

Robert Hooke, Self-Assembly, and Force Laws

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Preambles:

Force Laws
&
Snowflakes

RELIGION

Evangelical Scientists Refute Gravity With New 'Intelligent Falling' Theory

KANSAS CITY, KS—As the debate over the teaching of evolution in public schools continues, a new controversy over the science curriculum arose Monday in this embattled Midwestern state. Scientists from the Evangelical Center For Faith-Based Reasoning are now asserting that the long-held "theory of gravity" is flawed, and they have responded to it with a new theory of Intelligent Falling.



Above: Rev. Gabriel Burdett (left) explains Intelligent Falling.

"Things fall not because they are acted upon by some gravitational force, but because a higher intelligence, 'God' if you will, is pushing them down," said Gabriel Burdett, who holds degrees in education, applied Scripture, and physics from Oral Roberts University.

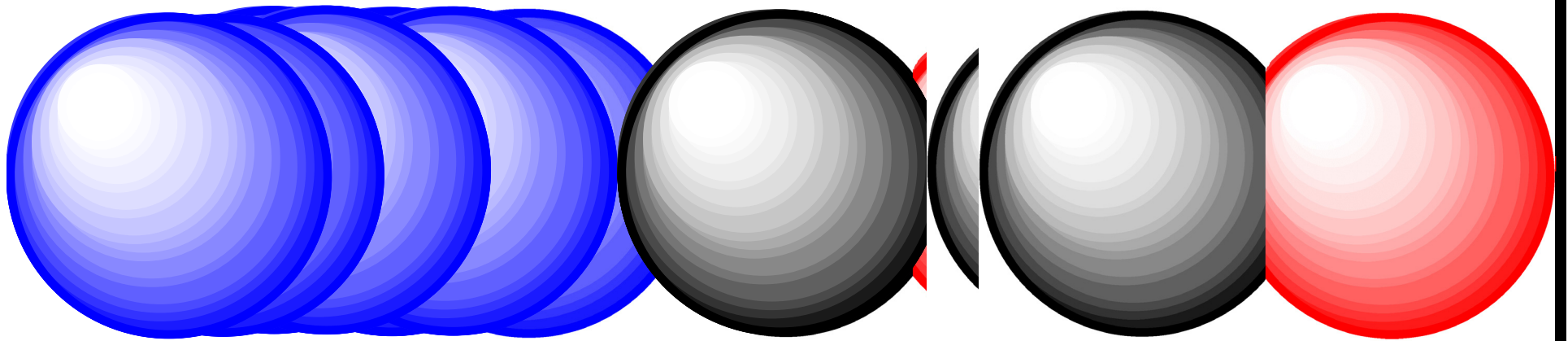
Burdett added: "Gravity—which is taught to our children as a law—

is founded on great gaps in understanding. The laws predict the mutual force between all bodies of mass, but they cannot explain that force. Isaac Newton himself said, 'I suspect that my theories may all depend upon a force for which philosophers have searched all of nature in vain.' Of course, he is alluding to a higher power."

Founded in 1987, the ECFR is the world's leading institution of evangelical physics, a branch of physics based on literal interpretation of the Bible.

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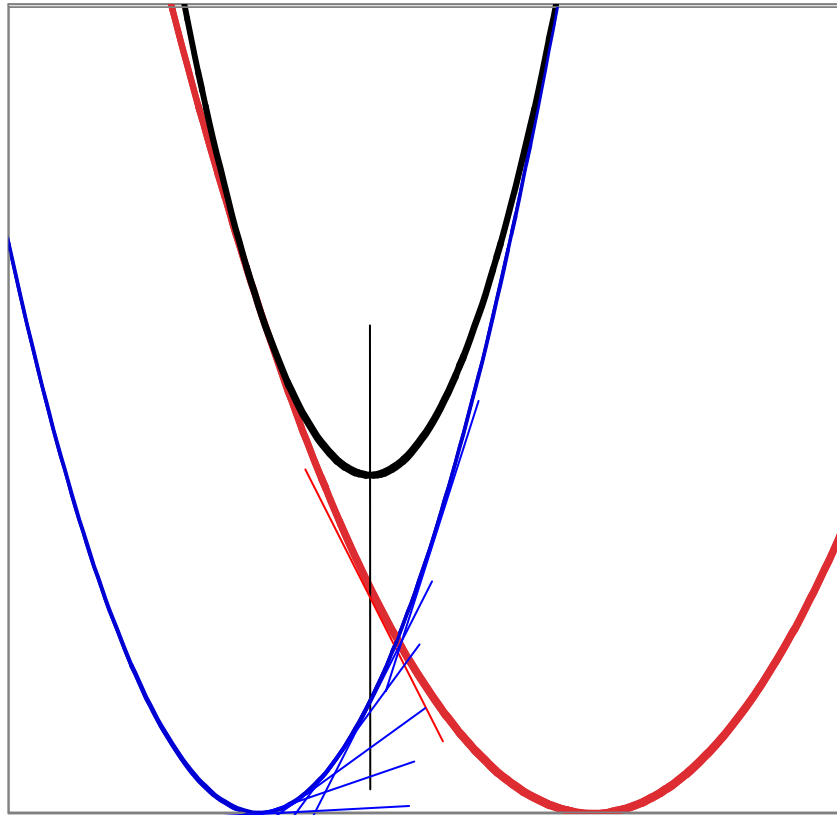
When does
a Chain of Atoms
Snap?



