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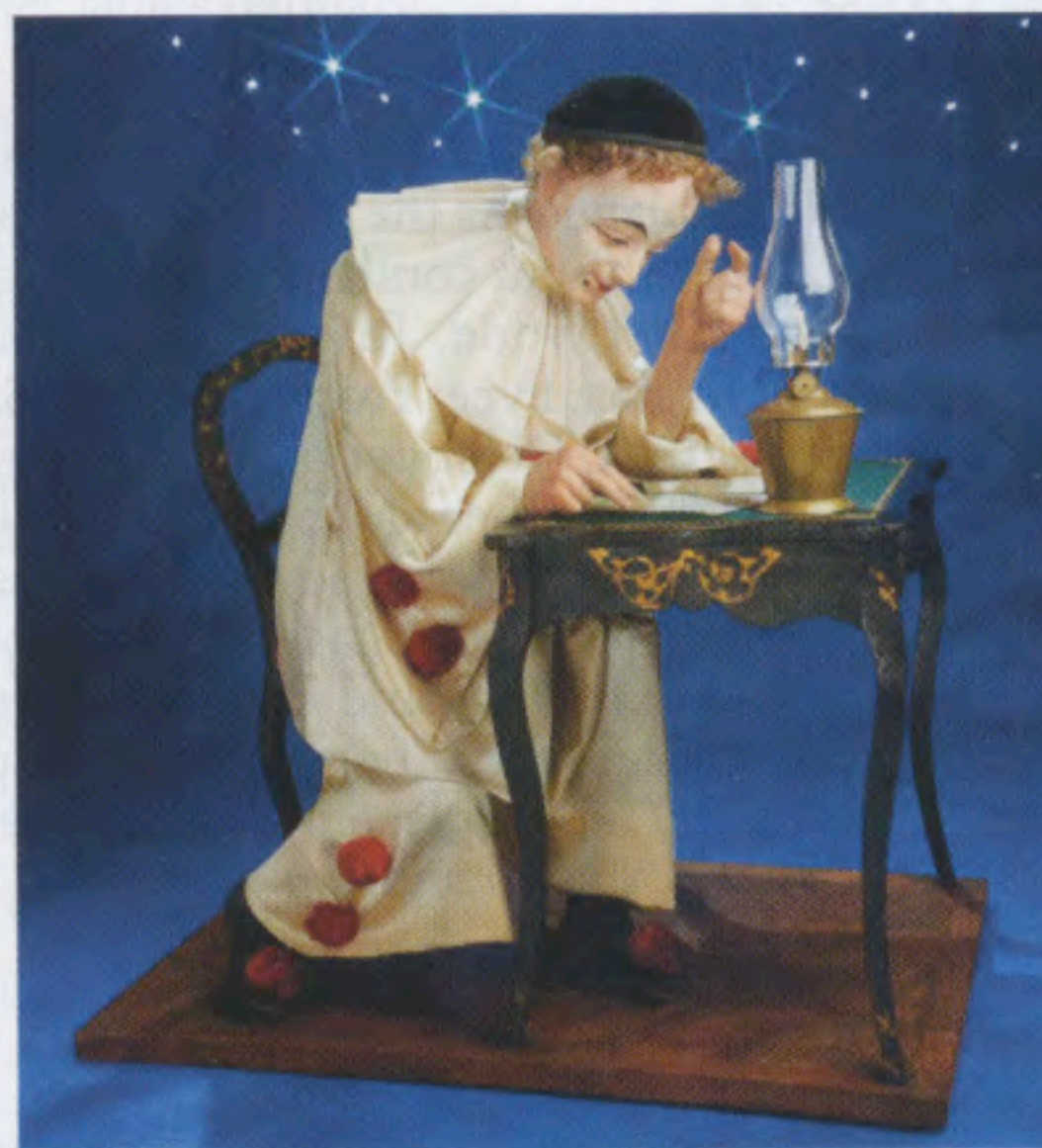
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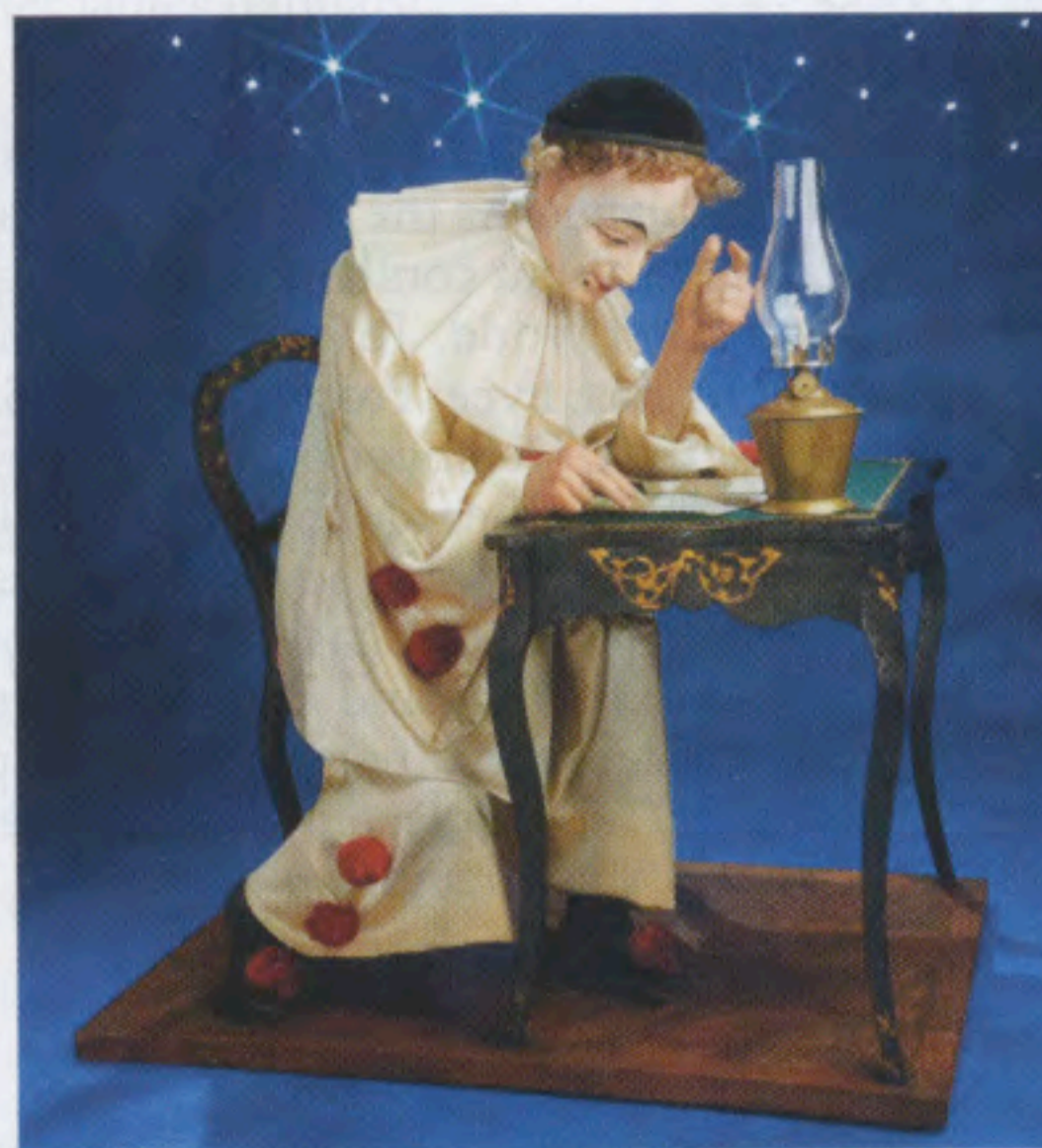
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An extraordinary French bisque portrait bébé in original couturier costume by Emile Jumeau, 26 inches tall, c. 1878. Marks: 12 (head); Jumeau Medaille d'Or Paris (body). Presale estimate: \$9,000/\$15,000.



