



**Madman in the straw: "a sinister corridor. From behind heavy doors escape the repulsive groans and sickening odors of the mad vomiters doing a cure of disgust (on cheap wine). Behind the last door, a premature madman, naked in the straw. I photographed him through the thick murky glass of his spyhole, licked again and again, without seeing anything (reflex cameras didn't exist at the time). At 2 am, I finally convince the charming head doctor, worn down by my arguments, to let me take the picture in my own way",**  
**Psychiatric hospital**

**Date**

1954

**Primary Maker**

Jean-Philippe Charbonnier

**Medium**

Vintage gelatin silver print

**Dimensions**

Overall: 9 3/8 × 6 3/8 in. (23.8 × 16.2 cm) Image: 9 3/8 × 6 3/8 in. (23.8 × 16.2 cm)