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Herrn Dr. Alfred Bader 2961 North Shepard Ave.

Milwaukee/Wisconsin 53211 U.S.A.

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Bader,
Ihre Briefsendung vom 18. September mit den beiliegenden zwei Photos ist gestern hiex eingegangen. Ich habe mich gleich am Abend mit den Bildern etwas beschäftigt und will Ihnen wenigstens in Kiure Nachricht geben, was ich vorläufig dazu feststellen kann. Das heisst nur fur Vertumnus und Pomona kann ich immerhin eine Anregung geben:

Sieht nicht die Pomona wie ein Portrait in der Art von Caspar Netscher aus? Das fiel mir sofort auf, und ich habe im Hofstede- de Groot (Band V, 1912) nachgesucht. Tatsächlich hat Netscher das Thema ziemlich oft gegen Ende seiner Iaufbahn behandelt.

Ich könnte mir denken, dass, wenn sich Ihr Exemplar als Original herausstellen wirde, es eine der spätesten Fassungen wäre. Am besten passt die Beschreibung von HaG 32 zu Ihrem Bild. Der Grösse nach könnte es gleich HdG 36a sein.
Zu dem Halbfigurenbild mit der Gemuisefrau wage ich nach der Photographie keinen Vorschlag irgendwelcher Art zu machen. Ich kann mir schwer vorstellen, dass das Bild in den Niederlanden entstanden ist, weiss aber nicht, ob zum Beispiel ein italienischer oder spanischer Meister der Zeit ernsthaft dafür als Urheber in Frage käme. Dass die von Ihnen angegebene Monogrammierung mit dem Datum 1623 zu der Malerei passen kann, ist eigentlich einleuchtend.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen
Ihr


# THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA 

BROADWAY BETWEEN 155th AND $156 t h$ STREETS

February 16, 1966

Dr. Alfred Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 53211

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for sending me the interesting photograph of a portrait of a man which we return. I am sorry that I cannot help you attribute it as I have seen nothing quite like it. As you say, it is not by Murillo. The collar is very odd indeed and I do not even understand what the artist intended!

Yours sincerely,
ELezaluth du Cue Frupires
Elizabeth du Gué Trapier
Curator of Paintings

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# NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 

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February I7, 1966

Dr. Alfred Bader
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Etar Ir. Euder:
I should like to acknowledge your letter of February 14th. I find it impossible to give any definite opinions on paintings known only from photographs. With this emphatic cualification, I would say that the still life is a l9th century painting, and that the portrait apoears to be from the I7th century though not necessarily Spanish.

> Sincerely yours,

Jose Lopez-Rey
Professor of/Fine: Arts
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## THE HISPANIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

November 12, 1965

Mrs. Alfred Bader<br>2961 North Shepard Avenue<br>Milwaukee 11<br>Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Bader:

Thank you for sending a photograph of the interesting still life in your collection. We would like to place it in our reference files.

It well might be Spanish, lith century, but I cannot tell you who the artist is at present. However, if we find any more information we will write to you. There are several still life paintings not unlike it in Cavestany's Floreros y bodegones en la pintura española, Madrid, 19361940.

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Yours sincerely,
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Elizabeth du Gué Trapier
Curator of Paintings
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April 20, 1967

Dr. Ralph Allen. Durector
Arnes Etherincton Art Centre
Ruaen's University
Kingeton, Ontario, Canada
Dear Di. Allen:
I an happy to have your lemer of Aprll i2, ans I wouk dppreciate mons ank to have the lunds in y ur hans sy may 27, the date shat I leave for Buroge.
as I heve writum to you and mantloned to Tr. Finley, I vould like to give to the Iriends of Oueen's, now, stock in Bidruch valusd at a00ut \$10,000.00, and then have the limes transiarred to kuestan so that, slxould ibe a le do puichase a painting of which you agprove at an auction in burope, payment could be made by Caeen's promptly. In June I pian to attend the Pischer Auvilon in Lucarne: the Dorotheym Auction in Finana, and one auction ach at Christy's and Sotheby's in London.