Force Laws & Molecular Structure

$$F = -k \Delta x$$

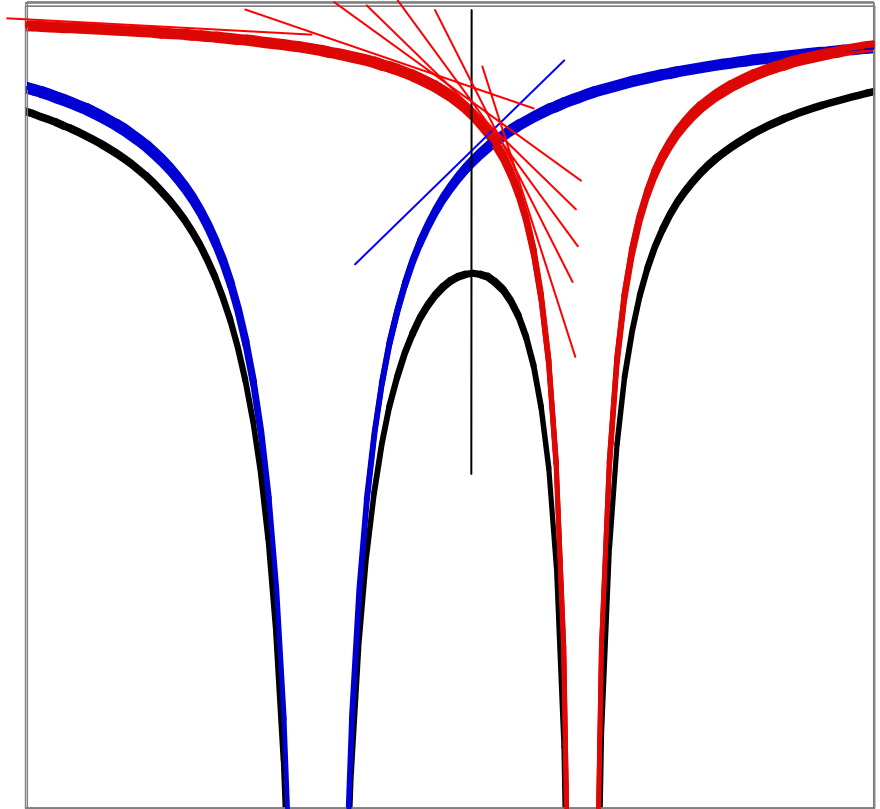
Spring



Balanced minimum
Single Minimum

$$F = -k / (\Delta r)^2$$

Gravity / Electrical Charge



~~Balanced minimum~~ !
Double Minimum

Morse Potential

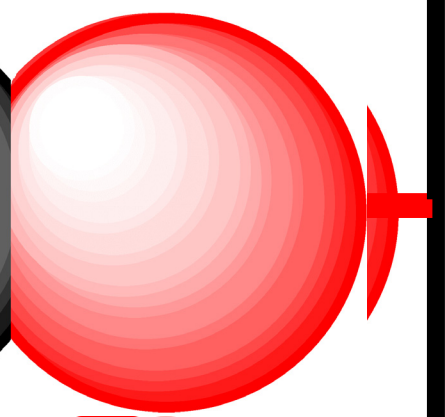
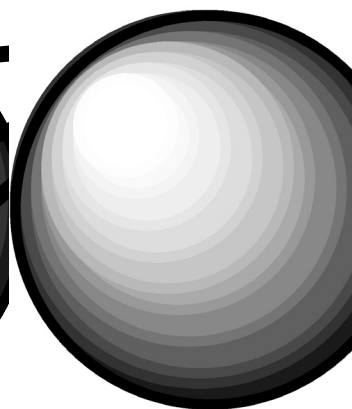
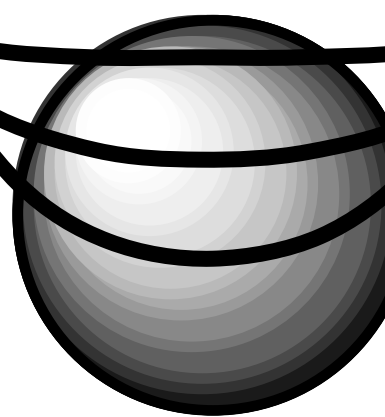
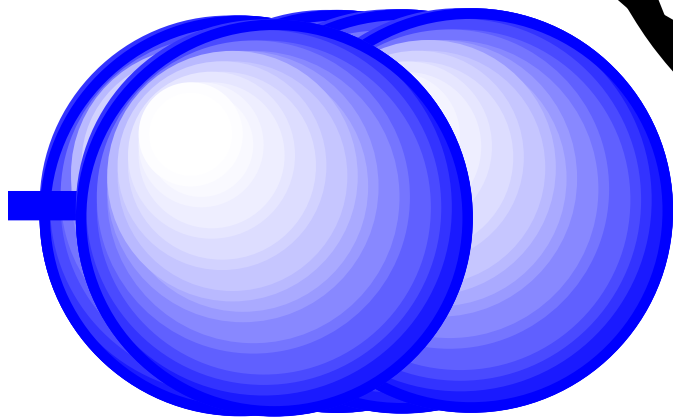
(1929)

Snaps at

Inflection Point

(Change from direct to inverse force)

Sum



Force Laws are
pretty Fundamental.

When / How / Why
by Whom
were they Discovered?

