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Raphaël Kirchner - 4 Art Nouveau "all Heil" Postcards, Cyclists, 1900

430 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Width : 8,8 cm

Height : 14 cm

Description

Raphaël Kirchner (1875-1917) Set of four illustrated postcards--bicycle theme Circa 1900 A beautiful set of four vintage postcards illustrated by Raphaël Kirchner, a leading draftsman and illustrator of the Belle Époque and Art Nouveau periods. The four compositions feature bicycles and elegant female cyclists, a subject emblematic of women's emancipation and modern leisure activities in the late 19th century. Three postcards depict young women on bicycles in various poses, while the fourth shows a couple of cyclists in a nighttime scene illuminated by lanterns. The postcards bear the printed signature "Raphaël Kirchner" within the composition. This set is particularly interesting for its uniformity: the postcards were sent to the same recipient in Namur (Belgium) and retain their 5-centime

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Belgian stamps on the back, as well as their postmarks from July 1900. Some also feature handwritten text on the front. Old postcards were written on the front--not the back--due to a former postal rule: the back was strictly reserved for the address and the stamp. Dimensions: 14 × 8.8 cm each. Condition: generally good condition for postcards that were in circulation over 120 years ago. Stamps and postmarks preserved. The colors of the illustrations have remained particularly vivid. Sold only as a set of four cards.