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Throughout our 110 years in business, M.S. Rau has endeavored to seek the utmost in quality, rarity and beauty, offering only the best for discerning collectors worldwide. We proudly continue this tradition today and are excited to share some of the significant objects in our collection.

This specially-curated catalog includes an assortment of objects from antiquity to the 20th century, providing intrigue for every collector. Whether you are drawn to the elegant jeweled and silver creations of Tiffany and Co., the impressionistic canvases of Theodore Butler, or the superb craftsmanship of Wedgwood, M.S. Rau offers these world-class selections for your consideration. If you discover something of interest, please contact your Sales Consultant.

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Bejeweled Beauties

Breathtaking works of jeweled art featuring some of the world's rarest gemstones





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Colombian Emerald Ring

Emerald: 13.67 carats Yellow diamonds: 1.23 carats | 18K yellow gold

Colombian emeralds are so desired for their incredible depth of color. This stunning example displays the ideal green hue, perfectly complemented by vibrant yellow diamonds. \$124,500 • #31-5167





Fancy Intense Yellow Diamond Bracelet

Yellow diamonds: 41.43 carats 18K yellow gold

Brilliant natural fancy intense yellow diamonds line the entire length of this bracelet, and only a fraction of all gem-quality diamonds possess the richness of color to bear this exclusive color grade. 7" length. \$98,500 • #31-4037



Burma Ruby Ring by Boucheron

Ruby: 0.89 carat | Diamonds: 3.00 carats 18K yellow gold

Certified as untreated and Burmese in origin, this vibrant ruby displays the desirable deep red coloring associated with the best rubies from the region. \$38,850 • #31-5616







Buccellati Grape Vine Necklace

18K yellow and white gold

At once bold and feminine, this vintage necklace was crafted by celebrated Italian designer Buccellati. Designed in a bacchanalian motif, the piece reflects the firm's luxurious, Renaissance-inspired aesthetic and mastery of goldsmithing. 16" length. \$39,500 • #31-5577





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Oscar Heyman Ceylon Orange Sapphire Ring

Sapphire: 4.38 carats
Diamonds: 1.52 carats | Platinum

Orange sapphires are among the most unique and highly prized of all fancy colored sapphires, particularly those that exhibit such a vivid, saturated hue as this. Signed "HB." \$54,500 • #31-5186





Purple Sapphire Ring

Sapphire: 2.53 carats
Diamonds: 2.36 carats | Platinum

A lovely violet hue distinguishes this untreated sapphire. Purple sapphires are among the most sought-after colored gemstones and are highly treasured among gem collectors. \$68,500 • #31-5445







Oscar Heyman Multi-Gem Bracelet

Sapphires: 5.38 carats | Tsavorites: 2.19 carats Yellow diamonds: 2.35 carats White diamonds: 4.82 carats | Platinum

A wonderful collection of colorful gemstones combine with white baguette diamonds to create a streamlined yet playful design from the renowned Oscar Heyman. Signed "HB." 61/2" length. \$80,000 • #31-5557

Black Opal Ring

Opal: 8.50 carats | Diamonds: 1.25 carats | Emerald accents | Platinum

Celebrated for their kaleidoscopic color and luminous beauty, black opals are the most coveted type of opals. This example is set apart by its large size and exceptional play of color. \$64,500 • #31-4895



Artistic Heights

Beautiful, museum-quality paintings that captivate and inspire.

LÉON-JEAN-BASILE PERRAULT

1832-1908 | French

The Wood Gatherer

Dated 1880 | Oil on canvas Signed and dated "L-Perrault 1880" (lower right)

This work exemplifies the favorite theme of Academic masters
Léon-Jean-Basile Perrault and his mentor William-Adolphe Bouguereau – the
peasant girl – and this painting by Perrault is appealing both in subject matter
and its masterful execution.

