

Dear Mrs. Elvin,

Many thanks for your precious informations!

Ensor made the etching thanks to his friend Mrs. Mariette Rousseau-Hannon, wife of the Dean of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Dr. Ernest Rousseau. She was (with her friend Mrs. Elise Destrée) a reknown specialist of fungus and mushroom. It seems that the portrait of Elias Fries was reproduced (as a lithograph?) in a book... or magazine in her book collections.