



**Max Liebermann**

**Frau, einem Kind eine Treppe hinauf helfend, Illustrationsentwurf für Fontanes Roman *Effi Briest*. (A woman helping a child up a staircase; compositional study for an illustrated edition of Fontane's novel *Effi Briest*), c. 1927**

Pencil on beige paper, 141 x 200 mm

on recto, lower right, signed in pencil: "MLiebermann"

on verso, three pencil studies of a woman in different positions

**Provenance:**

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By latest 2012: Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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**Note:**

Since the work is a compositional study for Fontane’s novel *Effi Briest*, the drawing can be dated to about 1927 when the illustrated edition of the book was published.

Since this work is signed and does not bear an estate stamp, it is unlikely that it was part of the Liebermann estate.

The perforation along the left margin of the work suggests that the paper was taken from a sketchbook.

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