If I really like a painting at one of those auctions, I wonle caile you suffolent information so that with a sood art library you vould chedic on the painting and I woulk also propose a makiman price beyon! which I would not po. Thus, iar instance, if 1 liked a Duth Master, I woult casbe, as ain example, Bteen H. Ie G. $200 \$ 4000$. which would mean that there is ising offered a painin by Jan Bteen, Gescribed by Fifofrelie cie Grout, Jo. 200 , ant hat I proposed spending no more than $\$ 3,000.00$, subject to pour approval. Belore I leave lor Curope I will also send you my exact itinerary so that you woule know wisere to cable your reply, wituh woull shaply ue Yes or No.

I nc:e look forward to hearing from Dr. Hamsett whether I may now send hm a stock certuficate, transferred to the friends of Quaen's (so that we don't have the same dificulties we had before) wida aiy suggestios of who woule purchese this stock.

Lina Ssopali: had told me that the falma was last cieaned and re-linad at the scadeny in Vienna some is years ayo, and I hope that it neels no nure than

Dr. Ralph Allen, Director Agnes Etherington Art Centre -2April 20, 1967
a very suporicicial cleaning and re-vamishing.
With best regards to you and Dr. Finley, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

## Alfred Bader

AB.lh
ce: Dr. John E. Hammect, Frends of Queen's, 955 Park Avorue, New York

## Art || Master Mystery

By Alexander Fried Art Crutic
IF YOU READ about such things in the headLlines, it can reem a quite simple get-rich-quick process when a man buys an obscure painting for a song and promptly feels he - masterpiece worth a fortune

But many a time the process isn't so fast or plain at all. It tangles itself into a puzzle, a mystery - an esthotic and commercial wrestle

Such is the case of a painting that has late ly come to San Francisco in the possession of young Ger Brand Visser, a Dutec "small art Juan Ripoll, an Argentinian portrait paister

Right now, Visser and Ripoll are askin themselves and art scholars, "Exactly what do we have on our hands?" And what can they do about it, step by step?

Their statements in The Examiner office the other day were frank. They said they have discovered a work basically from the brush of who so far flatly agrees with them

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ACCORDING TO VTSSER, he bought the picture from an att dealer's widow in the Hague. It seems identifiable as a likeness of Jacob Tripp, a merchant whom Rembrandt painted in another, well-known oil that is now in Rembrandt portaits of Triery, along with two

And whereas Visser paid only $\$ 80$ for the picture, in response to a newspaper ad, he sald he has had "many offers for it, lncluding one
of $\$ 50,000$,"

He would already have sold it, he added, except that the enthusiasm of Ripoll, whom he
first met during a randion Mrst met during a random seareh for finds in a to hold aull for $\$ 500,0001$ hop, made lim decide

But now comes a dirficulty - or rather a
network of difficulties,

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The painting, agrees Visser, is in bad physIcal shape (he used the word "ruined"), due to age and neglect, Appareatly it has been overcleaned, and important restored passages of it

Also Ripoll, by bis own accoust, basn't yet found a Rembrandt signature on it.

Since the two office visitors asked me my opinion, I can say that one quite striking part of the portrait is the prominent left side (as the dewer looks at it) of the sitter's face
Here one can well sense an expressive suggestion of Rembrandt style. The scarf hang
ing from the subject's neck is ing from the subject's neck is another point of potential quality. Other passages of the paint-
ing are plainly weak or spoited ing are plainly weak or spoiled
Now to carry the study of the paluting further, one would have to examine the bighly. reputed Tripp and white portrails in London's

Obviousiy, what an owner has to do in such a case is to have owis plicture thoroughly cleared of every bit of dirt, stain and past res-
toration that doesn't originaliy being toration that doesn't originally belong to 1 . Also the cleaning will clarify facts about the real period of its paint and other materials,
and thus of the art work as a whole.