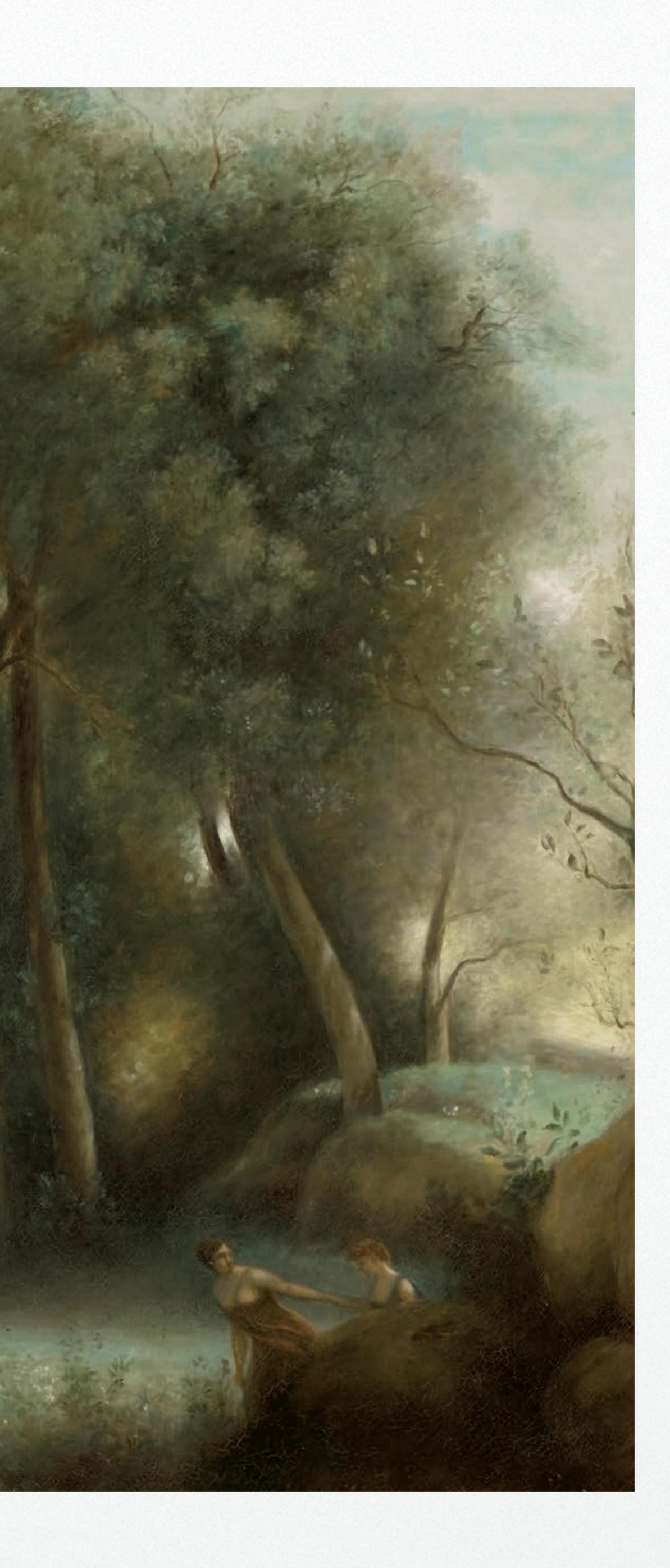
Perrault specialized in portraying children in scenes of innocence and domesticity, and this young girl gathering firewood is an exceptional rendition of his favorite subject. The composition displays luminous coloration, a hallmark of the artist's work and the French Academy. Paintings such as this propelled Perrault into a successful artistic career, and his works were widely exhibited at the Salon and collected among the European élite.

Canvas: 45³/₄"h x 35¹/₄"w | Frame: 60¹/₂"h x 48"w \$198,500. #31-5659









PAUL DÉSIRÉ TROUILLEBERT

1831-1900 | French

Dance of the Nymphs

19th century | Oil on canvas Signed "Trouillebert" (lower left)

This lyrical landscape was composed by the French Barbizon painter Paul Désiré Trouillebert. A joyful scene of nymphs dancing in the morning mist, the work closely resembles an important work by the great Camille Corot, which resides in the Musée d'Orsay. Trouillebert perfectly captures the poetic atmosphere of Corot's groundbreaking works, while imbuing this scene with a freshness and character that is all his own. The work perfectly combines a realistic depiction of the natural world with a spirited romanticism.

Canvas: 38³/₄"h x 51¹/₂"w | Frame: 50"h x 62³/₄"w \$98,500. #31-1655



ANDREA LANDINI

1847-1912 | Italian

His Favorites

Late 19th century | Oil on canvas Signed "A. Landini" (lower left)

A cardinal chuckles at his adorable kittens' antics in this exceptional work by the Italian Cardinal painter Andrea Landini. The composition displays a wonderful sense of realism and frivolity, exhibiting Landini's skill for rich texture and detail. His paintings are distinguished by meticulous workmanship, intrinsic humor and charm.

Cardinal paintings offered a light-hearted look at the daily life of the clergy. Changing public attitudes toward the clergy after the First Vatican Council of 1869 allowed for non-religious images of church officials and made such comical depictions as this not only acceptable, but greatly desirable.

