

# A GENTLEMAN IN THE BULLRING BREAKING A LITTLE BULL WITH THE HELP OF A PIMP (BULLFIGHTING A)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: BULLFIGHTING(PRINTS AND DRAWINGS , 1814-1816) (34/46)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1814 - 1815
DIMENSIONES	252 x 350 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Aguafuerte, aguatinata, punta seca, buril y bruñidor
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
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INVENTARIO	964 -

## INSCRIPCIONES

A (estampado, ángulo superior derecho)

## HISTORIA

See *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside*

This print, rejected by Goya and not included in the first edition of the *Bullfighting* of 1816 because of faults in the aquatint bite, was added and published for the first time, together with six others (A-G), in the third edition of the series, printed by Eugène Loizelet in Paris in

1876. It was retained in subsequent editions of the *Bullfighting*.

The plate is kept at the National Chalcography (n° 367), with *How the ancient Spaniards hunted bulls on horseback in the countryside* engraved on the obverse.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

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A very dark scene in which two elements stand out above all else: the black bull and the horse with the bullfighter are much more brightly lit, in white.

The place where the action is taking place is clearly distinguishable, as the bullrings with people and the barrier of the bullring are depicted, but without going into detail, in a sketchy manner. In the bullring, apart from the knight in the bullring on his mount who tries to thrust a rejón at the bull, there is a pimp with a cape who tries to provoke the bull so that the knight can thrust the rejón more easily. Behind him, there are more characters in capes who are watching the action, no doubt other pimp characters who are ready to help the bullfighter if necessary.

The present print is related to another engraving from the original series: *A Spanish Gentleman in the Bullring breaking a small bull without the help of the pimps*, in which a similar theme is depicted.

Beruete observed a large number of bubbles in the print, which may be due to the acid not having been moved properly during the bite. It is thought that this is why Goya discarded it and did not include it in the first edition of the *Bullfighting*. There are several authors who agree with Beruete, including Luján and Lafuente Ferrari. All of them consider that the seven prints identified by the letters A-G are those that Goya rejected while he was working.

Lafuente Ferrari, for himself, places this engraving among the scenes that present lances without historical accuracy and explains that "pimps" on foot used to appear in the bullfights to help the "mounted bullfighters".

There is a preparatory drawing for this print, also entitled *A gentleman in the bullring breaking a little bull with the help of a pimp (Bullfighting A)*.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

A (print, upper right-hand corner)

#### EXPOSICIONES

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Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1946

catalogue Elena Páez Ríos

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**ENLACES EXTERNOS**