Meantime X-ray and uitra-violet ray photos could show what lies belaw the painting's
surface. surface.

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INCIDENTALLY, a proper cleaning and restoration of an old picture that is believed to have great value would include a minule written record of everything the conservator has Orce suc
Once such a cleaning job was completed, What would come through to view? And, most ginai oil? Would what remains be enough to add up to an estimable work?
Further, to what extent can even a master restorer refresh and repaint worn detally of picture and stat preserve it as an essentially true product of the original artist?
As to the question of money value or ullit price, sky-higho can guess in advance whal migit prove willing to pay for a painting once he was satisfied he was buying a work with an old master's hand in it?

That, in the end, would be the buyer's
problem.
At present it is likewise the problem of the excited Ger Brand Visser and Juan Ripol]


Ger Brand Visser and Juan Ripoll with what they hope is a Rembrandr

## Guy Wright

## Cows on the Loose

DELHI - The other day 1 saw a Hinde Wis sugar cane field, chasing a cotv out of The sacred cows of Yodia? To that man
at that moment that corv wasn't all that sacred.
And the sight punetured another of my pet myths about this misunderstood land.
There are lots of cons reaming but they are lon't sacred cows soaming loose no rule that a man must stend by helpless ly and fet them chomp their way through his cabbage patch.
Mou can even buy beef in India The eat pork, operate the slaughter houses for beef, while the Hindus sort of look the oth-
er was

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hangup on cows is a sensible icies the Hindu to extremes. The key to the whole thing is that a cow is a very useful animal
That's why there are no strays. Every
cow you see belongs to someone, Harra one and you'll quickly meet the owner.
In the are far too useful to butcher and eat. Bat 'em and they're gone. Keep 'em alive and
they will sarve they will serve you for a lifetime.
The cows will provise let
curtless cows suill provide tren milk for the bullocks will puill your cart, ployy your land, turn your water wheel. And both supply precious dung.
en and chlldren out in the fidld see womdises of dry cow dung. They take the ding home and stack them in artistic mounds in front of their houses, until they are reeded for a fire
Cow dung is the universal fuel of India. those rare days when a man needs and on to keep warm, he burns some dung. Dung also is used for fertilizer,
the peasants use dung to fome regions
he peasants use dung to floor their huts.
Sydney J. Harris
The Anarchy We Live With
magnificient techury world, with all its a small Western town in the early days of our nation, before sheriffs and judges and
courts turned the courts turzed the town into a gencine Everybody
claims is "defense"; but the line between
"thifnse" and "aegression") is a thitween

Pounded dorn, it makes a smooth, unbro. ken floor, easy to sweep clean. It has a
slight resiliency and is warm to bare feel My first exposure to a cow dung floor was in Arrica, when a Zutur invited me into his beehive hut. I havent't seen ore in int yet, but vyhen I told an Inditan friend about the Zulus, he said, "Yes, our people do the same thing."
Westerniz
by cows wandering loose in embarrassed by cows wandering loose in big cities like
Delhi and Bombay. They fear the bovine Denth and Bombay. They fear the bovin
touch makes them look like hick towns.
JUST OUTSIDE $\stackrel{\star}{\star} \stackrel{\star}{\text { Delhi }}$ Gate
crooked and clutt Delini Gate, where the give way to the tered streets of Old Delhi New Delhi, traffic came to boulevards of halt while a cow ambled across the traffic
circle
"The owners really should look after
them." sniffed them," sniffed my Indian companion, fresh home from several years in London.
He went on to explain a corv won't let it eat his own garden but feels no responsibility to keep it out of his nefghbor's. The neighoor feels the same way about his cow. Either is free to chase
out the other man's cow, but he mustrn't
harm it. harm it.
It's the psychology of the opeu range in
a land of postage stamp fields.
But the carefree life of the cow may be eoming to an end. I've seen barbed wite fences going up. And Bombay has adopted
an anti-cow ordinance "We seldom see
Bombay anymore," a friend in downtown we do, the newse, a friend said. "Whten that unattended cows publlish a reminder
and they and they disappear."
cows than motorists are more wary have less to pedestrians, but that may than with its so with the eow's senctity and unpredictable critter . sense than to bolt in critter, with no better sense than to boit in front of your car, and
if you hit one, sahib, you pay.