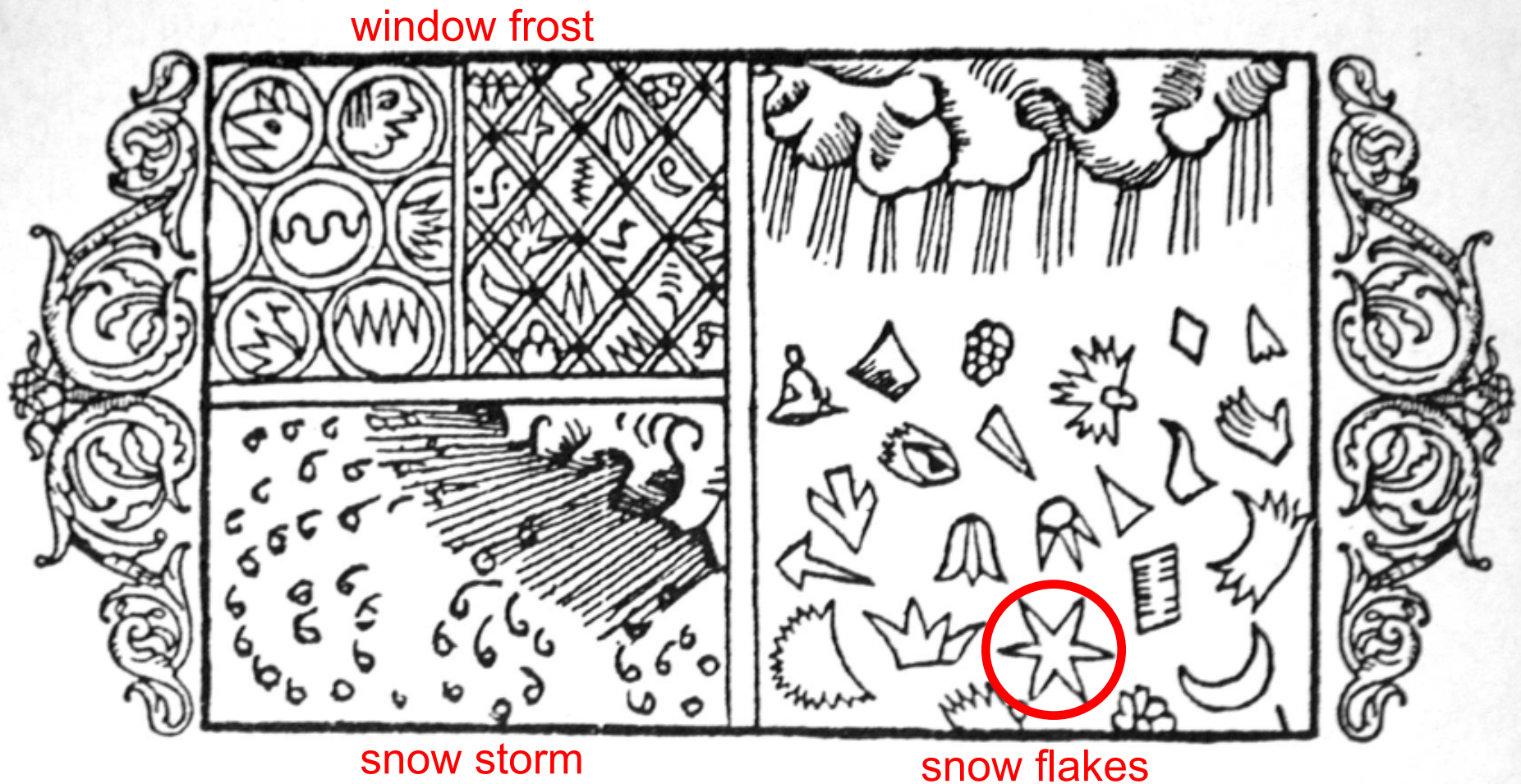


Chapt. 23: On the snow castles of children

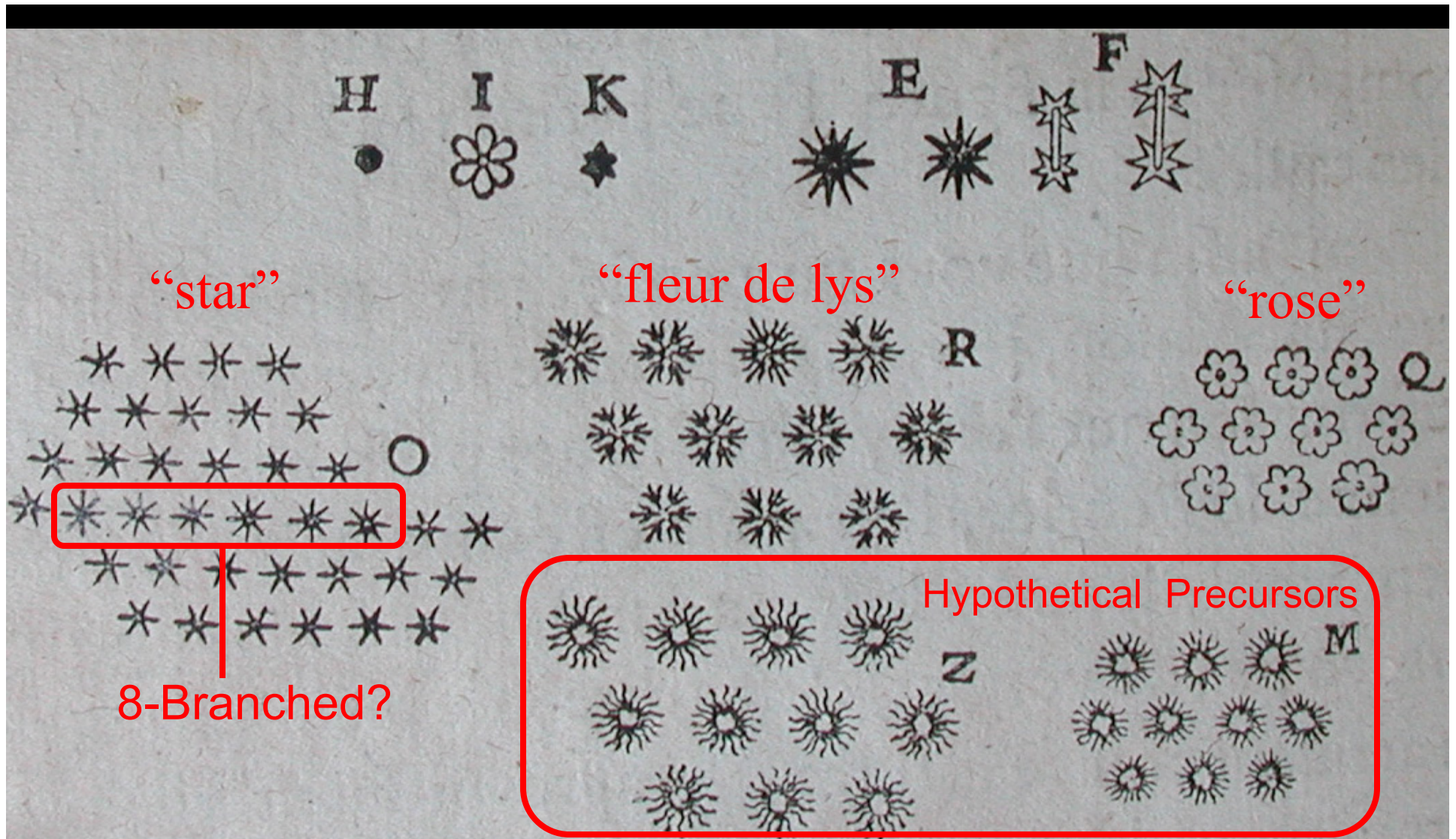


Olaus Magnus (Rome, 1555)

Chapt. 22: On the various shapes of snow



Olaus Magnus (Rome, 1555)



René Descartes

Les Météores (1637)

Erasmus Bartolinus (1661)

“Snatched Snowflakes”

