake the management of a closing-out auction sale of their entire collection of Oil Paintings and Water-Color Drawings. Orders to purchase—applications for Catalogues, secured seats, etc., may be addressed to his Art Rooms, 86 Fifth Avenue.

The Sale will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 23d and 24th, at Association Hall.

RESERVED SEATS can be obtained by entering name and address at the desk in the Art Rooms, 817 Broadway.

THE COTTIER COLLECTION.

THE collection now first seen in public, has been slowly formed during many years, and was added to from the famous Sensier sale of last year. The names chiefly belong to the great modern classic painters departed, that have created a now famous school which is held by all art-loving nations in honor and repute. The stamp of genius rests securely on their works, but we live too near the times of Millet, Corot, Diaz, Michel, Troyon, Daubigny, and others, to feel and comprehend their true worth, and the still more exalted places they shall yet take in the history of modern art. Our great desire and chief wish is that France may give us such another little army of grand workers, and surely the names of Roybet, Ribot, Mettling, Jacque, Dupré, Hill, Vollon, and Bonvin—living men—give us the hope that art will rise anew.

Certainly in no land save Holland stands there such a phalanx of true painters. Based in a manner on the study of the great French masters, they still remain, however, true Dutchmen, following the traditions of their own land, and painting the fat meadows, gray skies, and delicious atmosphere, that makes their country supreme for the landscape painter's art.

The names of the brothers Maris, Van de Velden, Bosboom, Bloomers, Israels, Mauve, de Bock, Ter Meulen, Mesdag, and Artz, are as well-known in England as in their own beautiful Hague.

Many of these names now stand as first in the art of painting. Imaginative painting like that of Matthew Maris, simple landscape

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such as James Maris, cattle painting like Mauve's, and lastly, interiors such as Bosboom's, can not be found in any land out of Holland.

These men again in whom our hopes are placed, are bound to bring about an earnest revival in true art, in a land that has an art history second only to that of Italy.

We can do no less than accept these nature's worshipers—

“ Sermons in stones,
Books in the running brooks,
And good in everything.”

Trusting that their silent speeches will find a genial home in many a quiet nook of this great land, so that the brotherhood of art and art lovers, may advance in all lands. DANIEL COTTIER.

ARTISTS REPRESENTED IN THIS COLLECTION.

(*The figures indicate the number of works by each artist*).

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| 1. Anker, Vanden. | 1. Le Blant. |
| 2. Apol. | 1. Lépine. |
| 1. Artan. | 2. Lessore, J. |
| 2. Artz. | 1. Mancini. |
| 3. Arus. | 4. Mar, de la. |
| 2. Bellenger, G. | 5. Maris, J. |
| 1. Bilders, T. W. | 2. Maris, M. |
| 5. Böck, Théophile de. | 1. Maris, W. |
| 5. Boks. | 1. Mathon. |
| 5. Bonnemaison. | 5. Mauve. |
| 1. Bonvin. | 3. Mesdag. |
| 1. Borselen, Van. | 2. Meulen, Ter. |
| 1. Bosboom. | 8. Mettling. |
| 1. Bosse, Al. Van. | 1. Michel, G. |
| 2. Boulard. | 6. Millet, J. F. |
| 1. Bouvier. | 4. Monticelli. |
| 1. Bureau. | 1. Neuhuys, A. |
| 10. Corot. | 3. " J. |
| 1. De la Croix, E. | 2. Pecquereau. |
| 1. Daubigny. | 1. Pille. |
| 1. Daubigny, K. | 1. Pissaro. |
| 4. Diaz. | 1. Ribot. |
| 2. Du Chattel. | 3. Rousseau, Ph. |
| 3. Dupré, J. | 3. Rousseau, Thco. |
| 1. Eckelberg. | 2. Roybet. |
| 1. Fisher, Mark. | 4. Stacquet. |
| 1. Gegerfelt. | 3. Troyon. |
| 1. Hague, A. | 1. Vallée. |
| 1. Hamon, J. L. | 1. Valton. |
| 4. Harpignies. | 2. Velden, P. van der. |
| 1. Herenbaart. | 1. Vernier, E. |
| 4. Hill. | 1. Verveer, E. |
| 1. Israels, J. | 3. Vollen. |
| 1. Jacque, Chas. | 1. Vuillefroy. |
| 1. Jongkind. | 1. Urgell. |
| 1. Klinkenberg. | 2. Witsen, Van. |
| 1. Latouche. | |

CATALOGUE.

