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Description

KATE GREENAWAY(1846-1901)
Springtime
Signed and dated l.r.: Kate Greenaway 19 Dec 1899, signed with initials l.l.: KGWatercolour and pencil
12.5 by 21.5 cm., 5 by 8 in.(frame size 33 by 39.5 cm., 13 by 15 ½ in.
Provenance:Given by the artist to Marion Harry Spielmann;Agnews, London;Private collection, UK.
This delightful work by Greenaway comes was originally in the collection of the eminent Victorian art critic, biographer and scholar, Marion Harry Alexander Spielmann (1858-1948). He published a biography of Kate Greenaway in 1905. Spielman relates the story of the artist presenting him with this watercolour on a label attached to the reverse:

"The drawing by my friend, Miss Kate Greenaway, was bought by her to my flat at 21 Cadogan Gardens on the 14th Dec 1899 as a gift. On my begging her to sign it she quickly began to write in the left-hand corner. When I gently pointed out to her that she had while talking, heedlessly signed "Kate Spielmann" she hurriedly rubbed her finger over the surname and signed correctly in the other corner – this making it as she said, "a … commission. M H Spielman

Greenaway was a hugely successful and prolific painter of charming Victorian children's illustrations, card designs and watercolours. She was elected to membership of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in 1889.