

# JOHN MITCHELL

## FINE PAINTINGS



**Carl Kessler**

**Winter in the Klosters Valley, Graubunden, Switzerland**

watercolour on paper

37 x 50cm.

signed

Looking along the Klosters valley from near Monbiel, the Wisshorn and Canardhorn rear up in the background. There is a distinct feeling that spring is on its way beside the Landquart river. Kessler was a specialist watercolour painter of mountain scenery and worked throughout the Tyrol and the Engadine.

Although his pictures seem deceptively simple and softly executed, the wide expanses of snow are formed of many subtle washes, graded to convey the distribution of light on the blanketed meadows and slopes. Kessler favoured clear, cold days and his skies are often dappled with yellow ochre clouds.