

CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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The John Franks Collection of Original Watercolours for Vanity Fair Wednesday 14 December, 10.30am

Total: £133,680 Lots Offered: 60 Lots Sold: 53 Sale No: 5735
\$237,148 Sold by Lot: 88% Sold by £: 88% Exchange Rate: \$ 1.774 / € 1.475
€197,178

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
54	£18,000	\$31,932	€26,550	£3,000-5,000	Anonymous
Sir Leslie Matthew Ward "Spy" (1851-1922); <i>The Earl of Darnley</i> , "Ivo" (Cricketer)					
WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST & FOR A VANITY FAIR ILLUSTRATION					
6	£10,800	\$19,159	€15,930	£3,000-5,000	Neil Sherlock Esq
Sir Leslie Matthew Ward "Spy" (1851-1922); <i>Gladstone and Harcourt</i> , "Babble and Bluster" (Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer)					
41	£5,400	\$9,580	€7,965	£2,500-3,500	Anonymous
Sir Leslie Matthew Ward "Spy" (1851-1922); <i>Sir Hiram Stevens Maxim</i> , "In the Clouds" (Engineer and Inventor)					

Comment: Jane Turner, Director and Specialist in Charge of the Sale:

"We are delighted with the results of today's sale which attracted bids from many eminent, social and political figures including descendants of the sitters' families. A world record was achieved (£18,000) for a Vanity Fair caricature of *Ivo Darnley*, a prominent cricketer and the first English Captain to regain the Ashes. This is the second successful single owner sale the Watercolour Department has held this year, and we look forward to building on this in 2006".