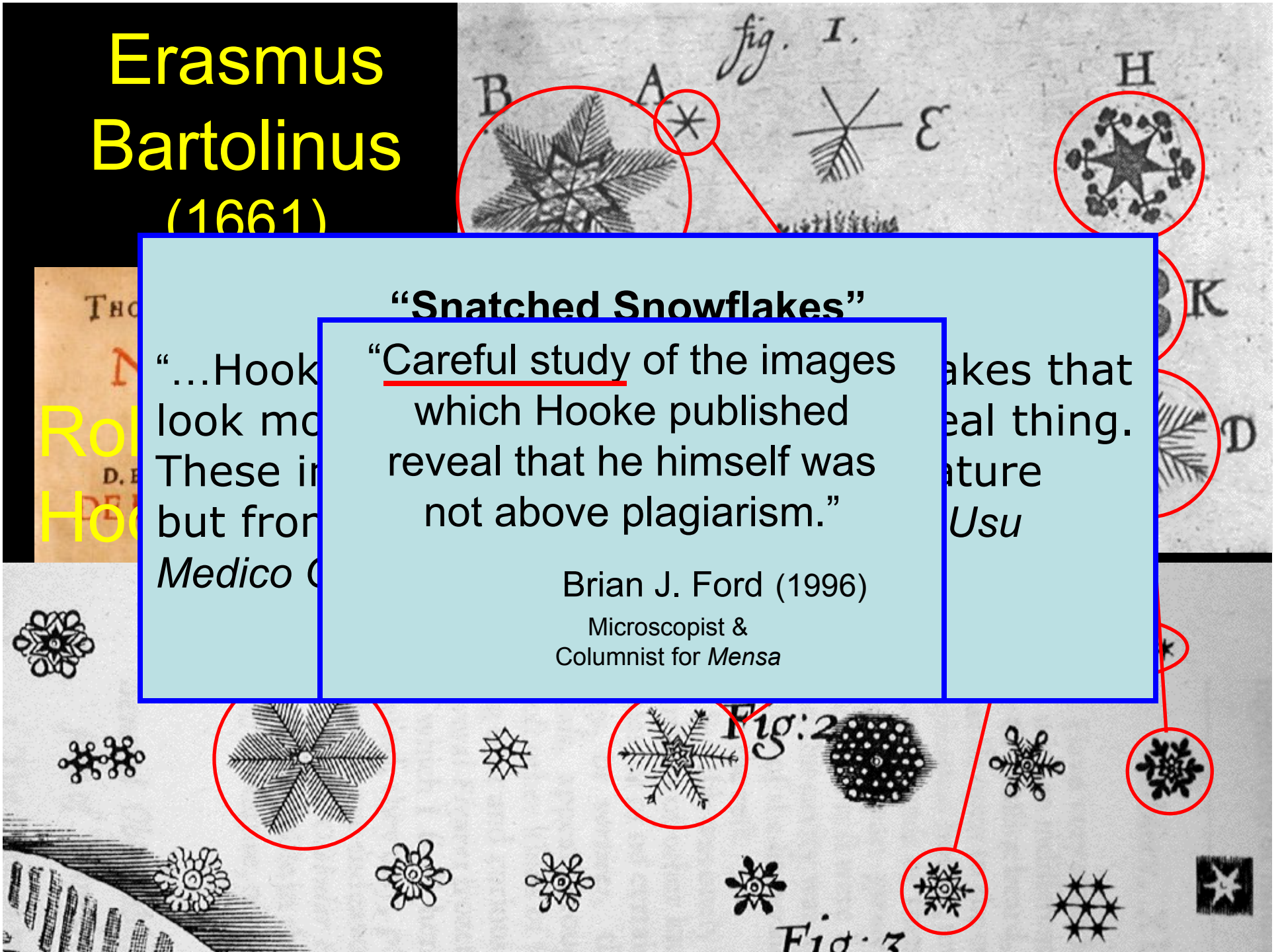
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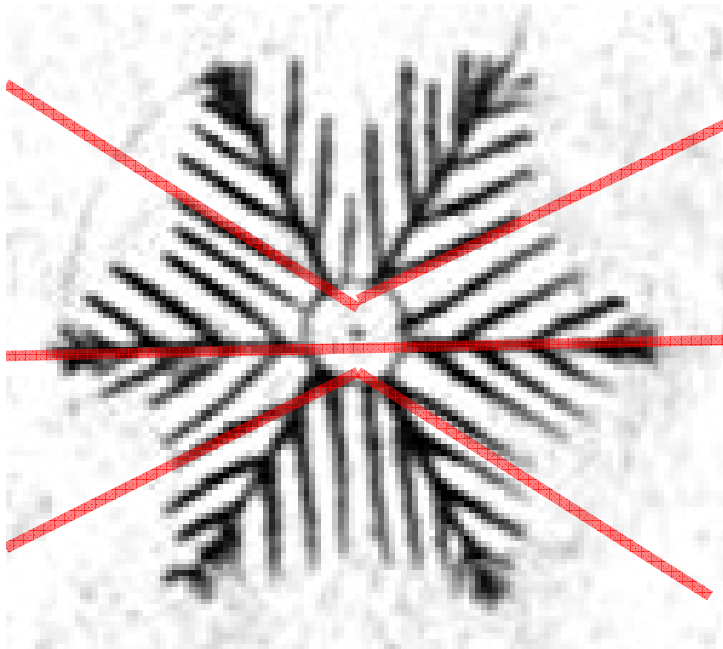
“Careful study of the images
which Hooke published
reveal that he himself was
not above plagiarism.”

Brian J. Ford (1996)

Microscopist &
Columnist for *Mensa*

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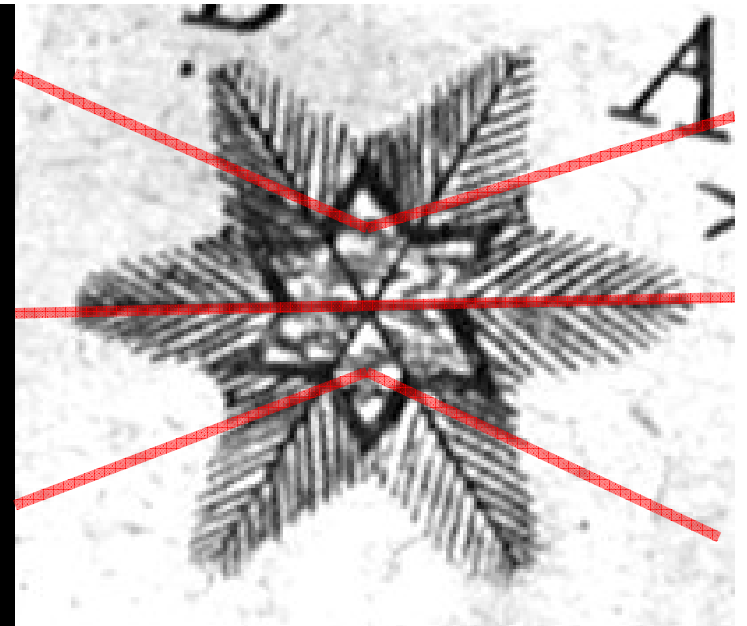




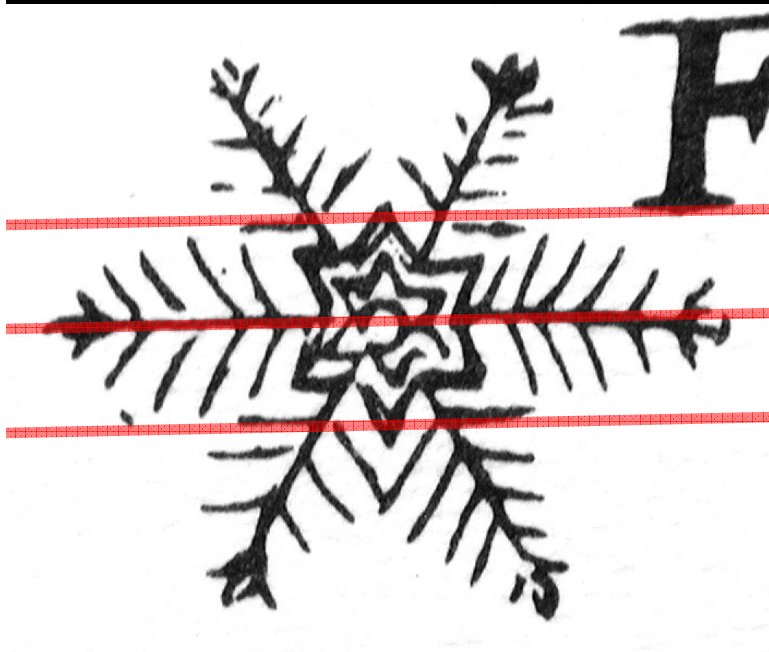
Secondary

Primary

Bartholinus
(1661)



