

THE BOY WHO COULD DRAW BEFORE HE WAS SIX



Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, who could draw before he was six, and paint in oils before he was twelve, is seen here at work in his beloved Highlands of Scotland. The sketches of his boyhood are still esteemed, a drawing "A Brown Mastiff," which he executed at the age of ten, being regarded as a picture of rare artistic merit. Perhaps his most famous painting is the "Old Shepherd's Chief Mourner." Here the depth of pathos is touched, though the only mourner is a dog. Landseer knew dogs and their ways, and he loved them, as he loved all animals. His last portrait was of Queen Victoria, and his last drawing of a dog. He died on October 1, 1873, and was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral.