



Max Liebermann

Sitzende Personen / Schlitten im Wald; Illustrationsentwürfe zu Fontanes Roman *Effi Briest*

(Seated figures / Sledges in a forest; compositional studies for an illustrated edition of Fontane's novel *Effi Briest*), c. 1927

Blue pencil and pencil on beige paper, 220 x 282 mm

on recto, lower right, signed in pencil: "MLiebermann"; inscribed in pencil, upper left: "71"; upper right: "2170/8", lower centre: "Schlitten im Wald"; upper left, round embossed stamp: "Schoellers Parole"

on verso, sketch of a female nude

on inner fold, product description of water-colouring paper manufactured by Schoellers Parole; sketches of female nudes (also illustrations for *Effi Briest*)

Provenance:

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By latest 2012: Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Biographical reference:

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Note:

This is one of several Liebermann works in the Schwabing Art Trove for which the artist used discarded stationery or letters as drawing material; in this case, a large sheet from the paper manufacturing company Schoellers Parole.

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.

Seven other drawings are similarly numbered on verso (cf. Lost Art entries: 477941 ["2170/8", "58"], 477948 ["2170/8", "63"], 477950 ["2170/8", "64"], 477960 ["2170/8", "60"], 477967 ["2170/8", "61"], 478289 [2170/8", "62"], 478295 ["2170/8", "59"]).

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