The first figure of the size given indicates the height of the canvas.

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*Size of
Canvas.*

ARUS, Paris.

15[—]

On the Way to the Fort.

4 x 5

2

BONNEMAISSON, Paris.

PSO[—]

The Beach.

10 x 14

3

BONNEMAISSON, Paris.

PSO[—]

A Pool.

10 x 14

*Size of
Canvas.*

4

URGELL, Paris.

• 30 —

Looking Out.

9 x 12

5

APOL (Louis), The Hague.

• 40 —

Landscape.

12 x 16

6

ARTZ (A.), The Hague.

• 11 —

Sunday Morning at Scheveningen.

8 x 14

7

MAR (D. de la), Amsterdam.

• 35 —

A Dutch Barn.

11 x 17

		<i>Size of Canvas.</i>
	8	
BOKS (M.), The Hague.		
<i>885 77</i>	Dutch Landscape.	11 x 19
	9	
NEUHUYSEN (Jozef), The Hague.		
<i>8310</i>	A Corner of Amsterdam.	21 x 16
	10	
NEUHUYSEN (Albert), The Hague.		
<i>9230</i>	The Broken Pitcher.	22 x 13
	11	
MATHON, Paris.		
<i>45</i>	The Oise at Anvers.	12 x 18

12

*Size of
Canvas.*

MEULEN (Ter.), The Hague.

• 70 —

Sleepy.

13 x 24

13

BÖCK (Théophile de),

• 60 —

The Hague.

Landscape, with Sheep.

8 x 15

14

BÖCK (Théophile de).

• 50 —

The Hague.

Dutch Farm.

8 x 15

15

ECKELBERG, Amsterdam.

• 50 —

Interior of a Convent.

15 x 12

16

*Size of
Canvas.*

VELDEN (P. Van der),
161
The Hague.

View from my Studio Window.

7 x 10

17

MARIS (Jacques), The Hague.

161
Fishing Boats—Scheveningen.

9 x 12

18

MAUVE (Anton), The Hague.

140
The Cart.

12 x 8

19

BOUVIER, Brussels.

140
The Scheldt.

13 x 24

20

*Size of
Canvas.*

MESDAG (H. W.), The Hague.

150

The Beach of Scheveningen.

18 x 30

21

BELLENGER (George), Paris.

90

A Picnic.

20 x 32

22

VALLÉE (E.), Paris.

150

Barn-yard.

16 x 25

23

MAR (D. de la), Amsterdam.

35

The Hay-cutter.

10 x 7

24

*Size of
Canvas.*

BOKS (M.), The Hague.

Banks of a River—Rainy Weather.

10 x 15

25

HAGUE (Anderson).

An English Pastoral.

10 x 7

26

MANCINI, Naples.

210

Tired Out.

30 x 25

27

GEGERFELT (W. T.), Paris.

140

Winter in Holland—Sunset.

19 x 28

28

*Size of
Canvas.*

LATOUCHE, Paris.

1741

Normandy Coast Scene.

42 x 54

29

PISSARO, Paris.

135

London Suburbs in Winter.

17 x 21

30

LÉPINE, Paris.

135

Landscape, with Cattle.

8 x 12

31

VERNIER (Emile), Ecouen.

120

Flowing to the Sea.

16 x 27

32

*Size of
Canvas.*

VALTON, Paris.

110

Homely Duties.

15 x 12

33

BUREAU (P.) (deceased), Paris.

20

Sandy Banks.

11 x 15

34

BOULARD (A.), Paris.

25

Woodman's Hut.

13 x 10

35

VOLLON (A.), Paris.

90

A Head.

7 x 6½

36

*Size of
Canvas.*

ROUSSEAU (Philippe), Paris.

1961

Still Life.

8 x 13

37

DIAZ (N.) (deceased), Paris

1991

Rocks in the Forest of Fontainebleau. 8 x 12

38

COROT (J. B. C.) (deceased),
Paris.

1975

Landscape, with Figures and Cattle. 15 x 22

39

TROYON (C.) (deceased),
Paris.

19290

Landscape, with Cattle. 10 x 15

40

*Size of
Canvas.*

HILL (C. T.), Paris.

9/30

Autumn.