Which means that there is no law, and
therefore there is therefore there is no order. There is only eignty," mat there is no sovereitnoty soverther, for nuclear weapons make soreignty, eimeaningless and "victory" for any side impossible.

They have alluays been the facts case.


## Bob Considine

## From Vietnam

## To the Waldorf

PALM DESERT-Bob Hope has become a national resource, Ilke our uranium deposits, let's say, Or Hoover
Dam.
He is our West Coast's prime distributor of energy. At the moment, being fresk back from knocking his bratns out entertaining troops in Vietnam, he is beaming his Astoria's grand ballroom Jan. 27 for a sion York's Waldorf For the erection of the first bulidings of the Eisenhowe Memorial Research Center Bob approached Jact Benuy and asked timent Bob approached Jack Benuy andi asked him to take a
able - Su0.000.
"Hummann," Jack said. "Aad what is it a plate?" "Humminumn," Jae
"Let me think a bit," Benny said. "IH tell you what Bob. Yil come by for dessert.
Hope had a bit less trouble with Richard Scaife of
Pittsburgh. Scaifes' foumdation bought a table for $\$ 250,000$ $\star \quad \star \quad \star$
HOPE WORKS hardest when there's nothing in it for himself. He has flown a criss.cross pattern across the U.S.
to make this dinner unime. He will mer to make this dimner unique. He will m.e. the show but it
will not be a waik-on job. Hope has been working on this will not be a waik-on
project a lone time

## Dick Nolan

## Our Good Guy Cops

The Police Department, incongruousi enough, is one of the last reaims of Old Sa
Francisco. Which is sons why it is singula of the chier readeal with the New San Francisco Our police are the inheritors of an
easy-going, small town tradition They are, as their predecesso have been, the least up-tight cops to be found anywhere. Long before anybody invented police publlcity bureaus and community relations, San Francisco, polieemen simple one-to-one basis
The typleal San Franc
olerant, friendly, a litie sloppy looking He does not consider himself as being apart fronn the community, but very much of it. He is, and
of the good guys.
In Old San Francisco, he co-operated goad naturedly with his superiors' pohed of keeping the more businesslike crimes
both small and home operated.

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BEFORE IT WAS discovered that the Mafia has the same civil rights as the D.A.R., our lads were accustomed to ad-
ministering the unashamed roust to visit. ministering the uhashamed roust to visit-
ing hoodilums who might have an eye to organizing things here
time, so long as he flid not most of the come the owner \& operator of all the hati. books in zown. When busted, he was busted apologetically, usnally as a gesture to
placate The Better Element. placate The Better Element
it, the same criteria applied old timers tell could be sold quite freely - so long ha the market was kept open and nobody got too big or muscular about it
er free lancing or as inmates joy, whethhouse. So also with the backroom dice game, pai gow, the lotteries, and all the
other llttle grifts and grafts.

The prime drective was, "No rough stuff allowed." The citizen's right to be secure in his person loomed very large in

This benign operation was, strictly speakiug, neither good law nor textbook civics. But it worked fine, provoking jus mengit complaints from The Better Ele. meat to keep the newspapers lively. Salifeman inheriting the outlook of Old state bordering on shoek. When somebody yells, "Plg!" at one of our guys he has a endency to look around in back of him somewhere wondering where the helf the