Canvas: 18³/₄"h x 15¹/₂"w | Frame: 23⁵/₈"h x 20³/₄"w \$74,500. #31-2430





FRÉDÉRIC SOULACROIX

1858-1933 | French

An Elegant Entrance

Late 19th century | Oil on canvas Signed "F. Soulacroix" (lower left)

A superb recorder of the lives of the affluent French élite, Soulacroix sought to revive the leisurely elegance of a bygone era in his canvases. The artist was among the most famous and accomplished painters of this idealized genre, referred to as the "Silk and Satins School" of costume painters, and few could match the remarkable level of detail and realism Soulacroix imparted onto each of his canvases.

In this example, a stylish beauty theatrically glides through sumptuous satin curtains, the gleaming folds of the fabric of the drapes and her gown appearing smooth to the touch. This painting exemplifies the artist's distinctive style, boasting an almost photographic realism in its execution.

Canvas: 30"h x 17³/₄"w | Frame: 40³/₄"h x 28³/₄"w \$54,500. #31-4728









FÉLIX-FRANÇOIS GEORGES ZIEM

1821-1911 | French

View of Venice

Late 19th century | Oil on canvas Signed "Ziem" (lower right)

French artist Félix-François Georges Ziem's infatuation with Venice became the cornerstone of his career and the subject of his most desirable paintings, as demonstrated by this brilliant view of the Grand Canal at sunrise. The composition celebrates the grandeur of the city's architecture and its commerce, while also serving as a masterful study of light and color.

Ziem achieved great success with his views of The Floating City, exhibiting frequently at the Paris Salon. He was among the most famous artists of his day, so much so that in 1864 he had under his tutelage then Princess (later Queen) Victoria.

Canvas: 23³/₈"h x 31³/₄"w | Frame: 32³/₈"h x 41"w \$98,500. #31-5328







J.C. LEYENDECKER

1874-1951 | American

Three Wise Men

Circa 1900 | Oil on canvas Signed "J.C. Leyendecker" (en verso)

The three wise men present gifts to the newborn baby Jesus in this work by famed American illustrator J.C. Leyendecker. Created in preparation for the December 1900 Christmas cover of Success magazine, the piece is exemplary of Leyendecker's distinct, hatched illustration style.

Leyendecker was the preeminent illustrator of his era. He was frequently commissioned to illustrate the most high-profile editions of the most popular publications of the day, most notably the holiday issues. This particular piece provides a rare and intriguing look into his artistic process for these important covers.

Canvas: 18"h x 27"w | Frame: 24¹/₂"h x 33¹/₂"w \$128,500. #31-4100



JEAN DUFY

1888-1964 | French

Les trapezistes

Dated 1929 | Oil on canvas Signed and dated "Jean Dufy 29" (lower right)

The circus was one of Jean Dufy's favorite themes, and he returned to it repeatedly throughout his career. Les trapezistes offers true artistic spectacle on canvas, conveying the over-the-top, magical energy of the French circus. Dufy combines bold black outlines with broad areas of vivid color, creating dynamic planes that captivate the viewer, resulting in a work full of vigor and spontaneity.

Les trapezistes was painted in 1929, when Dufy was in the midst of a long string of high-profile and successful exhibitions in Paris and New York, including several appearances at the Salon d'Automne. With its freedom of expression and daring experimentation, this painting represents the pinnacle of the artist's career when he had reached the height of his creativity and fame.

Canvas: 21⁵/₈"h x 18¹/₄"w | Frame: 30¹/₄"h x 26³/₄"w \$98,500. #31-4578





THEODORE EARL BUTLER

1861-1936 | American

Valley of the Seine, Giverny

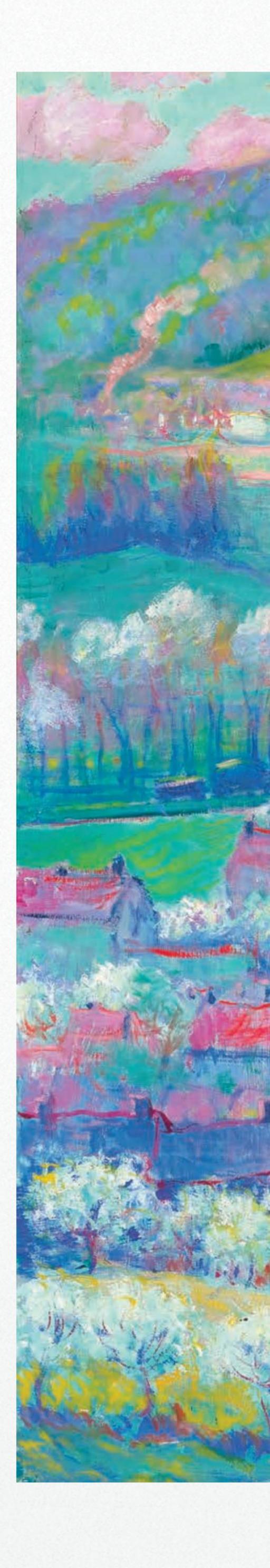
Painted in 1912 | Oil on canvas Signed "T.E. Butler" (lower right)