21 x 15

41

MILLET (J. F.) (deceased),
Barbizon.

9/7/80

Carding Wool.

18 x 15

42

ROUSSEAU (Théodore),
(deceased), Barbizon.

9/20

Rocks in the Forest of Fontainebleau.

14 x 10

43

METTLING (L.), Paris.

9/14/80

Flowers.

16 x 13

44

BONVIN (F. S.), Paris.

P7170 =

The Housewife.

Size of
Canvas.

20 x 13

45

DUPRÉ (Jules), Paris.

P4W-

French Coast—Coming Storm.

10 x 18

46

Landscape.

P115 =

6½ x 16

47

JACQUE (Charles), Paris.

P210 =

Sheep.

12 x 19

48

COROT (J. B. C.) (deceased),
Paris.

P35 =

The Destroying Angels.

13 x 20

49

*Size of
Canvas.*

ROYBET (F.), Paris.

17 cm

Return from the Chase.

36 x 27

50

BILDERS (T. W.), Amster-
dam.

30

Landscape, with Cows.

12 x 9

51

MARIS (Jacques), The Hague.

30

Moonlight.

5½ x 8½

52

MAR (D. de la), Amsterdam,

17 cm

The Wood-gatherer.

20 x 13

53

Size of
Canvas.

#130 KLINKENBERG, The Hague.

Old Monastery at Altrecht—Holland.

14 x 22

54

MESDAG (H. W.), The Hague.

#140

Drifting Ashore.

20 x 16

55

BOSBOOM (Johannes), The
Hague.

#750

Interior of the "Groote Kerk" at Har-
lem—Holland.

17 x 14

56

DU CHATTEL, The Hague.

#400

Dutch Canal.

37 x 26

57

*Size of
Canvas.*

VELDEN (P. van der), The Hague.
 221

A Mission of Mercy.

40 x 29

58

BOKS (M.), The Hague.

230 The Meadows.

21 x 37

59

APOL (Louis), The Hague.

220 View of Dordrecht—Holland.

19 x 39

60

BÖCK (Théophile de), The Hague.

The Path by the Stream.

39 x 27

61

*Size of
Canvas.*

MAUVE (Anton), The Hague.

1/50.

Pastures in Holland.

31 x 48

62

MARIS (Jacques), The Hague.

1/2, 70

Sea-weed Gatherers.

18 x 44

63

METTLING (L.), Paris.

PCO

Venetian Lady.

21 x 18

64

HILL (C. T.), Paris.

1/2, —

Landscape.

20 x 18

65

BONNEMaison, Paris.

*Size of
Canvas.**Prof. 1. - 100 - 100*

111~ Landscape—The flock.

11 x 14

66

DAUBIGNY (Karl), Paris.

100 - 100

71~ The Oise at Auvers.

11 x 22

67

METTLING (L), Paris.

100 - 100 -

83~ A Recollection of Rembrandt.

35 x 28

68

TROYON (C.) (deceased),

Paris.

8975

Cow and Donkey.

21 x 25

69

*Size of
Canvas.*

COROT (T. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

* 3021

Summer Morning.

22 x 32

70

ROUSSEAU (Théodore), (de-
ceased), Barbizon.

4750

The Forest of Fontainebleau.

8½ x 15½

71

DIAZ (N.) (deceased), Paris.

Interior of the Forest of Fontainebleau. 11½ x 18

72

MARIS (Matthias), London.

* 305

"Where Shadowy Trees their Twilight
Make."

14 x 10

*Size of
Canvas.*

73

MILLET (J. F.), (deceased),
Barbizon.

290

After the Bath.

12½ x 9¼

74

MONTICELLI (A.) (deceased),
Paris.

22

Surprise.

10 x 13

75

MONTICELLI (A.) (deceased),
Paris

The Fountain of Youth.

15 x 12

SECOND EVENING'S SALE.

76

*Size of
Canvas.*

JONGKIND (T. B.), Paris.

75 v -

Dutch Canal.

5½ x 7

77

BONNEMAISON, Paris.

76 v .

Landscape.

10 x 14

78

BONNEMAISON, Paris.

79 v -

A Pool.

14 x 10

79

35 ARUS, Paris.

9 v 10

[On the Road between Paris and St. Denis. 4 x 5

80

*Size of
Canvas.*

ARUS, Paris.

*140

Artillery Wagon.

