

SA598236

English School 19th, Century A Gardner Scything a Lawn before a Herbaceous border with a Church beyond

Price

GBP 1,200

| USD \$1,625 | EUR 1,404

Item Reference: SA598236**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 48 cm (18.9")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

English School 19th, Century A Gardner Scything a Lawn before a Herbaceous border with a Church beyond oil on canvas 37.50 x 48.50 cm. (14.3/4 x 19 in.) Lawn mowing and ornamental landscaping held no particular interest to 99% of the people who lived during the Georgian era. Cottagers and town dwellers maintained small plots of vegetable gardens and laborers worked in the fields, using scythes to cut wheat and grain for their employers. The garden laborers wielding scythes used a smooth, well-rehearsed motion, they worked in teams to cover large areas of ground. Their labor was cheap and they followed a system that included working in the morning when the ground was still damp. To prepare the lawn for scything, a gardener would: "pole" the lawn first (swishing a long whippy stick across the grass to remove wormcasts) and ... roll the ground to firm it and set the blades of grass in a uniform direction." – Notes and Queries, The Guardian UK. The secret to maintaining a close-cropped lawn was to trim it frequently, about once a week. Lawn edges were best trimmed with sheep shearing clippers. The grass was kept free of daisies with an instrument named a daisy grubber, which ...

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