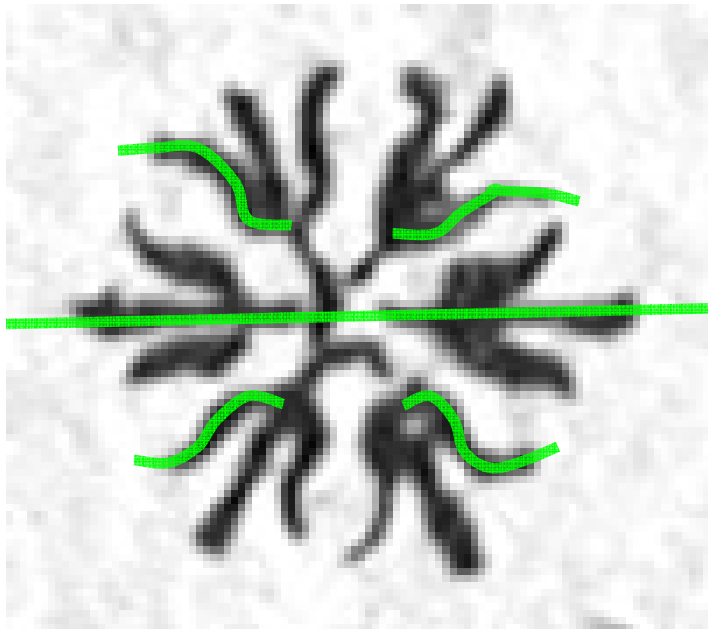
Herringbone



Hooke
(1665)

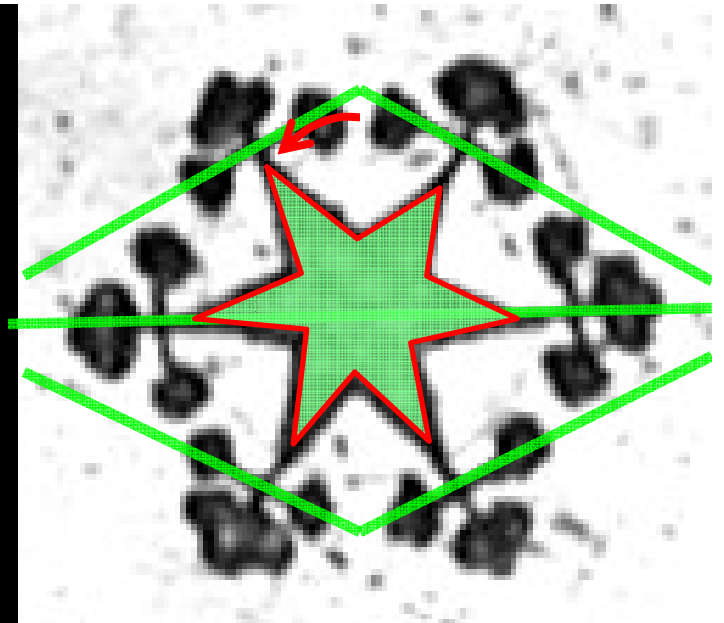
Wilson
"Snowflake"
Bentley
(1865-1931)



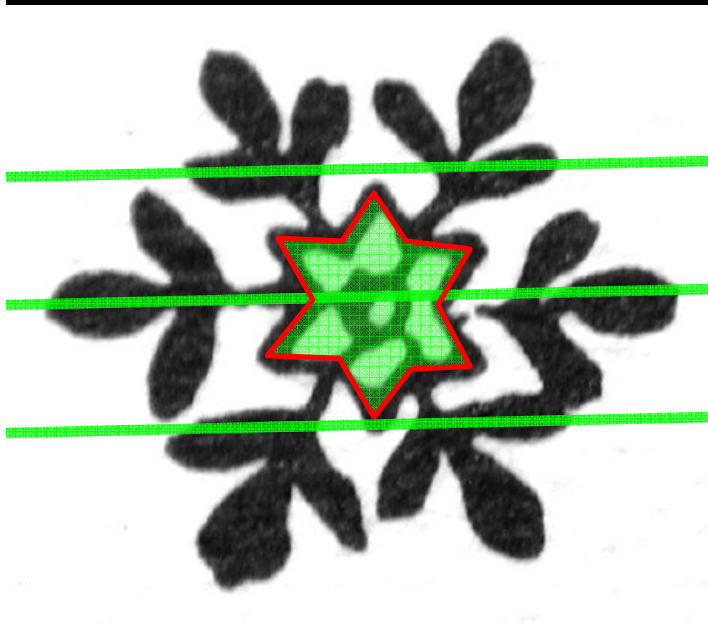


Descartes
(1637)

Bartholinus
(1661)

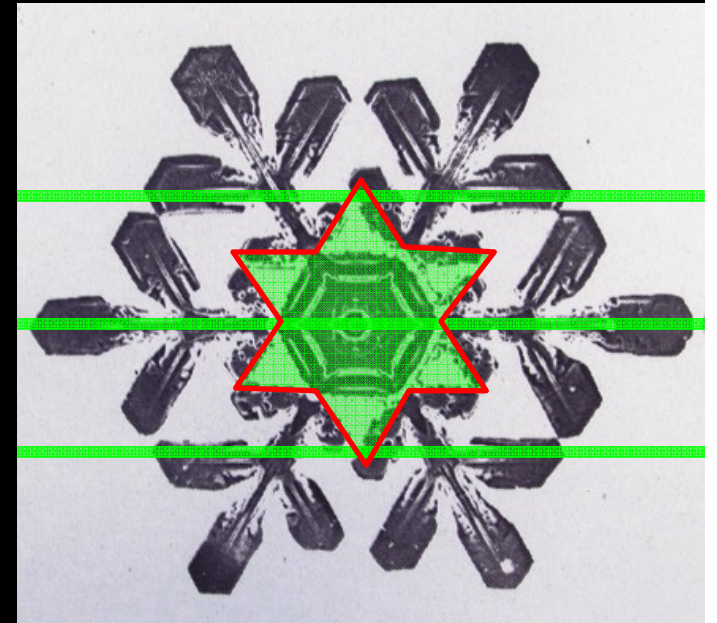


Fleur de Lys



Hooke
(1665)

Nature *via*
"Snowflake"
Bentley
(1931)

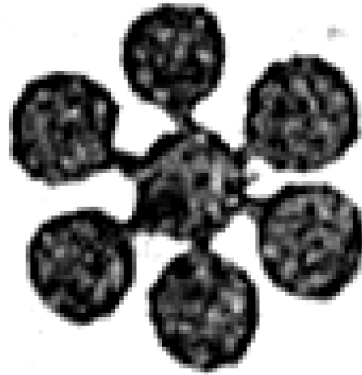


Hooke
was copying
Nature,
not Bartholinus,
nor Descartes.