THE EARLIER patrolman had no tronChin all learning basic Cantonese in the the nery enclave. But communication in gether. And when the student him altofaddishly took up the black war cries, the policeman becakne both coufused and em-
bittered bittered
Caught in a political situation not of his maows not where to furn for leadership. He has been willing to ascept the iron discjpline recuired to staud impessively io the face of threat and insult, But he is increas Ingly unwilling to put his life on the live as a gesture to show that the politicians
hearis are in the right place. His politicai chights place
structure have not provided him with cond tactics to meet new situations with ueff with the Mr. Good Guy image, in a world where the good guys get shot.
He is overworked, badly
ly outnumberwod. The guys in the bad carpeted offices live more or less comfortably in 2893 , He is in 1970, and his nerves
are frazzled, and his temper's are's inazlined, and his tomper's short, and he's inclined to think twe've all abandoned
him

## Paul Elder's Book Forum

## Plans Too Good for Society <br> Reviewed by Garrett Ectbo

American Cly Planaing Since 1890, by Mel Seo
$\$ 17.50$ ).

The remarkable thing about pla the United States is its rate of growthg in

American City Planning Institute now the American Institule of Planners) in 1917:
and the and the experience of large-scale planning
durling World War 1 . Sing word War 1 .
ubsequently planoligg expayded and in the 2ata, the new perspective of business

## Process Jeparates Pamilings

ONDON, England - A
young Greek art restorer has achieved what many art historians and deaters previously believed to be impossible: The successful separation of two paintings executed one on top of the other.

Hitherto, where X-rays of a painting have disclosed a second work underneath, a critical choice has had to be made between leaving one hidden from sight forever, or destroying the upper painting in order to expose the one underneath.
Stavros Mihalarias, 27. who has been working on the technique for several years, has so far divided about 20 pairs of paintings, seven of them icons, in his London studio. He believes that, given the time he may ultimately be able to separate almost any pair in this way, although some present much greater problems than others.
At his Bayswater studio he showed an 18th century icon he has separated from a 16th century one.
The rescued icon, at present a mere film of pigment

By PETER HOPKIRK<br>of the London Times

little more than a millimeter thick, is temporarily secured on a piece of silk.
Because it was somewhat damaged when brought to him, which made the operation even more difficult, it still has to be cleaned and restored. Transferring it to a piece of wood is then all that remains to be done.
The 16th century icon it once covered now belongs to a millionaire collector in London.
The technique is as critical in its way as brain surgery. It involves the minutely controlled use of special solvents which soften the upper paint surface while leaving the painting underneath unaffected.

Before these are applied a piece of silk is carefully glued to the upper paint surface. This enables the upper painting to be peeled off intact at the critical moment.
Mihalarias explained that this may last only a few seconds. Because of this he will sit up all night beside a painting he is working on, since to miss this precise moment could mean losing the upper
painting and possibly the lower one too

Far more time goes into preparing the operation than into carrying it out. The initial research, including microscopic and chemical tests, may take a month while the separation stage may last only a few days.

The potential value of the technique is shown by the growing number of paintings - some hidden for hundreds of years - that X-rays are discovering, almost daily, behind known works. Most icons, for example, have at least one other earlier work hidden behind them.

Times News Service

Dr. Alfred R. Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
Meim Bion- Sol' ipikeor Beint:
Dhe po interestanter buif tom 8, d. Nी. hoi गamay und mich pelu geffent. Wis pird gracer soe eian worthe wach foure purïdbgekehrt, und dar bingre, das mpeser Reire gefoht hatern. wou unper Bepuch bei Shuene. Dch faue mich pichon onf unpuer wishurelen in Noimber.

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Dr. Alfred R. Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
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ART RESTORERS
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Dear Alfred,
youill we pleased to hear that Jane uncovered a very clear date on the Dutch Landscape 1650, however the signatme is still to unclear for us to decipher.
The copy above is Jane's lest interpottation of what's there. It looks like it might say ran Aken, wt looks nothing like the monograms in Bene zit.

Both small paintings are how lined, cleaned \& but we'renstarted retouching the Landscape, 1 hope these slides of the double portrait are useful to you. in sorry the music turned out so darkle and illegible.

