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FINE PAINTINGS



Plinio Colombi (1873 - 1951)

The Lauterbrunnen Valley, Bernese Oberland, Switzerland.

oil on canvas

65 x 75 cm.

signed and dated 1941

The V-shaped col between the Lauterbrunnen Breithorn and the Tschingelhorn to its right seems to echo the outstretched branches of the solitary pine tree in this serene mountainscape by Colombi. The view was taken from above Mettlenalp just beyond Wengernalp where the Jungfrau descends into the steep Lauterbrunnen Valley. The thawing snow on the shed's roof suggests a late winter or spring in this accomplished sunlit panorama which relies on delicate areas of ultramarine violet to replicate both the mountain flanks and the shadows of the larger tree out of sight.