



Antique Tennis Stevengraph

£560



REF: 29643

Height: 5 cm (2")

Width: 15 cm (5.9")

Framed Height: 15 cm (5.9")

Framed Width: 22 cm (8.7")

Framed Depth: 22 cm (8.7")

## Description

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A rare late 19th century woven silk Stevengraph of a Tennis Match entitled "The First Set". This example forms part of a series by Thomas Stevens of Coventry depicting sporting and other subjects. The First Set (A Lawn Tennis Scene) is in original condition with original frame and mount. The scene is of a Victorian lawn tennis match with a mixed foursome. Spectators are seen around the perimeter, the ladies are holding parasols. The colours have not faded and are very vibrant. To keep the colours of the silk this way they should be stored away from sunlight as they are very light sensitive. Thomas Stevens was the sole inventor and manufacturer of the 'Stevengraph Pure Silk Woven Pictures'. Ten Highest Prize medals & Diplomas.

The list of Stevengraphs printed on the original back of the picture are:

The Good Old Days (Royal mail Coach.)

The First Train.

The Present Time.

Turpin's Ride To York (the Toll-gate Leap.)

The Meet (A Hunting Scene.)

Full Cry (A Hunting Scene.)

The Death (A Hunting Scene.)

Called To The Rescue (A Life Boat Scene.)

For Life or Death (Fire Engine.)

The First Innings (A Base-ball Match.)

The First Touch (A Football Match.)

The Start (A Race Scene.)

The Finish (Companion to Above.)

The Last Lap (A Bicycle Racing Scene.)

Are You Ready? (Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race.)

The Final Spurt (Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race.)

The Slip (A Coursing Scene.)

The First Point (A Coursing Scene.)

The Lady Godiva Procession.

The Home Stretch (A Trotting Match.)

God Speed The Plough.

The Water Jump (A Steeplechase.)