

Basic Detail Report

Title The Critical Moment.

Date 1857-1867

Medium Lithography; printer's ink and watercolor on wove paper

Description A barefoot boy on the right is part way up the trunk of a large tree, clinging with his knees and grasping a slender branch with with left hand. A second boy is holding the branch with both hands as it breaks in the middle. He is wearing a smock and his straw hat is falling towards the left. He is partially supported on the shoulders of a third boy who stands facing the tree while a spotted dog tugs at his shirttail or undergarment which protrudes through a hole in his trousers. Books are on the ground at the right. A man holding a whip in his right hand is running out the door of a stone building in the left background. Hills are in the distance.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 12 1/8 x 8in. (30.8 x 20.3 cm) Sheet (height x width): 14 x 10 1/8in. (35.6 x 25.7cm)