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## Scène De Chats Dans Un Sous-bois, Oil On Canvas, 19th Century.

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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting



### Description

Oil on canvas depicting two cats in the foreground, settled on a light fabric spread out on the ground, in an undergrowth treated in a range of nuanced, slightly faded greens. One, with red and white fur, is lying down in a relaxed attitude, while the second, darker, is leaning towards him in an attentive posture, creating a simple yet lively interaction between the two animals. The composition is based on a masterful balance: the finely lit figures stand out against a forest background treated in halftone, which establishes a gentle depth without distracting attention from the main subject. To the left, a metal container introduces a still-life element, structuring the scene and discreetly enriching the narrative. The painter's work is distinguished by a supple, precise touch in rendering the coats, with

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particular attention paid to nuances and lighting effects. The expressive gazes contribute to the liveliness of the scene, reflecting the attention to observation of the animal world that was characteristic of 19th-century animal painting. The work is in the tradition of 19th-century North European and Belgian animal painters, in the tradition of artists such as Henriëtte Ronner-Knip and Charles van den Eycken, who greatly contributed to popularizing scenes of domestic cats in a register that was both naturalistic and decorative. With no apparent signature, it can be associated with this quality production aimed at a bourgeois clientele sensitive to these familiar, lively subjects. The work is presented in a blackened wood frame with an inverted profile, wavy and guilloche decoration, inspired by 17th-century Dutch frames. This type of frame, made from aged wood, is in keeping with a historicist taste aimed at evoking early productions. It is embellished with cartouches in stained veneer, giving rhythm to the composition and creating a decorative contrast. Dimensions: Sight: 69.5 x 49 cm Frame: 91 x 71 cm