



**Max Liebermann**

**Skizze der Initiale B mit Frau mit Kind**

**(Compositional study, inhabited initial B with a woman and child), c. 1911**

Ink on paper, 113 x 180 mm

on recto, upper right, signed in ink: "MLiebermann"

**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:

This work is a compositional drawing for Max Liebermann’s *Holländisches Skizzenbuch*, which was published in 1911. A very similar variant of the inhabited initial B is reproduced on page 1, at the beginning of the foreword by Oscar Bie. It is thus most likely that this preliminary study dates from about 1911.

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

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