

19TH CENTURY FRENCH FARMYARD OIL PAINTING WITH CHICKENS SIGNED E. COPPENOLLE

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Bring rustic charm to your interior with this intimate and richly textured barnyard scene painted by Edmond van Coppenolle. Executed circa 1880, likely during the artist's time in France, the oil on canvas depicts a lively group of chickens gathered near a wooden trough beside a thatched poultry hut. At the heart of the composition, a proud rooster with vibrant plumage takes center stage, surrounded by animated hens rendered with expressive brushwork and a naturalistic, earthy palette. The painting captures van Coppenolle's signature talent for portraying pastoral life with warmth, movement, and authenticity. Known for his fondness for rural genre scenes, the Belgian-born artist (1846–1914) was active primarily in France, where he became celebrated for his vivid depictions of farmyard animals and countryside settings. His works are noted for their atmospheric light, detailed textures, and evocative simplicity, and he is listed in the Benezit Dictionary of Artists. Coppenolle belonged to a broader tradition of late 19th-century European painters who focused on everyday agrarian life, working in the wake of the Barbizon school and naturalist movements that emphasized direct observation of the rural landscape. His work was appreciated for its sincerity and decorative appeal, making his paintings especially desirable for collectors seeking authentic, narrative-driven countryside scenes. His compositions often highlight animals as central protagonists, rendered with both character and sensitivity, reinforcing his reputation as a skilled animalier within the genre. Signed E. Coppenolle in the lower right corner, the painting is presented in a deeply molded and richly carved period giltwood frame, adorned with scrolling foliate motifs. In excellent condition commensurate with age and use, this antique painting offers a warm, nostalgic glimpse into 19th-century agrarian life, ideal for adding timeless character to a traditional kitchen, library, or country-inspired interior. 29.25"W x 26.25"H

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