Inn visiting the west coast Feb. 15 to March 5 .

Sincerely, Charles

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D-8000 München 40, Mottlstrasse I3, am 13. August 1979
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## Lieber Herr Doktor Bader!

Über Ihren Brief haben wir uns besonders gefreut und dass bis jetzt keine Antwort kam, liegt nur an der viel zu vielen Arbeit, die Neuauflage der Bände würde allein reichen, aber die tägliche Fragerei, telefonisch, brieflich und mit vielen Besuchen, lässt uns am Tag keine Zeit, so bleibt für Persönlichesüberhaupt nichts mehr übrig. Waltherist gerade beschäftigt und ich bekam Ihren Brief in die Hand und möchte von ihm und mir herzlich danken.

Dén Hans de Jode bringenwir, der kleinere in Ihrem Besitz ist wohl nicht photographiert?Haben Sie Dank, auch für die Photo der Bezeichnung.

Leider ist der erste Band schon im Druck, sonst hätten wir Ihre Anregungen gerne berücksichtigt, Dürfen wir die Photo von dem Aken behalten?

Wir gratulieren zu IhrenErwerbungen!"Hagar wird Abraham vorgefuhrt"war einige Zeit bei uns, Besitz: Graf Zubow-Paris. CGk in Y.W.v. voetcel.

Sehr gefallt mir der Pynas auf der Titelseite Ihrer Zeitschrift.

Walther lässt SieBeide sehr herzlich grüssen, ich schliesse mich an!
selen\#. Wactern Brank.

Dr. Alfred R. Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
Main kiebn fari ipkear Bernt:
Dhe po inveressaute Butf tern 8, d. Nी has lanny une mich pelu geffene. Wie pird grade soe eiven Wothe wach foure purielbgelebet, und dar binģe, das mperer Reire gefoht haün.
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Dr. Alfred Bader<br>2961 N. Shepard Ave.<br>Milwaukee il, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr.Bader,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 9th. with the two photographs.

As to the landscape the initials JW point to Jan Wijnants. What astonishes me are the figures. They do not look like Wijnants figures and perhaps they are painted in by another hand.

As to the still-life I think the painting is of a much earlier period than anything which Willem van Aelst could have painted.

If I am not mistaken the same photograph wore shown to me some weeks ago by an American colleague. I think your picture could be attributed to J.Soreau, a German painter who worked in the Flemish manner in the early lith century. I am sending you herewith included a small photograph of another picture, attributed Jan Soreau, of which we happen to have a duplicate photograph, which you can keep. It seems to me, that both pictures are by the same hand. The only trouble is, that neither of these pictures are signed.

I remain,

> Yours very sincerely,

H.Gerson.

Dr. Alfred R. Bader, 2961 North Shepard Avenue, MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53211 U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bader,
With apologies for the delay of this answer to your letter of May 7, received here on May 14, I do confirm my attribution of this landscape to Jan van Aken. I based this identification on the perfect correspondence with the signed painting in Rome, Galleria Nazionale, Palazzo Barberini and I am sure that it is still valid. Subsequently, I recognized a signed mountainous riverlandscape in the Muzeum Narodowe, Warsaw as by him; the signature had not been deciphered but the sirailarities with the artist's characteristic drawing style in such subjects afforded by itself the recognition. The Warsaw picture is signed and dated, 165(0).
Then I have 4 other attributions (besides your painting) of which I am quite certain and 4 more with some reservation.
As for the staffage figures, I am confident about the small figures in the lighted passages being by Van Aken, the figure group at left could be by a different hand. As for your question on the interpretation of figures in light and shadow in any moral sense, personally I would be afraid to suggest such a thing. In all the other pictures and I think also in his drawings - there is absolutely no suggestion of any such intention.
Thieme-Becker and Wurzbach need obviously corrections in their entry on J.v.A. Of course, the nature of the artist's subject matter does not prove in any way that he visited Italy. I have not found more precise information on the dates of his birth or death. To me it seems unlikely that he made any work before the mid-forties.