This monumental masterpiece brings to life the village of Giverny, France, home to American Impressionist Theodore Earl Butler and his father-in-law, the great Claude Monet. As part of the Monet family, Butler was one of the very few artists granted the privilege to paint alongside Monet in his gardens at Giverny, and he renders this scene with a vibrant, spontaneous style reminiscent of his father-in-law.

Executed on a grand scale and employing a bird's-eye perspective, Butler embraces the sublime in this composition. He captures a vast view of the Seine Valley with several charming details, including the artist's own home and a train trailed by billowing smoke. Butler conveys the vitality of the landscape through a suggestive application of paint, resulting in a scene that feels energetic and modern.

Canvas: 45³/₄"h x 45¹/₂"w | Frame: 53¹/₄"h x 53³/₈"w \$268,500. #31-5481







Sterling Reputation

Incredible works of silver artistry from across the globe.





Tiffany & Co. Chrysanthemum Tazze Set

Introduced in 1878, Tiffany's signature Chrysanthemum pattern is still considered the firm's finest and most elegant. Its intricate floral motif lends an exuberance to this set of four tazze, executed in brilliant silver gilt.

Marked "Tiffany & Co." Circa 1902-1907 • 8⁷/₈"dia. x 4¹/₂"h \$34,500 • #30-8167

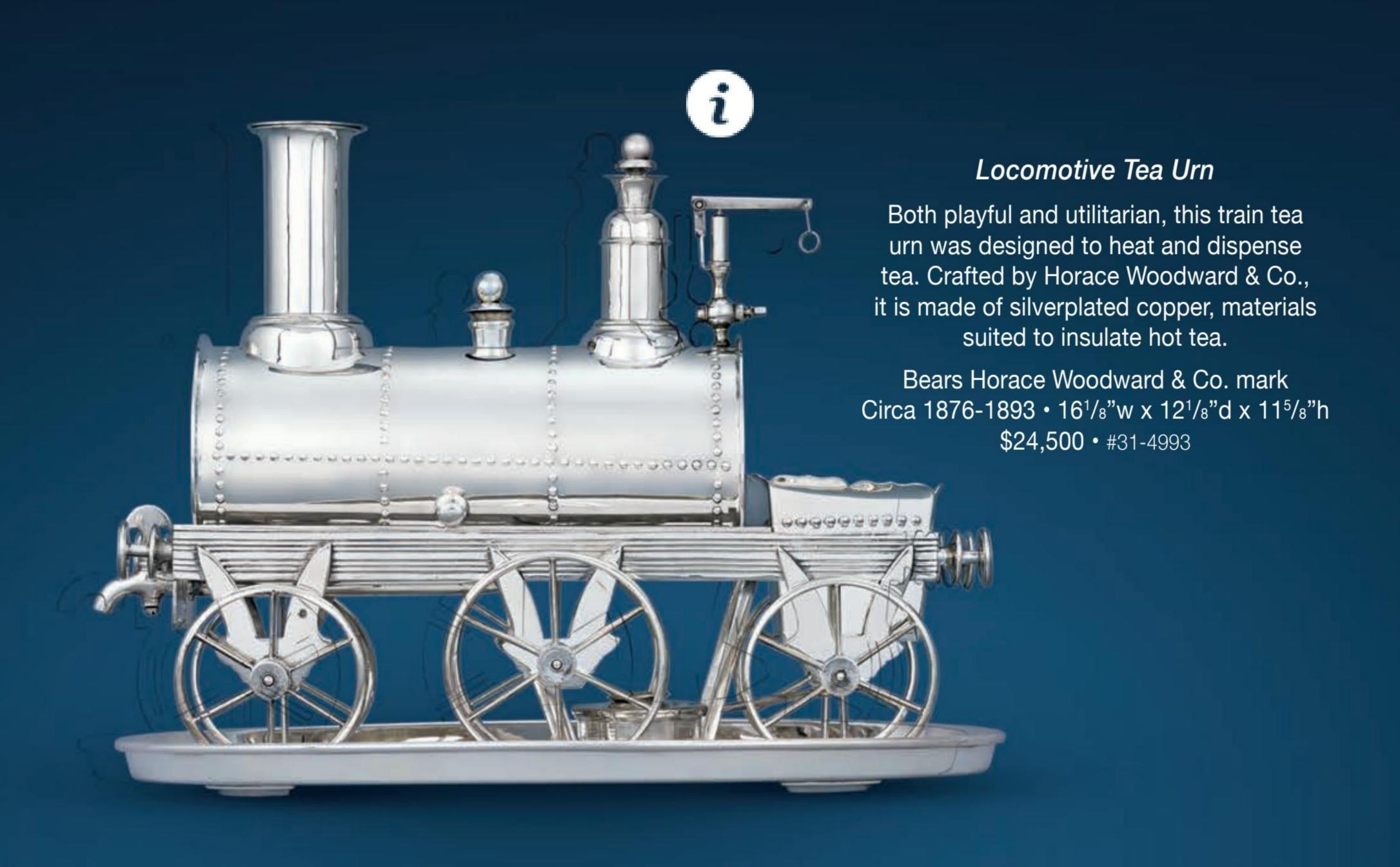
Silver Presentation Inkstand

Made especially for Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, the United Kingdom's Minister of Labour, this unique inkstand was crafted by the firm of Turner & Simpson to resemble Birmingham's Salford Bridge.

Hallmarked 1926 • 16¹/₄"w x 11⁵/₈"d x 7"h \$14,850 • #31-5330







Christopher Dresser Tea Set

Groundbreaking in its design, this tea set exhibits Dresser's signature modern lines and streamlined structure. Although made in 1879, the pieces display a modernity beyond their time, anticipating the popular Mid-Century Modern designs of the next century.

Stamped "Ch. Dresser" • Circa 1879 Teapot: 71/4"dia. x 41/4"h \$34,500 • #31-5473







Christofle Wine Trolley

This wonderful grapevine motif wine trolley was designed to hold a bottle of wine at an angle for optimum breathing and to be easily rolled along to guests.

Marked "Christofle" • Circa 1890 12¹/₂"w x 8"d x 9³/₄"h \$12,850 • #30-7517



Blown Away