4 x 5

81

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

*160

Running Water.

7 x 14

82

VAN BOSSE (M.), The Hague.

*120

Winter in Holland.

9 x 20

83

BÖCK (Théophile de), The Hague.

*100

Landscape.

15 x 10

84

*Size of
Canvas.*

VUILLEFROY (D.), Paris.

¶140

The Fan.

25 x 21

85

BOKS (M.), The Hague.

¶110

Dutch Landscape.

11 x 18

86

MAR (D. de la), Amsterdam.

¶200

Dutch Cow—Rainy Weather.

27 x 16

87

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

¶70

Dairy-Man.

9 x 4

88

*Size of
Canvas.*

MAUVE (Anton), The Hague.

8400

Snow Scene.

13 x 10

89

MESDAG (H.W.), The Hague.

825

A Calm.

23 x 19

90

LE BLANT (T.), Paris.

8200

Ferreting.

28 x 22

91

FISHER (Mark), from Boston,
London.

8200

The Flock.

14 x 20

- Size of
Canvas.
- 92 BÖCK (Théophile de), The Hague.
#210 Corn-field. 11 x 21
- 93 NEUHUYSEN (Jozef), The Hague.
#280 Dutch River—Moonlight. 15 x 35
- 94 MAUVE (Anton), The Hague.
#50 Returning from the Fair after the Rain. 17 x 25
- 95 MARIS (Jacques), The Hague.
 The Meuse. 17 x 31

*Size of
Canvas.*

96

HAMON (J. L.), (deceased),
Paris.

* 180

Mother and Child—Sketch.

12½ x 15

97

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

* 180

Study of Wild Roses.

8 x 8½

98

ROUSSEAU (Théodore), (de-
ceased), Barbizon.

* 210

Interior of the Forest of Fontainebleau—
Sketch.

8 x 12

99

VOLLON (A.), Paris.

* 220

Donkey.

13 x 16

100

*Size of
Canvas.*

COROT (J. B. C.) (deceased),
Paris.

45710

Landscape—Early Morning.

12½ x 18

101

HILL (C. F.), Paris.

43210

Landscape.

19 x 23

102

MILLET (J. F.) (deceased),
Barbizon.

43210

Hagar and Ishmael.

6¼ x 9½

103

ROUSSEAU (Philippe), Paris.

4230

A Well-provided Pantry.

9 x 14

104

*Size of
Canvas.*

TROYON (C.), (deceased),
Paris.

#350

Landscape—The Angler.

9 x 13

105

RIBOT (Théodule), Paris.

A Vendean.

21 x 18

106

MICHEL (Georges), (deceased),
Paris.

#510

Landscape—Coming Storm.

13 x 21

107

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

#120

Landscape, with Rocks.

15 x 25

108

*Size of
Canvas.*

METTLING (L.), Paris.

145

The Servant.

*Small Panel -
and 3 by 16 in
16 x 13*

109

ROUSSEAU (Philippe), Paris.

160

Landscape—Evening.

$9\frac{1}{2}$ x 13

110

ROYBET (F.), Paris.

Drawn

A Branch of Plums.

18 x 15

111

BOULARD (A.), Paris.

120

Female Head.

21 x 18

From the Collection of the late J. B. C. Corot.

I I 2

*Size of
Canvas.*

DIAZ (N.), (deceased), Paris.

Landscape Study.

5 x 8½

I I 3

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
^ 240 Paris.

Landscape Study.

8½ x 14½

From the Collection of the late N. Diaz.

I I 4

METTLING (L.), Paris.

420

Fruit Piece.

15 x 18

I I 5

VOLLON (A.), Paris.

4/81

A French Barn.

9 x 12½

116

*Size of
Canvas.*

MILLET (J. F.), (deceased),
Barbizon.

The Wayfarer.

7 x 11

117

DELACROIX (Eugene), (de-
ceased), Paris.

Copy after Collantes—Louvre.

8½ x 12½

118

METTLING (L.) (after Diaz),
Paris.

Nymph Bathing.

12 x 9

119

DUPRÉ (Jules), Paris.

Marine.

*Painted - not Red
very rough but very
well done*

13½ x 10½

120

*Size of
Canvas.*

MILLET (J. F.), (deceased),
Barbizon.

Samson and Delilah.

13 x 16

121

DIAZ (N.), (deceased), Paris.

Love's Whisper.

