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British and Continental Watercolours and Original Illustrations including The James W. Murray Collection
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Total: £477,749	Lots Offered: 408	Lots Sold: 316
\$914,889	Sold by Lot: 77%	Sold by £: 90%
€686,048	Sale No: 5503	Exchange Rate: \$1.915/€1.436

Top Lots

Lot	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
319	£29,875	\$57,211	€42,901	£25,000-35,000	UK Private
Helen Beatrix Potter (1866-1943), <i>Benjamin Bunny</i>					
282	£28,680	\$54,922	€41,184	£ 1,500 - 2,500	Anonymous
Emma Florence Harrison (fl.1877-1925), Illustrations for Christina Rossetti's <i>Goblin Market</i>					
284	£20,315	\$38,903	€29,172	£700-900	UK Trade
Emma Florence Harrison (fl.1877-1925), Illustrations for <i>Elfin Song</i>					

Comment: Jane Turner, Head of Department, Christie's South Kensington:

“A strong sale was witnessed today with the James W. Murray Collection proving especially popular, particularly the Emma Florence Harrison pictures. The collection totalled £234,865 with many lots soaring above their high estimates as both trade and private buyers bid fiercely in the room and on the phone. Spirited bidding was also seen for Beatrix Potter’s original illustration of *Benjamin Bunny* which eventually found a new home with a private UK buyer. We look forward to our next sale on 23 March 2005.”