MAN LOOKING FOR FLEAS IN HIS SHIRT (HOMBRE BUSCANDO PULGAS EN SU CAMISA)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. VARIOUS SUBJECTS

SERIE: IVORY MINIATURES (PAINTING, 1824 - 1825) (4/21)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1824 - 1825
UBICACIÓN	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, United States
DIMENSIONES	6 x 5.9 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Watercolor on ivory
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
TITULAR	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	05 May 2010 / 15 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	341 M. M. Karolik F

HISTORIA

See *Maja and Celestina.*

This miniature belonged to Luis Portilla. He put it up for sale in Madrid, together with others

that were in his possession, on 16 December 1880. It was later in several different collections: Warwick, Paris; Schidloff, Paris; that of Baron von Schlumberger, Vienna; Thomas Harris, London, around 1938; Vincent Price, Los Angeles, around 1956; Philip Hofer, Cambridge (MA) and, finally, the Boston collection of R. M. Light, from whom the Museum of Boston acquired it on 12 June 1974, through the funds of Mr And Mrs Karolik.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

For the artistic and technical analysis of the complete series, see *Maja and Celestina.*

This miniature shows a bare-chested man holding up a shirt which he is carefully examining for fleas. The man's skin is coloured a pinkish hue, but, despite this, this is still an image of predominantly cold tones, dominated by the black of the background, the shirt and the bold outline of the man. Here we can see how Goya has used a technique similar to "sgraffito", using a sharpened object to scrape away the pigment from certain areas of the shirt, revealing the white ivory underneath and leaving irregular patches.

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