Delicately crafted glass objects that glow from within.

Daum Nancy Glass Casket

This enchanting iridescent glass casket features finely detailed silver clover mounts encircling richly hued glass by the renowned French firm Daum Nancy.

Signed "Daum Nancy" Early 20th century • 41/2"sq. x 51/4"h \$14,500 • #31-3813

Elkington & Co. Wine Decanters

This rare pair of cut ruby glass decanters are mounted with gilt silver by Elkington & Co. in a grapevine motif, indicating their intended purpose.

Hallmarked 1891 • 5¹/₂"dia. x 11¹/₄"h \$22,850 • #31-4715



Daum Nancy Cameo Glass Lamp

An intricate nautical scene is depicted in warm cameo glass, mimicking an ocean sunset in this Art Nouveau lamp.

Signed "Daum Nancy" Circa 1910 • 4"dia. x 12¹/₄"h \$16,850 • #31-3778





Emile Gallé Art Glass Vase

This vase is a stunning example of Gallé's fascination with Asian art, particularly that of Japan. His skillful execution of these motifs demonstrates why his works are among the most desired glass in the world.

Signed "Gallé" • Circa 1900 • 4"dia. x 11³/₈"h \$3,850 • #31-5155



Crtfully Made

Magnificent ceramics and porcelain that elevate craft to an art form.

Wedgwood Tricolor Snake Handle Vase

This important vase is distinguished as one of the most desirable designs ever created by Wedgwood for its elegant, perfectly preserved serpent handles — a rare inclusion for the firm. It is further set apart by its complex tricolor diceware body, which required the highest levels of artistry to execute.

Stamped "Wedgwood" Circa 1850 • 5³/₄"dia. x 14³/₄"h \$19,850 • #31-4256

Tricolor Diceware Bough Pots

This pair of pots features a rare design in the firm's diceware pattern, among the most intricate of Wedgwood's motifs. Today, tricolor diceware pottery is highly uncommon and eagerly sought after by collectors.

Stamped "Wedgwood" Circa 1800 • 41/2"dia. x 61/8"h \$12,850 • #31-4254









Jesus in the Temple by KPM

The Royal KPM porcelain factory represented the height of technical and artistic achievement in Prussia in the 19th century, epitomized by this hand-painted plaque.

Marked "KPM" • 19th century Frame: 31"h x 27³/₈"w \$24,500 • #31-3636



Jacob Petit Porcelain Perfumes

Natural motifs and rich color distinguish these perfume bottles by Jacob Petit, the most significant producer of French Rococo ornamental wares.

