Description

Vanity Fair Lawn Tennis Print, Thrice Champion.
A great single tennis chromolithograph print from Vanity Fair's 'Men of the Day'. This is a great decorative print for anybody's home or work place. The picture depicts the Wimbledon winner Hugh Laurence "Laurie" Doherty. Underneath the caricature is the title 'Thrice Champion', dated Sept. 1st 1904, with artists printed signature 'SPY' (Leslie Ward) printed by Vincent Brooks, Day & Son Ltd.

Hugh Laurence "Laurie" Doherty (1875 - 21 1919) was a former World No.1 English tennis player and younger brother of Reginald Frank Doherty (1875 - 1919). He was a six-time slam champion and a double Olympic Gold medallist at the 1900 Summer Olympics in singles and doubles (also winning a Bronze in mixed doubles).

The Doherty brothers were English tennis players who dominated tennis from 1897 to 1906. They were the sons of William Doherty, a printer, and his wife, Catherine Ann Davis. Both were educated at Westminster School followed by Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Reginald played for the Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club as did Laurie, who also became President. In 1895 and 1896 Reginald was part of the Cambridge team that beat Oxford and won the Scottish and Essex championships. Laurie gained his blues in 1896, 1897, and 1898 and in 1892 won the Renshaw cup, the All-England Championships singles title for boys under 16. In addition to lawn tennis Laurie also played real tennis and golf.

The Doherty's were Wimbledon doubles winners in 1897, 98, 99, 1900, 1901, 03, 04 and 1905. Reginald Doherty was Wimbledon singles winner in 1897, 98, 99 and 1900 and Lawrence Doherty was Wimbledon singles winner in 1902, 03, 04, 05 and 1906. The Doherty's also won the U.S. doubles championships in 1902 and 1903, and Laurie was the first foreigner to win the U.S. singles, in 1903.
From 1902 to 1906 the two brothers were vital to British Davis Cup competition, during which time Laurie achieved the best record ever in Davis finals, going 7-0 in singles and 5-0 in doubles.