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DESIGNATION OF GALLERIES

MAIN FLOOR

SEE PLAN

ROOMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, Elbridge G. Hall Collection of Casts of Sculptures.
ROOM 1, Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Syrian, Asia Minor.
ROOM 2, (Corridor) Asia Minor and Early Greek.
ROOM 3, Greek of V. and IV. Centuries B.C., including the Pheidian period and that of Praxiteles and Skopas.
ROOM 4, Later Greek and Graeco-Roman.
ROOM 5, Sculpture, Roman.
ROOM 6, (Corridor) Sculpture, Renaissance.
ROOM 7, Office of the Director.
ROOM 8, (Hall) Sculpture, Modern.
ROOM 9, Office of the Secretary.
ROOM 10, Sculpture, Modern.
ROOM 11, (Corridor) Historical Collection of French Sculpture and Architecture.
ROOM 12, Same.
ROOM 13, (Corridor) Same.
ROOM 14, Higginbotham Collection of Naples Bronzes.
ROOM 15, Egyptian and Classical Antiquities.
ROOM 16, Oil Paintings and Musical Instruments.
ROOM 18, Fullerton Memorial Hall, Lecture Room.
ROOM 24, Ryerson Library.
ROOMS 19 and 20 are in the part not yet built.
DESIGNATION OF GALLERIES

SECOND FLOOR

SEE PLAN

ROOM 25, Special Exhibition, works of J. É. van Cauwelaert.
ROOM 26, Exhibition of works of Artists of Milwaukee.
ROOM 27, Annual Exhibition of Artists of Chicago.
ROOM 28,
ROOM 29, (Corridor) Century Drawings, Ivories, Getty Collection of Musical Instruments, etc.
ROOM 30,
ROOM 31, Special Exhibition, works of Charles H. Woodbury.
ROOM 32, Paintings: Old Masters.
ROOM 33, (Corridor) Arundel Reproductions and Metal Work.
ROOM 34, Trustees' Room
ROOM 35, (Hall) Sculpture and Paintings.
ROOM 36, Committee Room.
ROOM 37, (Corridor) Sculpture.
ROOM 38, Oil Paintings: Henry Field Memorial Collection.
ROOM 39, The Elizabeth Hammond Stickney Room: Oil Paintings.
ROOM 40, Oil Paintings: A. A. Munger Collection.
ROOM 41, Nickerson Collection: Japanese Bronzes, Porcelains, etc.
ROOM 42, Nickerson Collection: Jades, Crystals, etc., and Oil Paintings.
ROOM 43, (Corridor) Nickerson Collection: Water Colors and Engravings.
ROOM 44, (Corridor) Collection of the Antiquarians: Textiles, Embroideries,
ROOM 45, etc.
ROOMS 46 to 53 are in the part not yet built.
JEAN ÉMILE VAN CAUWELAERT.

JEAN ÉMILE VAN CAUWELAERT was born in April, 1866, in Ghent, Belgium. He showed artistic proclivities from earliest childhood, drawing spirited reminiscences of a religious procession at the age of six with chalk upon the kitchen wall. In the common school, which he left in his thirteenth year, he and the now well-known artist, Van Melle, were chosen to decorate the borders of the school diplomas. For a time he attended the Atheneum, a high school free to pupils of high standing, but soon, his father being disabled by an accident, he was obliged to relinquish his idea of becoming an artist and to take up the trade of cabinet making for the support of his mother and her three children. The knowledge of architectural drawing acquired at the Atheneum was now of good service to him.

Upon his father's death, when he was nineteen years old, he changed his trade and found employment with a house decorator, with whom he worked successfully until he was drawn for military service. During his three years and a half of service he studied both art and music, attending the Academy of Fine Arts at Ghent in his spare hours, and being attached to the regimental
band. In the Academy he overtaxed his eyes and was threatened with blindness, but he succeeded in winning first the second prize, and then for two successive years the first prize. Later he returned to the pursuit of interior decoration and won medals for tapestry paintings at Tunis, Spa, Brussels, Ostend, Ghent and other cities, but the business was unprofitable, and he went to Amsterdam and employed himself copying paintings in the Ryks Museum, and selling them to tourists. Through all this time, as mechanic, soldier, decorator, musician, copyist, he never relinquished his ambition to become a painter.