Circa 1835 • Each \$3,450 Left: 4³/₄"w x 3³/₄"d x 6¹/₂"h • #31-1708 Right: 4¹/₂"sq. x 9¹/₄"h • #31-1706







Flora Danica Serving Platter

This platter by Royal Copenhagen, hand-painted with a scene of a musk ox, is part of the exceptionally rare *Flora Danica* Game Series. As with all *Flora Danica*, this animal's Latin name is painted on the reverse.

Features Royal Copenhagen mark 20th century • 18³/₈"w x 14¹/₈"d \$14,850 • #30-7696

Rich History

Rare objects and artifacts that have a story to tell.

WWI Soldier Trench Art

These 78 drawings, all unique and hauntingly beautiful, were created by WWI German and Austro-Hungarian soldiers. Each is accompanied by captions and notes from the soldiers who made them, offering fascinating insight into the daily lives, hopes and fears of those who served on the front. Assembled in a handmade volume.



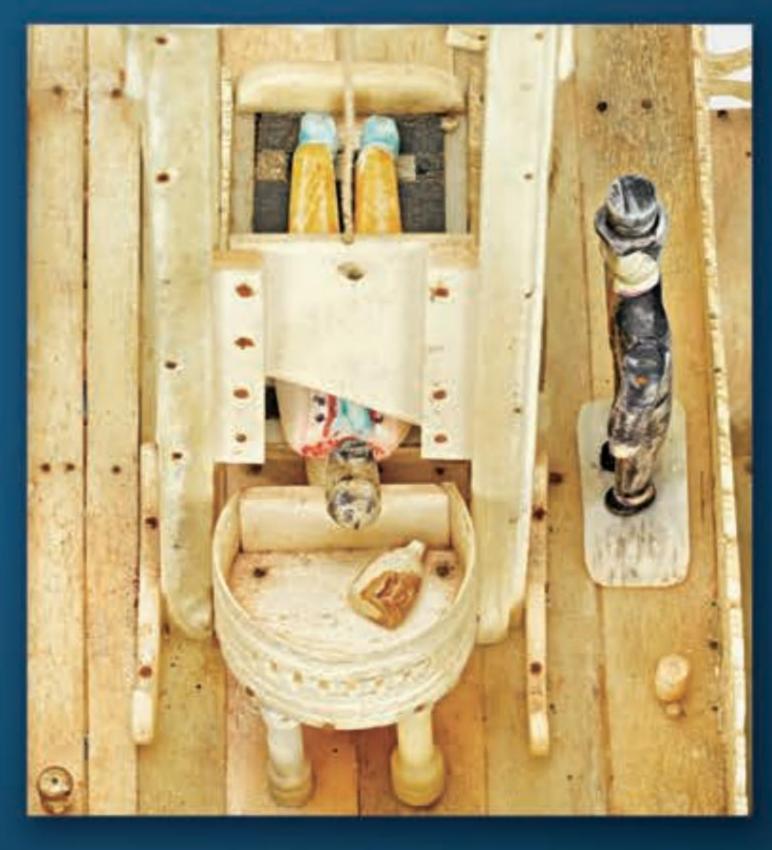
CX-52 Model Swiss Cipher Machine

Used to encrypt and decode messages, the CX-52 was first developed in 1952, and its code was considered virtually unbreakable by the NSA.

Circa 1960 • 12"w x 8"d x 61/4"h \$29,500 • #31-3728







Napoleonic Prisoner-of-War Guillotine

An incredible and extremely rare artifact of world history, this working mutton bone model of a guillotine was created during the Napoleonic wars by a French prisoner of war.

Circa 1810 • 9¹/₂"w x 11³/₄"d x 20¹/₂"h \$39,850 • #31-5104

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Shango Dance Wand

This traditional African Shango dance wand would have been carried by a priest or priestess during a festival or procession honoring the Yoruba deity of thunder. The wand is called an oshe shango and includes a double-headed ax and a figure representing a female supplicant.

> Late 19th century • 19¹/₂"h **\$3,450** • #30-0984



This ancient mirror features a bronze disk that was polished to a reflective shine, allowing the viewer to gaze at their reflection before glass mirrors were invented.

> 1st century • 4¹/₂"w x 7⁷/₈"h **\$14,500 •** #31-4090





Pre-Columbian Mayan Bowl

This Late Classic Mayan bowl is executed in the Copador style, a polychrome ceramic style found primarily at archaeological sites in western El Salvador.

