

Pair of Currier & Ives Billiard Prints

Sold



REF: 26324

Height: 24.5 cm (9.6")

Width: 36 cm (14.2")

Framed Height: 48.5 cm (19.1")

Framed Width: 58.5 cm (23")

Description

Currier & Ives 'Darktown Series' Lithographs.

A pair of original coloured billiard lithographs by Currier & Ives of America. Published in 1882 these cartoon characters came from the 'Darktown Series' of lithographs and reflected social attitudes of the time, it was in fact one of Currier & Ives' most prolific and profitable series. Entitled "Two To Go!" and "Got 'Em Both!" by Thomas Worth (1834-1917), a New York artist. Both scenes are of a billiard hall or bar with a group of African American men playing pool or billiards. The first shows a chandelier overhead dripping hot wax on the man leaning over the table to take his shot. The second shows the ensuing mayhem with balls and cues flying into the crowd.