

SARAH COLEGRAVE FINE ART

Set of 6 Google Birds

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Artist: VINCENT CARTWRIGHT VICKERS



Short Description

A set of six original watercolour illustrations of Google Birds.

Various sizes.

These eccentric drawings were executed in the first decade of the 20th century by a talented amateur artist who was better known as a leading economist. He produced these drawings for pleasure and to share with his children and nephews and nieces. Some would later be published with accompanying rhymes in *The Google Book*.

The Google Book, a kind of children's monster and rhyme book, was published in 1913. Its Surreal illustrations of various fictitious birds and whimsical verses were all created by its author, the economist Vincent Cartwright Vickers. His extended family owned Vickers Limited and he wrote *The Google Book* while serving as a director of the Bank of England. Vickers was born in 1879 and educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of the City of London, a director of Vickers for twenty-two years and a director of the London Assurance from which he resigned in 1939. In 1910 he became Governor of the Bank of England, resigning this appointment in 1919. He later became President of the Economic Reform Club and Institute. He wrote extensively on economics and monetary reform. After a long illness he died in 1939.

The Google of the title is a strange pond dwelling monster living in a beautiful garden. At night it prowls the land where the different birds live. The birds themselves have many exotic names such as the Great Skull-Headed Stone Trot, the Swank, the Blue-Billed Ork and the Shiver-Doodle.

It is not known whether Vicker's Google had any influence on the naming of the current famous American internet company.

More Information

Year	c 1910
Medium	Six in total. All pen and ink and watercolour. One varnished. Various sizes
Country	United Kingdom
Signed	Several signed with monogram
Provenance	Various members of the artists family.