600-900 CE • 5"dia. x 5"h \$6,450 • #29-9711

Something Special

Objets d'art that demonstrate meticulous craftsmanship and true luxury.



Duke & Duchess of Windsor Snuff Box

This Louis XV gold snuff box hails from the prestigious collection of Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. As one of the most romantic and scandalous couples of the 20th century, their possessions are highly desirable.

Circa 1765 • 2¹/₂"w x 1¹/₄"d x 1¹/₄"h \$38,850 • #31-2405

Rosso Antico Marble Potpourri Vases

Combining contrasting marbles and gilt bronze, these potpourri vases epitomize opulent artistry. The vessels are topped by pierced lids, allowing the scent to disperse throughout the room.

18th century • 7¹/₄"w x 4³/₄"d x 8¹/₂"h \$24,500 • #31-4735





Italian Marble Centaurs

These remarkable marbles are based on the famous classical sculptures, the Furietti Centaurs, excavated at Hadrian's Villa in 1736. Wildly popular when they were discovered, the centaurs were the subject of a number of reproductions. While most examples are bronze reductions, this pair is an exceptionally rare version crafted from marble.

19th century • 17³/₄"w x 10⁵/₈"d x 25⁷/₈"h \$38,850 • #31-3928





Fluorspar and Ormolu Clock Garniture

This beautiful French clock garniture, styled in the Louis XV taste, is crafted of richly veined and brightly-hued fluorspar with ornate cast ormolu bronze mounts. Its exuberant design celebrates classical ideals and Rococo luxury.

19th century • Clock: 7"w x 4¹/₄"d x 15"h; Candelabra: 6"dia. x 11"h \$29,850 • #31-3649





Micromosaic and Agate Box

The elaborate micromosaic medallion on the lid of this box depicts St. Peter's Square in Vatican City in painstaking detail. The box itself is composed of panels of vividly-hued agate mounted in doré bronze.

19th century • 4"w x 2⁵/₈"d x 2³/₈"h \$12,850 • #31-4086



Fine Furnishings

Rare and important pieces of furniture and decor that complement every style.





Mahogany Oval Library Desk

This English library desk features a rare oval shape, elegant lines and its original tooled leather top. Drawers and shelves are hidden behind doors that have been skillfully crafted and set on a convex surface.

Circa 1900 • 59¹/₂"w x 44¹/₄"d x 30"h \$74,500 • #31-4913







Jockey Scale by W. & T. Avery

A fascinating object of horse racing history, this chair also serves as a scale that would have been used to weigh a jockey after a race to ensure he was not lighter than the rules allowed.

Marked "Avery" • Circa 1880 32⁷/₈"w x 24¹/₈"d x 37"h \$34,500 • #31-5268

William IV-Era Specimen Chess Table

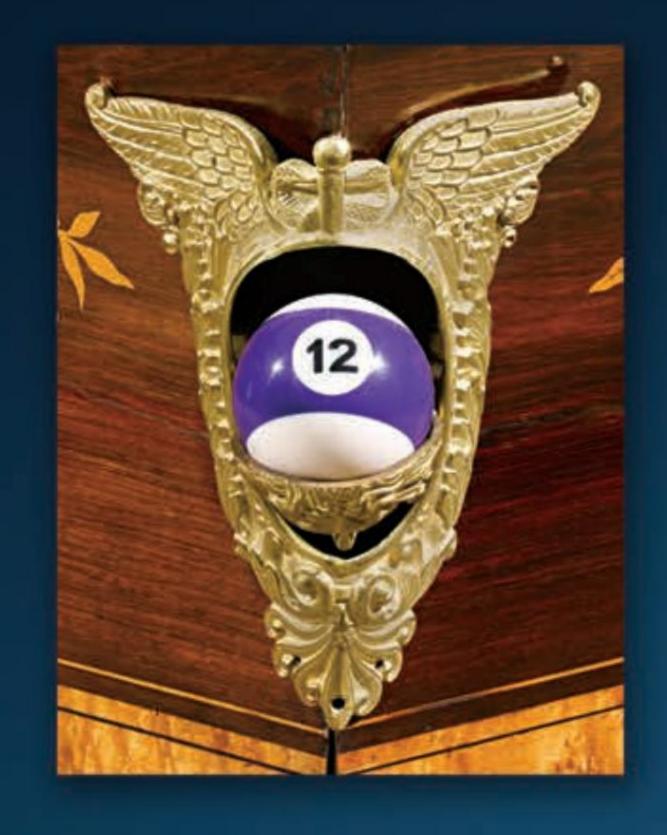
A luxurious array of rare stones is inset into this game table's surface. The base is crafted of rich rosewood and Goncola Alves in the timeless style of Gillows of Lancaster.