**\$75,000**

Rare French bisque character, 203, by Jumeau from his Series Fantastique, 22 inches tall, c. early 1890s. Marks: 203 Depose Tete Jumeau Bte SGDG 10 (head); Jumeau Medaille d'Or Paris (body). Produced only on special commission or for exhibition purposes; the cost of the 200 series characters was nine times that of a classic bébé. Presale estimate: \$50,000/\$70,000.



**\$20,000**

Wonderful large French bisque Bébé by Leon Casimir Bru in original costume, 24 inches tall, c. 1880. Marks: (circle dot symbol) Bru Jne (head); Bru Jne 9 (shoulders). Presale estimate: \$16,000/\$21,000.



**\$34,000**

French bisque bébé "H" by Aristide Haloiseau, 18 inches tall, c. 1885. Marks: 2 H. His bisque heads were commissioned from the prestige porcelain firm of Frayon of Montreuil. Presale estimate: \$20,000/\$30,000.



**\$14,000**

Exceptional French bisque bébé brevete by Bru in rare size 6/0, with signed Bru boots, 10 inches tall, c. 1877. Marks: 6/0. Presale estimate: \$8,000/\$12,000.



**\$16,000**

German black-complexioned bisque character, 1358, by Simon and Halbig, 22 inches tall, c. 1910. Marks: 1358 Germany Simon & Halbig S&H 9. Presale estimate: \$8,000/\$11,000.

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