It was while copying a painting in the Ryks Museum in 1894 that his work arrested the attention of a gentleman from Chicago,* through whose interest he was enabled to study a year in Paris and a year in Brussels. In 1898 he offered his first picture, a landscape, to the Salon du Champ de Mars, and it was accepted, favorably hung, and well received by the artistic world. In 1899, a year later, his second offering, "Le Retour à la Ferme, en Flandre," was hung in the same Salon, and elicited much favorable comment. The French Government, and at the same time the Museum of Adelaide, Australia, made overtures for the purchase of this picture, but preference was given to a higher offer received through a Paris art dealer from a gentleman in Rio Janeiro, Brazil. With the proceeds of this transaction the artist purchased his present home at 19 Fort Straat, Ghent. This is the only important picture he has sold, and all his works since

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* Mr. Samuel Gans.
1894, with this exception, have been kept together, an extraordinary circumstance. In 1900 he exhibited in the old Salon "La Sortie des Veaux; l'entêté." In 1901 his Salon picture "Passage de la Lys à Afsné" obtained for him the honorable title "Membre Associé de la Société Nationale des Beaux Arts à Paris."

M. van Cauwelaert has been in Chicago for several weeks, and will remain during the present exhibition.
WORKS OF J. É. VAN CAUWELAERT

CATALOGUE

1
Marché aux chevaux à Schellebelle, Belgique
(Tableau primé au Salon de la Société des Beaux Arts, Paris)
Horse market in Schellebelle, Belgium

2
Passage de la Lys à Afsné
Crossing the river Lys at Afsné

3
La sortie des veaux : l'entêté
Stubborn calves

4
Vers la prairie
Going to the meadow
L'entrée de l'école à Zwynaerde, près de Gand.
Children entering school, Zwynaerde, near Ghent

Cour de ferme; la rentrée des champs
Farm yard; the return from the fields

Retour du troupeau; un jour d’été
Return of the flock; a day in summer

Vers les champs—le petit vacher
The little cow-herd going to the fields

Coin d’atelier d’un vieux tisseraud Flamand
Corner of the workshop of an old Flemish weaver
10
Sortie du troupeau, matinée de printemps
The departure of the flock, spring morning

11
Retour du troupeau, effet de clair de lune
The return of the flock; moonlight

12
Les premiers rayons
The first rays

13
Dans le chemin des saules, les préférés
The chosen on the way to the willows

14
Au retour des champs, devant la ferme
In the front of the farm on the return from the fields
20
Portrait of Wm. M. R. French, Director of the Art Institute, Chicago

21
Portrait of a lady

22
Les ardeurs de crépuscule, troupeau aux environs de Tiegheim
Twilight glow; the flock in the environs of Tieghem

23
Vaches a l’approche de l’orage
Cows before the coming storm

24
Portrait d’un Hollandais, age de 90 ans
Portrait of a Hollander, aged 90 years
25
Le temps des moissons en Flandre
Harvest time in Flanders

26
Une belle journée d'été, vaches en plein soleil
A fine summer day, cows in the sunlight

27
Un jour de printemps, dans les champs
A spring day in the fields

28
Étude de tête; un vieillard, Oncle Philippe
Study of a head of an old man, Uncle Philip

29
Vaches dans les delaisées de la Lys a Deurne
Cows in the old channel of the river Lys at Deurne
35
Le repos des enfants du voisin
Our neighbor’s children at rest

36
Le troupeau, route de Lembeke
The flock on the way to Lembeck

37
Soleil d’automne, la mère et l’enfant
Autumn sunlight, the mother and child

38
Repos de dimanche, effet de soleil
Sunday rest, sunlight

39
Le matin aux champs, le nourrisson.
Morning in the fields, feeding the calf
No. 41. THE STUBBORN COW
45
Fin du jour, le soir de la vie
The end of the day, the evening of life

46
L'heure dorée, troupeau au bords de l'Escaut
The golden hour, flock on the bank of the river Schelde

47
L'automne en Flandre, la vache de la ferme
Autumn in Flanders, cow in the barn yard

48
Devant la barrière
At the bars

49
Le soir dans la pasturage
Evening in the pasture

50
Automne, Fontainebleau près de Paris
Autumn, Fontainebleau, near Paris