9 x 5

122

MONTICELLI (A.), (deceased),
Paris.

The Temple of Joy.

15 x 23½

"There is a shadowy land
Where forms move musically ;
There no hour-glass runs its sand ;
An ever Summer gilds its valley."

123

MONTICELLI (A.), (de-
ceased), Paris.

A Legend.

13 x 25½

124

*Size of
Canvas.*

COROT (J. B. C.), (deceased),
Paris.

Orpheus.

78 x 66

From the Collection of the late Prince Demidoff.

125

MARIS (Mathias), London.

Day Dreams.

25 x 39

126

MILLET (J. F.), (deceased),
Barbizon.

The Quarriers.

28 x 23

127

METTLING (L.), Paris.

A Daughter of Italy.

28 x 23

I 28

*Size of
Canvas.*

HILL (C. F.), Paris.

150

Landscape.

28 x 20

I 29

DAUBIGNY, (deceased), Paris.

150

Landscape.

8 x 17½

I 30

BELLINGER (George S.),
Paris.

150

Diana.

77 x 40

I 31

ARTAN (L. V. A.), Brussels.

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar."

132

*Size of
Canvas.*

MAUVE (Anton), The Hague.

The Forester's Team, Frosty Morning—
Holland.

42 x 82

133

MARIS (Jacques), The Hague.

The Tiller of the Soil.

18 x 44

134

MARIS (Willem), The Hague.

Milking-Time.

46 x 31

135

BÖCK (Théophile de), The Hague.

The Stream.

43 x 27

136
METTLING (L.), Paris.

*Size of
Canvas.*

A Brittany Interior.

24 x 30

137
BOKS (M.), The Hague.

400 Landscape—Holland.

16 x 34

138
MEULEN (Ter.), The Hague.

Dutch Cattle.

14 x 34

WATER-COLOR DRAWINGS.

139

*Size of
Canvas.*

HARPIGNIES (H.), Paris.

Ox-Cart.

$6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

140

Cottage.

$6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

141

Running Water.

$4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$

142

The Mill.

$4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$

143

*Size of
Canvas.*

PECQUEREAU (A.), Brus-
sels.

143

Dinant—Belgium. 4 x 7

144

PJG Dresing Machine. 5½ x 8½

145

STACQUET (H.), Brussels.

145

Snow Scene. 5 x 6

146

Landscape at Raeren—Belgium. 5 x 7

147

Sunset. 8 x 6

148

*Size of
Canvas.*

Landscape.

8 x 6

149

ANKER (Van den), Paris.

Asleep.

9½ x 6

150

ARTZ (A.), The Hague.

Dutch Fisherwoman.

11½ x 8½

151

NEUHUYSEN (Jozef), The Hague.

View of Amsterdam.

6½ x 15

I 52

*Size of
Canvas.*

ISRAELS (Jozef), The Hague.

Axious Moments.

12 x 8

I 53

BORSELEN (Van), The Hague.

Study of Trees.

11 x 7

I 54

DU CHATTEL, The Hague.

Sunday Morning at Leyden—Holland.

19 x 8

I 55

MAUVE (A.), The Hague.

The Heath.

9 x 17½

156

*Size of
Canvas.*

PILLE (C. H.), Paris.

Painted 1860

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The Critics.

7½ x 15

157

WITSEN (Van), The Hague.

Solitude.

17 x 12

158

The Doctor's Visit.

13½ x 11

159

WEISSENBRUCH (H. J.),
The Hague.

Landscape, with Cattle.

11 x 21

160

The Mill.

13½ x 23

161

*Size of
Canvas.*

VELDEN (P. van der), The Hague.

Funeral during Winter-time, in the Island of Marten—Holland.

15 x 27

162

LESSORE (Jules), London.

The East River—New York.

14 x 20

163

LESSORE (Jules), London.

The Empire City.

3 feet 4 x 10 feet.



A GREAT ART EVENT.

Opening Day of the Sale of the Celebrated Laurent-Bichard Collection in Paris.

THE PRICES PAID.

Description of the Principal American Paintings Sold Yesterday.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

PARIS, May 23, 1878.

The sale of the celebrated collection of paintings belonging to M. Laurent-Bichard, the well known and very wealthy tailor, was commenced to-day before a large audience at the Hotel Drouot. M. Charles Pillat was the auctioneer, and MM. Durand Ruel, Georges Petit and E. Féral, the painter, the experts. The approaching sale of this collection, one of the most important which has been offered during a number of years, has been for weeks the talk of the Parisian art world.

