



Honoré Daumier

N'est-il pas vrai que cette tragédie renferme des beautés de premier ordre... (It is not true that this tragedy contains beauty of the highest quality....), 1852

Monochrome lithograph on paper, 340 x 262 mm

in the stone, lower left, artist's monogram; lower right, inscribed: "1303"

printed inscriptions, upper centre: "ACTUALITÉS"; upper right: "40"; lower left: "Maison Martinet r.Vivienne 41 et 11 r. du Coq."; lower centre: "N'est-il pas vrai que cette tragédie renferme des beautés de premier ordre...et pourtant elle a été refusée par le comité du Théâtre Français et même par celui de l'Odéon... je n'ai plus qu'une ressource; je vais déposer mon manuscrit chez le concierge du Gymnase, sans me nommer!"; lower right: "Imp. Ch. Trinocq Cour des Miracles, 9.Paris"

on recto, lower centre, inscribed in pencil: "x1"

on verso, lower right, inscribed in pencil: "LD 2273", "3574"

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:

Impression of the third state.

This plate is no. 40 of the series *Actualités* and was first published in the satirical journal *Le Charivari* on 23 October 1852.

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