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Gentleman of the Road, 20th Century pen and ink illustration by Ionicus

Joshua Charles Armitage

£180



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## Description

"IONICUS" JOSHUA CHARLES ARMITAGE  
(1913-1998)

Gentleman of the Road

Pen and ink heightened with white

12 by 8.5 cm., 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.  
(mount size 27.5 by 24 cm., 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.)

Joshua Charles Armitage was a popular 20th century illustrator and cartoonist working for many magazine and producing numerous book illustrations and cover designs. He was born in Hoylake, Cheshire and studied at Liverpool School of Art. He took the pen name Ionicus for his first cartoon, which was published in Punch, 24 March 1944. Over the following 40 years he contributed 358 drawings to the magazine. As a book illustrator he worked on over 50 Wodehouse titles.