By the same mail I am answering Prof. Varriano.
With best regards,



Old Master Paintings


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## Old Master Paintings

It has been a remarkable year for the Old Master Paintings market. In July 2002 Rubens' Massacre of the Innocents was sold in London for £49.5million ( $\$ 76.7$ million), a world record price for an Old Master and the third highest price ever realised at auction by a work of art.

In New York in January 2003, Sotheby's sold Mantegna's Descent into Limbo perhaps the greatest picture by the Renaissance master still in private hands - for $\$ 28.5$ million ( $£ 17.6$ million), the fourth highest price ever paid for an Old Master painting at auction.

During the same period as these two historic auction sales, Sotheby's negotiated the sale of Raphael's Madonna of the Pinks. The picture has been purchased, subject to the grant of an export license, by the J. Paul Getty Museum in California for an undisclosed price, believed to be a record for an Old Master painting sold by private treaty.

These results demonstrate the enormous strength of the market for exceptional

At Sotheby's George Wachter in the US and Alexander Bell in England have played a major role in the ascendancy of their company in Old Masters

Art \& Auction, March 2000
works. In a depressed global economic environment, great works of art have proved to be more sought after than ever.

These results also underline Sotheby's position as the dominant force in this field; a position that is a consequence of the experience, knowledge and expertise of our senior specialists. Not only has Sotheby's Old Masters department sold nearly three times as much in value as any other auctioneer in our two principal auction venues in London and New York over the last year, but the percentage of works sold in our major sales is also significantly higher than that of any competitor.


## A Record Year I. undon

Rubens' Massacre of the Innocents is one of the most dramatic and moving works by this great painter. Given its enormous visual impact and technical brilliance it seems strange that Rubens' authorship should ever have been doubted. The picture had been purchased by the Prince of Liechtenstein, one of Europe's greatest collectors, circa 1700 , as an early work by Rubens. It was, however, misdescribed in an inventory taken later in the 18th Century and its new attribution to a minor Flemish follower of the great Master was not questioned until the picture was brought to Sotheby's attention a little over a year ago. The reappearance of this lost masterpiece in the saleroom was one of the most exciting moments in recent auction history. Five bidders competed at $£ 25$ million and above before the picture was knocked down to the Canadian collector Lord Thomson for a record $£_{49 \text {.smillion. }}$

66Rarely have there been so many beautiful paintings in a single sale. Sotheby's Old Master team Alexander Bell, George Gordon and others - surpassed themselves.

International Herald Tribune, July 2002


## Ruthens

Sir Peter Paul Rubens 1577-1640 The Massacre of the Innocents oil on panel
142 by $182 \mathrm{cm1}$.56 by 713/in.
Sold for £49,443,650 (\$76,730,700)
in London, 10 Julv 2002


## A Record Year New Lork

The subject of this stunning panel is one of great rarity in western art. It shows the moment between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection when Christ descends into Limbo, shattering the gates of hell itself, in order to liberate the righteous. In Mantegna's depiction of the eerie, barren setting, figures wait expectantly on either side of the mouth of hell, gusts of wind emanate from the abyss, billowing out Christ's robes and those of the patriarch he is reaching out to save. The scene is one of great dramatic intensity. It is also profoundly humanistic. By adopting the novel device of placing the figure of Christ with his back to the viewer the artist invites us to consider the relationship between ourselves and the Redeemer.


A rare painting by the Italian Renaissance artist Andrea Mantegna has sold at auction for $£ 17,6$ million, making it one of the most expensive Old Masters in history.

Evening Standard, January 2003


Mantrgata
Andrea Mantegna 1430-1506
Descent into limbo
tempera and gold on panel,
38.8 by $42.3 \mathrm{~cm} . ; 15^{1 / 2}$ by $16^{1 / 4 i n}$.

