

# Etching Seascape Normandy The Pebble Gatherers Engraving 19th C Old Print



### 600 EUR

Signature: Foulquier, Jean Antoine Valentin

Period : 19th century Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper Width : 62,5 cm Height : 46,9 cm

## Description

Foulquier, Jean Antoine Valentin (1822 Paris-1896 l'Isle-Adam) french painter and engraver. The pebble gatherers (Normandy) etching, very nice proof on Japan paper 19th c.

 $31.9 \times 47.3$  au sujet  $12.55 \times 18.62$  inches  $46.9 \times 62.5$  cm feuille  $18.46 \times 24.60$  in. Dry mark bottom left : « XK printseller's association »

Signed by the artist with pencil bottom right, and countersigned in the plate.

Valentin Foulquier was a pupil of Abel de Pujol, he exhibited at the Salon in Paris from 1848. He was a remarquable engraver notably for etching (359 pieces have been numbered) and also drew for publications which adapted his drawings to woodcut.

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This sheet shows two women carrying baskets full of pebbles on their back (they were at the time used for various constructions) climbing at night back to their home, in a fantastic atmosphere, almost symbolist, strengthened by the dislocated boat on the foreground. The whole scene is dominated by a capstan on top of the cliff.

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