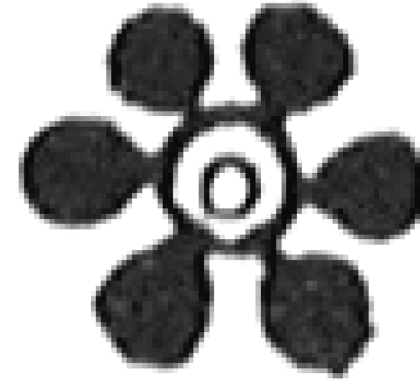
B. J. Ford to J.M.M. (6/15/05)

“The flakes you chose to analyze aren't the definitive examples, I fear. The clincher is the flake labelled K.”

Bartholinus
(1661)



K



Hooke
(1665)

J.M.M. to B.J.F. (6/15/05)
“Hooke was careful not to reproduce images directly, but - as was the habit - to make small changes so that he could not be accused of copying. But copy he did. Bentley's photomicrographs of the K flake couldn't possibly be coincidence.”

And it was not, assuredly not, observed in nature!

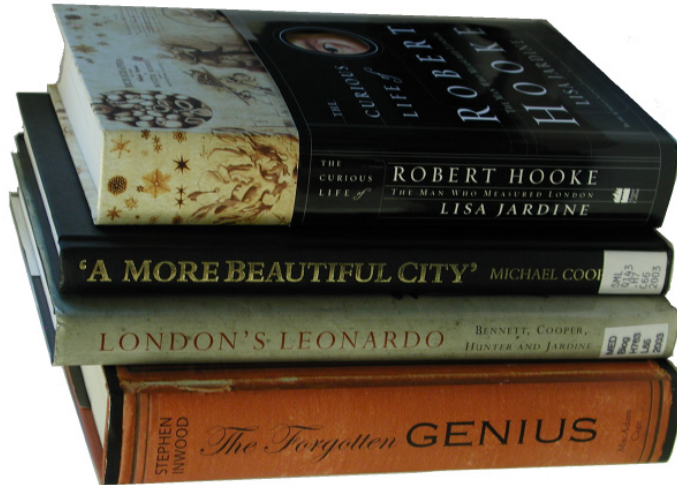
B.J.F. to J.M.M. (6/16/05)

“elegant argument...though, having looked at a great many snowflakes under the microscope, I am not persuaded.”

“Hooke was a particularly pushy and strident character, a man for whom I have unlimited admiration. But I don't doubt that he took Bartholin's pictures as his source.”

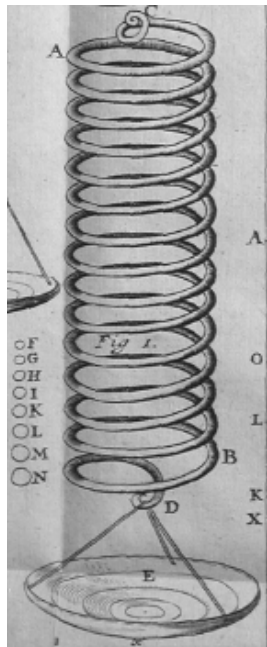
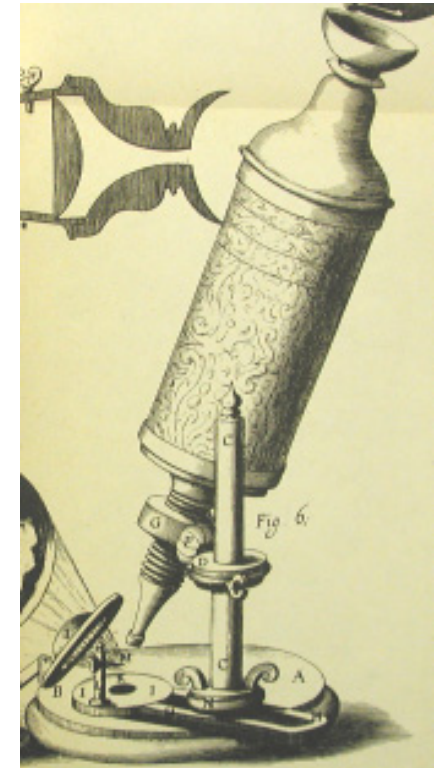
Who was Robert Hooke,
and what did he do
to deserve this reputation?

Background: Bacon, the Royal Society & the “Scientific Method”



Who was
Robert Hooke?

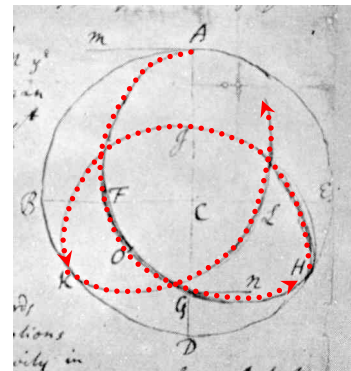
Micrographia
Mushrooms &
Self Assembly
(1665)



Hooke's
Coded
Top Ten List
(1676)

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Hooke's Law
& Its Utility
(1678)



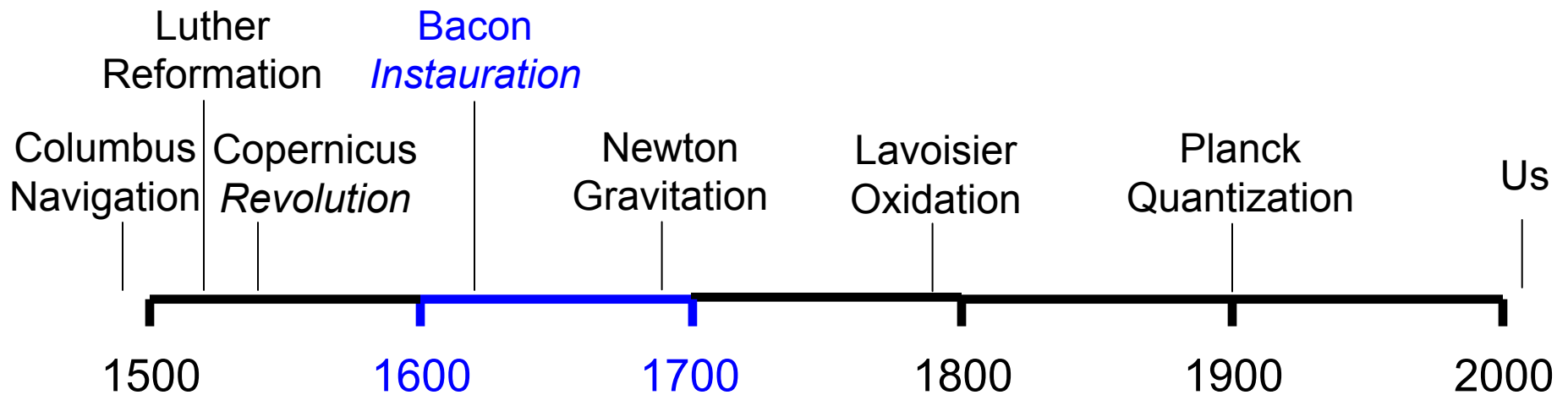
Gravity,
Geometry
& Newton
(1679-1687)