M. RICHARD'S FIRST COLLECTION.

The bringing under the hammer of M. Richard's first collection some five years ago was an enormous success. He had collected the pictures for a number of years under the advice of a connoisseur friend, and received many times more than he paid for the majority of the examples and splendid prices for all. Out of this sale he bought in several of the most important works which figure in the collection now being sold, and which he used as a nucleus in putting together the present pictures, which he commenced to collect immediately after the first sale. He bought about the same names as he had before possessed, and being more sure in his art knowledge did so chiefly on his own judgment.

THE PAINTINGS SOLD TO-DAY.

The following is a description of the principal pictures sold to-day, with the prices they reached. In each case the first of the figures given after the title indicates the height and the second the width in inches of the paintings:—

MEISSONIER'S "LE DEUX VAN DE VELDE."

Meissonier's "The Two Van de Velde," 10 1-2 by 8 1-2, brought the highest price, \$11,420. The painting, a really fine example of this famous master, represents a scene in the studio of Adrien Van de Velde, William, his brother, dressed in his street costume of gray, with a red cloak thrown back over his shoulders, with his hat in his hand, sits in front of an easel with one foot on it. He is examining carefully and approvingly a panel painting which his brother is at work on. Behind him stands Adrien, leaning against a carved cabinet, on which are some glasses and a small wine pitcher. He has just risen to give way to his brother and has his palette and brushes in his hand.

By the easel on the floor and up against the cabinet lies a portfolio of drawings and to the right is a chair. The light falling through the window is admirably distributed over the two figures, which are finely posed and in the artist's best style. The expression of the faces is excellent, and, like the gestures, full of suggestion of the brotherly love of the two painters, and of the interest William has in the progress of his young brother.

A FINE TROYON.

One of Troyon's most famous masterpieces, "Animals at Pasture, Plains of la Touque, Normandy," 38 by 57, which, when exhibited at the Universal Exhibition of 1855, created a great sensation, brought \$9,200.

In the foreground of the meadow a magnificent white cow stands in the sunlight bellowing, with one large calf by her and a second lying near some dock leaves to the right. By this group are some sheep and a shepherd, who is seated on a tree trunk. Further on in shadow are other cattle. In the middle distance are a couple of tall trees, and past a small wooded space to the right are seen sheep gambolling over the slightly rolling meadow, beyond which is seen the ribbon of the river. The finely painted, clear sky is full of rolling masses of cloud form.

Another Troyon, "A Shepherd Guarding His Sheep," 14 1-2 by 16 1-2, sold for \$6,000.

The shepherd stands leaning on his staff in the midst of his flock, who are grazing or lying about him on the field. The air is cool, for he stands dark up against the masterly and luminous sky wrapped in his cloak. This picture is simple in motive, but exceedingly effective. It represents admirably the different positions taken by a sheep on the pasture.

"MORNING," BY RUSCOTT.

For Theodore Rousseau's debonair "Morning," 12 by 21, \$5,400 was given. On the banks of a small river, winding through a meadow land, still wet with the morning dew, are large and gnarled oaks. Under the shade of two in the foreground some cattle are at drink, while their herdsman sits on the bank, and others of his charge further away. The silvery and intensely

luminous morning sky is reflected in the stream in admirable contrast with the deep shadows from the oaks. All is soft and fine in color, and the most delicate tints, which the morning has thrown over the green wet grass of the meadows, the waters of the stream and the distant trees, are finely rendered. The foreground oaks, sharply defined against the tender sky, give fine values to their surroundings.

The next picture of importance sold was Tassaert's "The Dream," 25 1-2 by 17 1-2, which was knocked down at \$4,140. At the pillow of a sweet young girl, asleep, is her guardian angel, who causes her to see herself dressed for her marriage and surrounded by angels garlanded with roses.

A MASTERSPIECE OF COROT.

Corot's "Souvenir of Marissel, near Beauvais," 21 by 27, and a most masterly, luminous and poetic example, which had such a great success in the Salon of 1867, cost its purchaser \$3,370. The soft grays and greens of a spring morning effect are seen in the young birches, hardly yet in leaf, which line the village road leading to, and the silver grays of whose bark are reflected in the foreground pool. Above is one of the tender, luminous skies with which all are familiar, and closing the vista through the trees are seen the white houses of the village, with the little Gothic village church towering above them. Down the path come two women, one with her child in her arms, while a third bends over the water side washing some linen.

