

THE LETTER WRITER - Jules James Rougeron (1841 – 1880)



A young Spanish beauty is dictating a note, probably a love letter, to the letter writer whose identity and skills are advertised in a notice on the wall: ‘Antonio Cabezas, memorialista’

Jules James Rougeron studied in Paris with Alexandre Cabanel. He specialized later in Spanish genre scenes, like this one, dated 1879. The engraving reproduced below is signed by the artist himself.



The 'Letter-writer' must have been one of the most popular designs made by Lauronce, for there are many surviving examples, on satin or on paper, plain or embroidered.



Indeed the theme of the public writer as a confidant of lovers appears frequently in popular imagery.



El Memorialista - Postcard dated 1906