17th Century

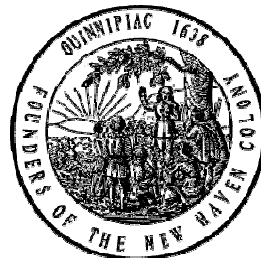
an Age of all others the most inquisitive

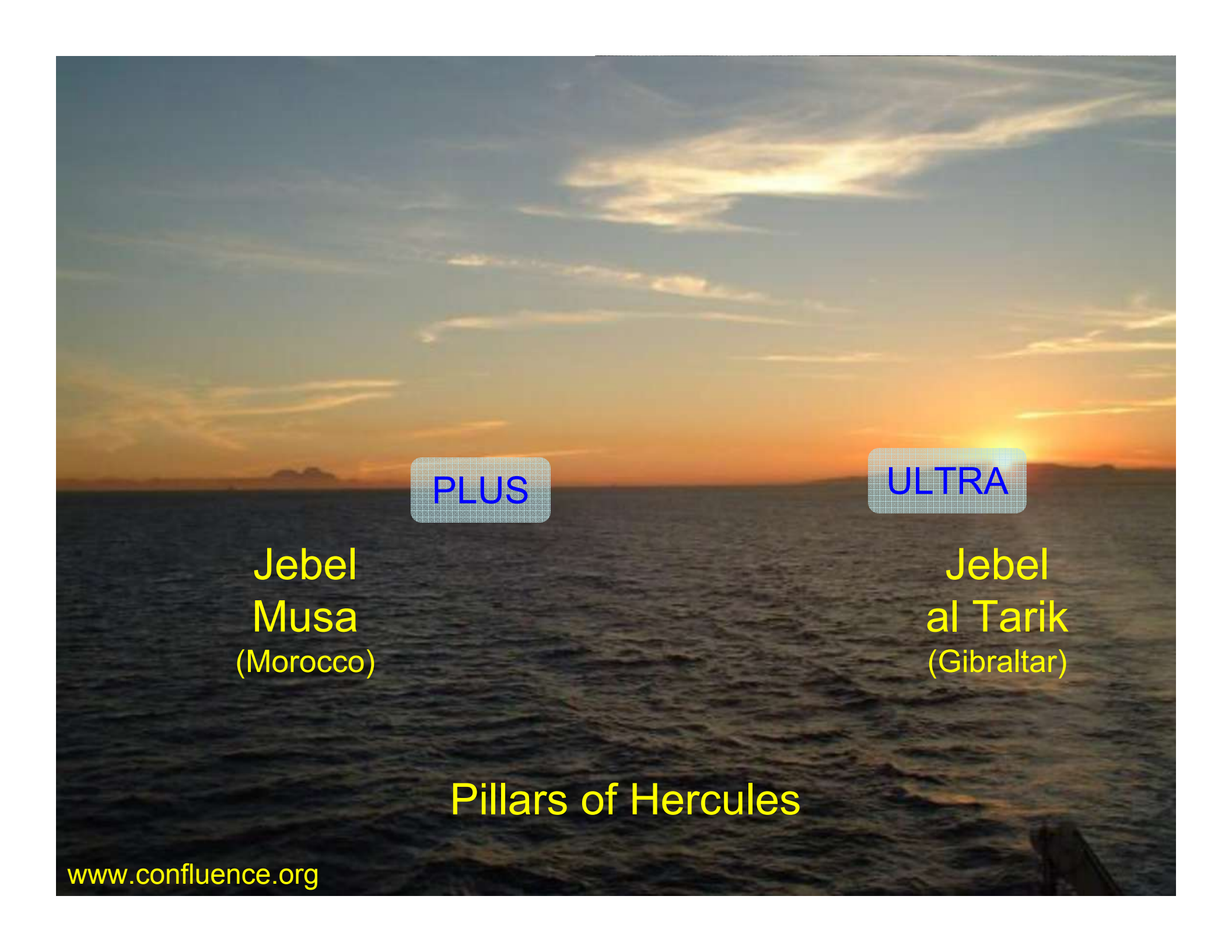
Hooke (1665)



Rob. Hooke

(1635-1703)





