Print - Spooners Protean Views No.41

Object: Print

Artist/Maker: Spooner, William (maker)

Materials and Techniques: Hand-coloured lithograph incorporating a transparency

Museum number: E.382-1989

Gallery location: Prints & Drawings Study Room, level D, case ES, shelf 100

Descriptive line

1 of 2 Spooners Protean views

Physical description

General Description: Destruction of a Swiss village by an avalanche. British, mid-19th century

Dimensions

Height: 18.8 cm Size of sheet, Width: 22.5 cm Size of sheet

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Object history note

William Spooner was one of two firms in London specialising in Protean views. They often used scenes which were popular in the fashionable dioramas and panoramas of the day. By holding the lithograph up against a bright light the scene depicted on the back of the lithograph is revealed, thus transforming the scene, here in E.382 for example, showing the Swiss village before and after the avalanche.

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