



**19th & 20th Century Paintings and Works
on Paper, including Portrait Miniatures (30
Mar 2021 B)**

Tue, 30th Mar 2021

Lot 359

Estimate: £8000 - £12000 + Fees

FRANCOIS BRUNERY (ITALIAN 1849-1926)

Property from an English Private Collection

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One glass too many or A delicate operation

signed *F. Brunery* (lower right)

oil on canvas

61 x 51 cm (24 x 20 in)

PROVENANCE:

MacConnal-Mason & Son Ltd., London

Sale, Christie's, London, 30 March 2001, lot 27

Willow Gallery, Weybridge

Purchased from the above by the present owner in June 2001

In the present work three generations – son, father and grandfather – have withdrawn from the ladies after their meal to enjoy male companionship and indulge in coffee and liqueurs. All are mellow with drink, the grandson enjoying the moment as his grandfather tremulously fills his glass, watched anxiously by his father. Dressed in highly elaborate eighteenth-century Rococo garb, including satin breeches, fabulously decorated tailcoats and richly embroidered waistcoats, the desire not to spill a single drop of the precious liquid contrasts with the three men's extraordinarily lavish attire and their sumptuous surroundings, all of which afforded Brunery the opportunity to exhibit his consummate skill with a paint brush.

See introduction to lot 358.