



Mountaineering Print, E.T Compton, Bei Ernster Arbeit

Sold



REF: 23491

Height: 63 cm (24.8")

Width: 44.5 cm (17.5")

Framed Height: 102 cm (40.2")

Framed Width: 80.5 cm (31.7")

Description

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A fine mountaineering picture of climbers on a rock face after a painting by E. T. Compton. "Bei Ernster Arbeit", "Nach der Natur gezeichnet von E.T. Compton, 1891, Photogravure von J. B. Oberwetter, Muenchen"

Also printed under the title "Michael Innerkofler, +1888."

Edward Theodore Compton, born 1849 in London, attended art schools in the UK and then went to Germany. From 1874 Compton lived at Feldafing on Lake Starnberg. He began to concentrate on Alpine scenery at a time when the Alps were very fashionable in England.

Compton became acquainted with some of the mountain guides from the Dolomites, including Sepp Innerkofler (who would become a WW1 hero, dying whilst defending his country, Austria) and his uncle Michael Innerkofler, known as The King of the Dolomites.

In 1877 Compton and the two Men climbed the Elfer and the Zwoelfer together in the Dolomites. This picture was painted to commemorate the climb they shared. It depicts Sepp & Michael with Compton on the bottom left. Tragically Michael Innerkofler was killed climbing Monte Cristallo in 1888 when a glacier's snow bridge collapsed. Hence his name and year of death are included in the margin.

Compton died in Bavaria in 1921.