Circa 1830 • 34³/₈"w x 20³/₄"d x 29¹/₄"h \$34,500 • #31-4764











Marquetry Billiards Table

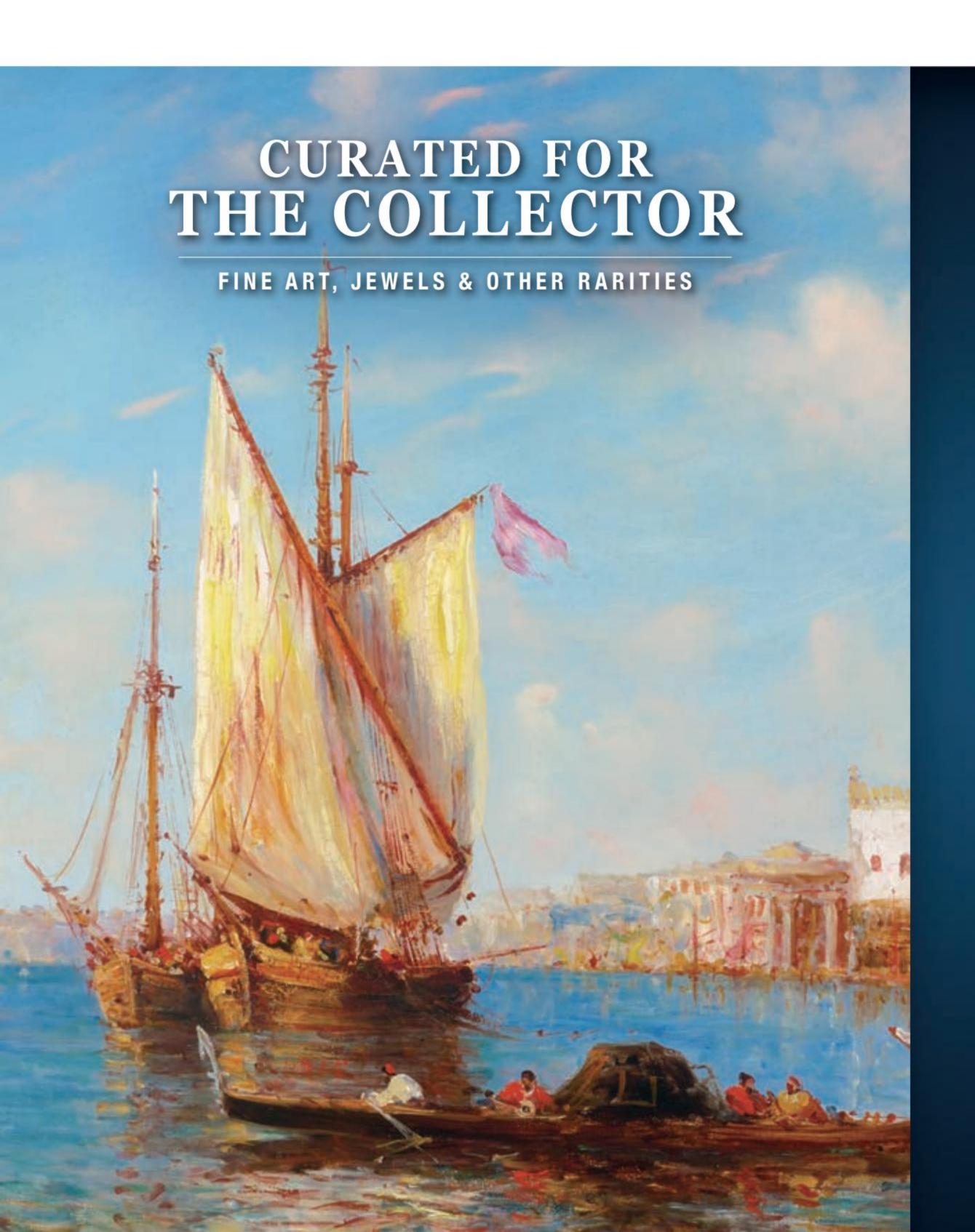
This beautifully constructed French billiards table would have been made for a 19th-century aristocratic country house, an age when the game was a favored pastime of the European elite. Its neoclassical design features intricate rosewood marquetry, and its bronze ball returns take the form of theatrical masks. Once pocketed, the ball drops into the mask, opening it and exposing the ball.

Circa 1870 • 105¹/₄"w x 57¹/₂"d x 34¹/₂"h \$88,500 • #29-9657





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