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FINE PAINTINGS



Carl Kessler

Winter in Arosa, Graubunden, Switzerland

watercolour

13³/₄ x 19³/₄in (35 x 50cm)

signed and inscribed: *München*

Kessler was a specialist watercolourist 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. Located one valley to the west from Davos, the beautifully located Arosa represents the essence of a Graubunden village with its peerless panoramas by the Obersee lake. Looking east, Kessler's wintry watercolour depicts, from left to right, the 2,500 metre-peaks of the Furggahorn, Amselflue and Schiesshorn.