Sold for \$28,568,000 ( $£ 27,666,450$
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## Raphael

detail: Raffacllo Sanzio, called Raphael 2430-1506 The Madonna of Child (Madonna of the Pinks) oil on panel (probably Cherrywood) 29 bv $23 \mathrm{~cm} .1^{13 / 4}$ by 9 in. Sale negotiated to J. Paul Getty Museum, California; subject to the grant of an export licence.


## Forthcoming Highlights

Rembrandt's face is perhaps the best known of any Old Master painter. We know today of about 40 painted selfportraits and there are almost as many images again in the form of drawings and etchings. This picture is of great significance not only because it is one of only a handful of pictures by the artist remaining in private hands but also because it sheds new light on the way such portraits were used within the artist's studio. Sometime after its completion the picture was overpainted by an artist in Rembrandt's workshop; the image transformed into a fantasy portrait (tronje) of a Russian with a tall hat, long flowing hair and coat with fur collar. Recent restoration, which has removed these additions, has revealed a finely preserved and striking portrait of perhaps the greatest master of north European art.


## Rembrandi

Rembrandt Harmensz van Riin 1606-1669
Self Portrait
signed and dated lower right: Rembrandt.f./1634
oil on panel, in a painted oval
70.8 by 55.2 cm ; $27^{3 / 4}$ by $21^{3 / 4} \mathrm{in}$.

Estimate: on request
To be sold in London, 10 July 2003

Annibale Carracci's celebrated Montalto Madonna has long been presumed lost and has been known to art historians only through engravings and numerous contemporary copies. Commissioned from the artist, circa 1598 by Cardinal Alessandro Peretti Montalto in Rome, the picture subsequently passed through a number of distinguished collections in Italy before being recorded in that of Sir Archibald Campbell in Scotland in the mid 19th Century. The picture came to light when it was brought to Sotheby's last year. Our initial belief that this was almost certainly Carracci's missing masterpiece was confirmed following a meticulous analysis of numerous old inventories and a reconstruction of its provenance from the time of its commission up until now. Its re-discovery will provide an opportunity for this jewel- like picture by one of the greatest early proponents of the Italian Baroque to be appreciated by a wider public.


4mbulale Carraccz 1560-1600
The Holy Family with the infant Saint John the Baptist (The Montalto Madonna) 591/Annibale Carraca
oil on copper
is by $27.5 \mathrm{~cm} 1 \mathrm{l}: 13^{3 / 4}$ bv $10^{3 / 4} \mathrm{in}$
Estimate: $£ 300,000-500,000$
To be sold in London, 10 Julv 2003


Eldest son of Jacopo Bellini and brother to the famous Giovanni Bellini, Gentile was the official painter of the Venetian Republic and a dominant figure in Venetian painting during the latter half of the 15 th Century. This remarkably lifelike and imposing portrait of Doge Agostino Barbarigo (doge from 1486 to his death in 1501), a powerful political figure, is a testament to the artist's supremacy in the field of late Quattrocento portraiture. The picture is almost certainly to be identified with that mentioned in a document of 1493 in which Gentile speaks of a portrait of the doge being sent as a gift for Francesco II Gonzaga, 4th Duke of Mantua. The painting comes from an English private collection, where it has been since at least the early 19th Century.


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Gentile Bellini circa 1429-150-
Portrait of Doge Agostino Barbarigo
oil on panel
66.5 bv 51.7cm.: $26^{\text {lis }}$ bv $10^{1 / 4 i n}$

Estimate: $£ 150.000-250.000$
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Dear Alfred,
Here is the list of art periodicals which we get in the Art Library at Queen's. The librarian has written along the righthand margin the volumes we lack.

I would be extremely grateful if you could give the list to Michael who may have the opportunity to fill some of our gaps. If so, send the invoices to me and I will try and get library funds to cover them.

Again, thanks to you and Isabel for a wonderful weekend,
As ever,


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