

Cabinet Photograph of a St Petersburg Mining Institute Student.

Sized 4 3/16 by 6 3/8. Steinberg studio in St. Petersburg. Student wears frock coat with collar insignia and embroidered shoulder straps of the Empress Catherine II Mining Institute. Holds his matching cap and essential white gloves. Reverse shows studio logo and short inscription in ink: "To Dear Precious Uncle from His Nephew who loves him dearly. Liev... 27 February 1900" Card shows vestiges of gold leaf trim on the edges.

Excellent condition.

Student is dressed in the regulation uniform for making formal calls at the homes of family and friends as well as for strolling up and down the Nevsky Prospect, St. Petersburg's equivalent of New York City's Fifth Avenue. Unlike the kitchen furniture appearing in portraits taken in rural photo galleries, the style of chair seen here was very fashionable at the time.

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