

Workshop drawing

This drawing appeared recently as an item being sold by Roseberys, with the following description. *European School, eighteenth century — Workshop under an arch; pen, black ink, and brown wash heightened with white on laid paper, 18 x 27.2 cm., (unframed) Provenance: with Colnaghi, London, March 1955 (according to a pencil inscription on the mount). Private Collection, UK.* The drawing shows what appears to be a carpenter's or joiner's workshop, complete with tools lying on a bench and hanging on the wall, with one saw on the floor. A tall chest of drawers has the bottom drawer open showing more tools lying inside. Next to this is the most interesting item, a treadle lathe for fine work with the return power provided by a bow and suspended spool. A grinding wheel stands on the right. Also of interest is the

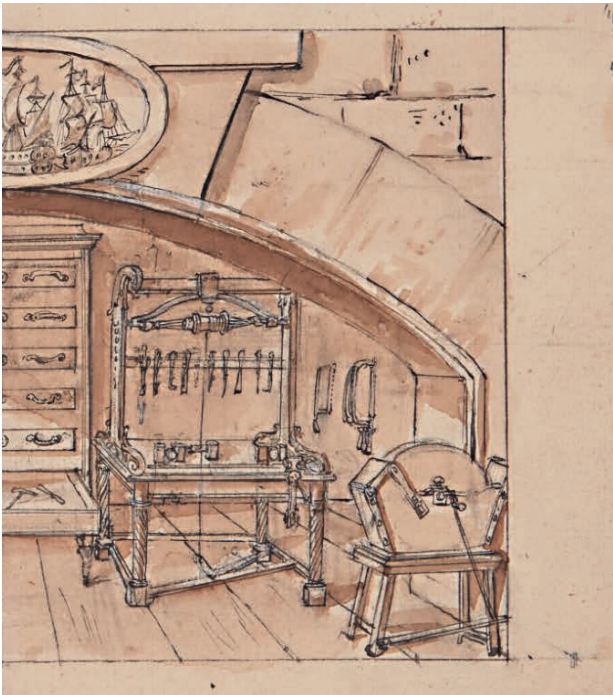


image of sailing ships in a large oval plaque above the centre of the arch. Many thanks to Adam Bowett for drawing attention to this item and to Roseberys London Auctions for permission to publish the image.

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