A STRIKING DELACROIX.

Eugene Delacroix's "Horses Leaving the Water," 19 1-2 by 21, sold for \$3,220. It is a very striking picture, a very poor of horses in motion, a magnificent pair of which are coming out of the sea after a bath, in charge of an Arab, who is mounted on one of them. The animals, their guardian and their surroundings are painted with equal skill and in a solid, if somewhat classic, manner. The effect of light is admirable.

The "Descent of the Gypsies," a celebrated picture and a *chef-d'œuvre*, 24 by 17 1-2, the first of the twelve Diazes to be offered, sold for \$2,960. Down through a path, arched over by autumn-tinted trees, treated in the painter's best style, to a pool, come a band of gypsies on the march—men, women and children—clad in the most heterogeneous and many colored costumes. One woman has just reached the waterside, and sits resting with her babe on a rock, while by her are two dogs.

Up through the trees, where the path reaches the level country, a glimpse of white, clouded sky is seen. Sunlight breaks past the leaves here and there across the path and strikes full on those of the tribe who have reached the open space around the pool.

ROUSSEAU'S "LE BOUVOIR."

The first of the nineteen Rousseaus, "Le Bouvoir, Forest of Fontainebleau," 16 1-3 by 24 1-2, a strong, majestic and quiet landscape, full of grandiose tree forms casting deep shadows, and in which the very wood seems asleep, brought \$2,600. At a pool, except in the centre in deep shadow from the huge chestnut trees near it, are some cattle drinking. The clumps of trees are scattered over the foreground and part of the middle distance; between the last of them and the edge of the forest which lines the horizon, the plain, over which wanders a path, is brilliantly lit by the sun.

"DEATH AND THE WOODCUTTER."

For Millet's celebrated "Death and the Woodcutter," 30 by 39, from La Fontaine's fable, \$2,520 was paid. In this picture, considered by many the artist's *chef-d'œuvre*, by the side of a cutting of the country road sits the woodman, clutching frantically his bundle of faggots; Death, in a winding sheet, his scythe over his left shoulder and a winged hour-glass in his hand, with his right hand at the back of the neck of the peasant, is about to drag him along with him. The scene is rendered with great force and is of terrible grandeur and reality.

A second of the Rousseaus, a fine little picture, "A Path Leading Among the Rocks," 15 by 23, fell at \$2,420. A peasant is leading his ass up the rocky path by the silver birches, which rise here and there amid the furze.

DELACROIX'S TIGER.

Eugene Delacroix's "Tiger Lying Down," 15 1-2 by 21, a vigorously painted animal, with fierce, living eyes, lying with his head on his fore paws in front of his den, sold for \$2,360.

A second Millet, "The Seamstresses," 13 by 9 1-3, brought \$2,110. It is full of the sentiment of the peasant life, which the poet-painter knew so well, and masterly in chiaroscuro. The motive is very simple, being a couple of young peasant girls seated at a window sewing.

ANOTHER MILLET.

In his "Sous Bois," 10 1-2 by 21, which brought \$1,900, Diaz gave full swing to the power of his brush, and the result is a delicious and inimitable example. Under the beech trees the artist has taken his position, and the sunlight through an opening between the foliage strikes down upon their trunks and on the rocks and grass at their feet. The foreground, where a boy is seated,

with two dogs, is in deep shadow, admirably contrasting with the light striking near it, which gives place to lighter shadow under the trees beyond.

ROUSSEAU'S "EDGE OF THE VILLAGE."

Rousseau's "Edge of the Village" is an intensely real and strongly painted canvas, admirable in color and tone. To the right and left of the road leading to and through the village are the rude thatched cottages. Through an open door in the nearest house figures are seen, and a peasant man and woman are talking on the roof outside. This picture brought \$1,940.

"The Watchers," another fine peasant story, Millet, 13 1-2 by 10 1-2, sold for \$1,620. A couple of women are seated silently sewing as they watch by the bedside of the sick one. The light, admirably diffused and managed, from a rude lamp hung on the wall falls on the watchers, their work and the side of the bed.

Among the bidders were several agents for Americans.

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