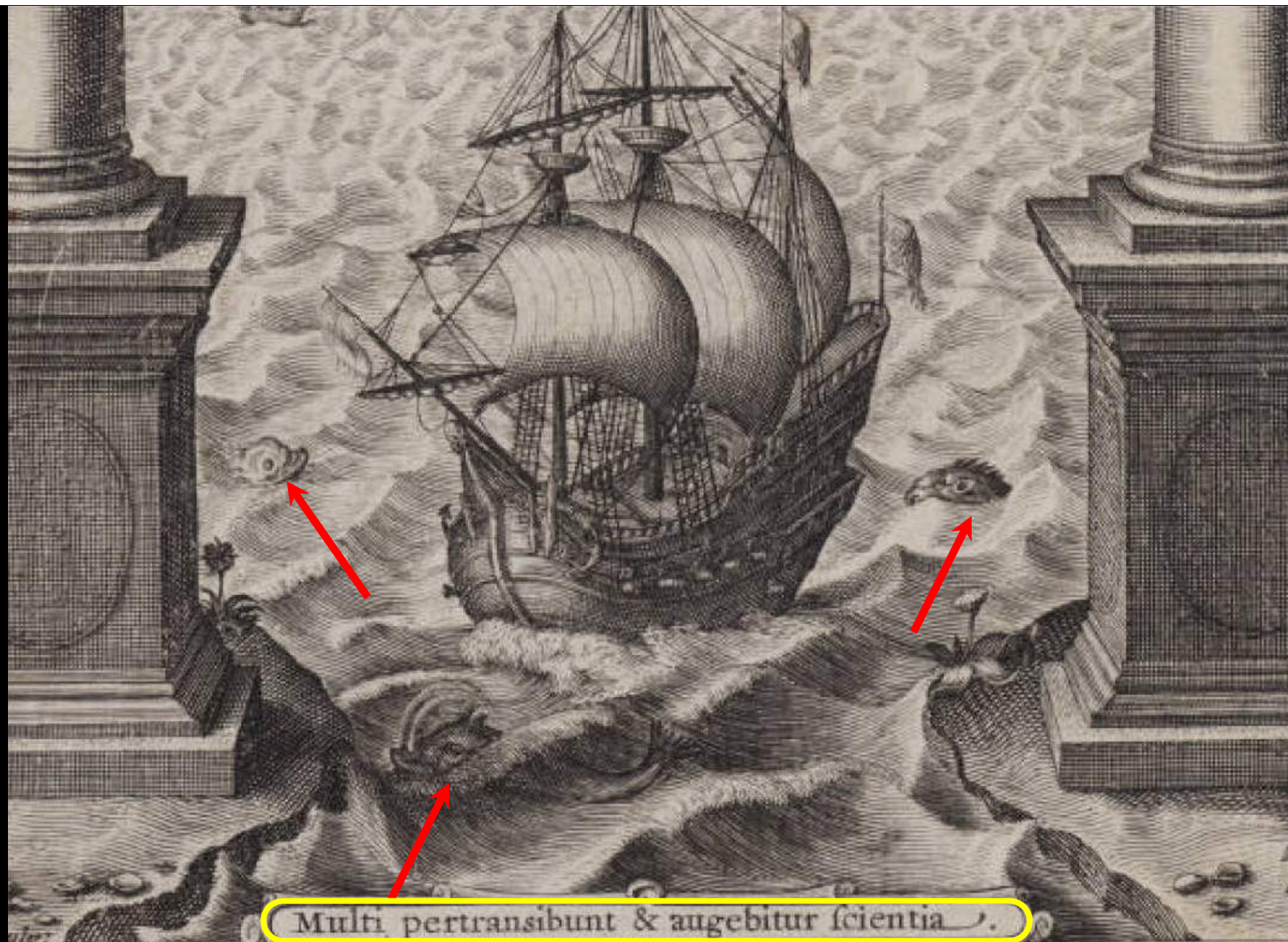
PLUS

Jebel
Musa
(Morocco)

ULTRA

Jebel
al Tarik
(Gibraltar)

Pillars of Hercules



"Many will pass through and knowledge will be increased."

Daniel 12:4

Instauratio Magna (1620)

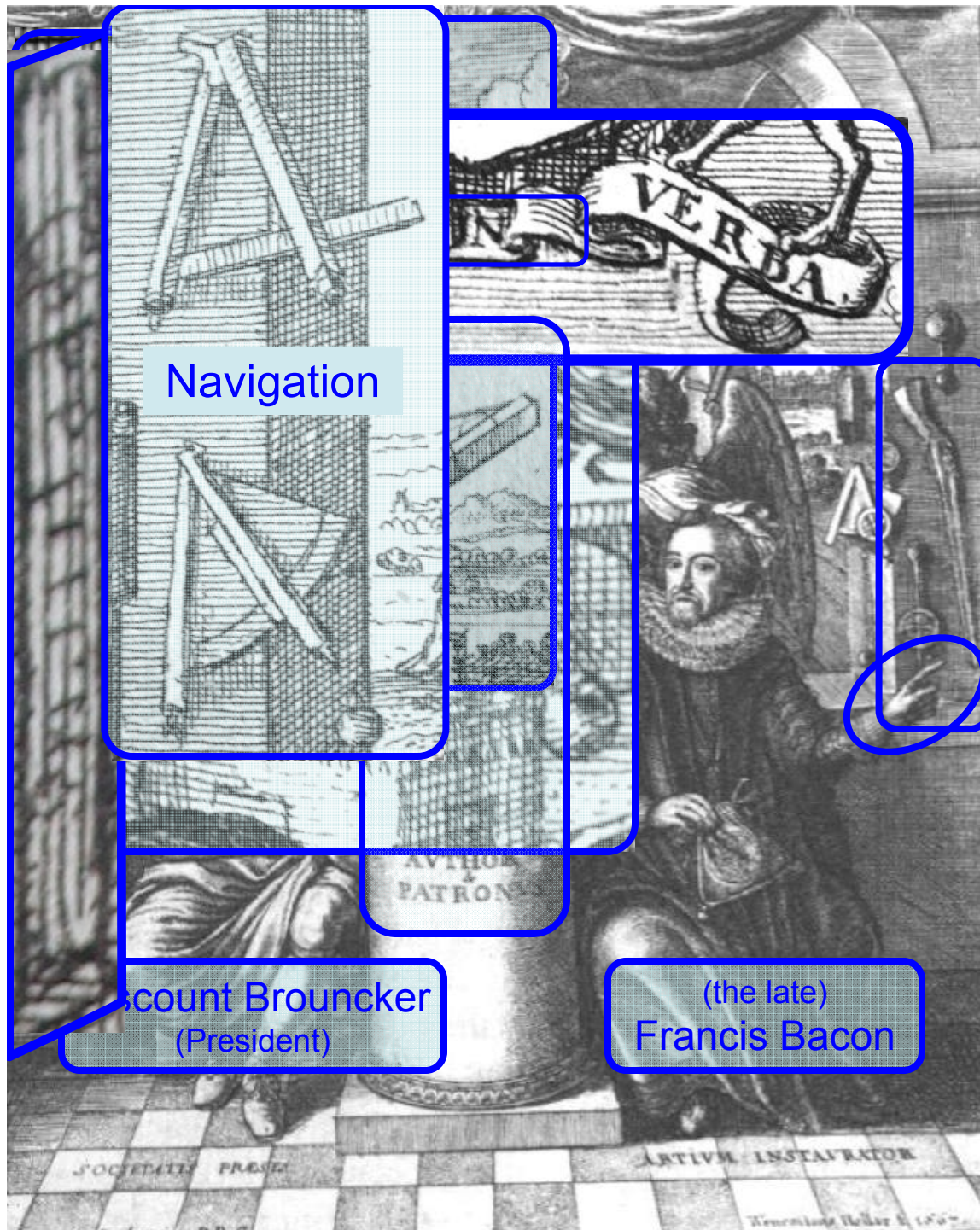
“...that wisdom which we have derived principally from the Greeks is but like the boyhood of knowledge, and has the characteristic property of boys:
it can talk, but it cannot generate;”

“...it is but a device for exempting ignorance from ignominy.”

“...the end which this science of mine proposes is the invention not of arguments but of arts.”

“...not so much by instruments as by experiments
...skilfully and artificially devised for the express purpose of determining the point in question.”

“restoration of learning and knowledge”



Ac ne forte roges, quo me
duce, quo lare tuter,
Nullius addictus jurare in
verba magistri
Quo me cumque rapit
tempestas, deferor hospes.

Horace (15 B.C.)

Lest you ask who leads
me, in what household
I lodge,
There is no master in
whose words I am
bound to take an oath,
Wherever the storm
forces me, there I put in
as a guest.

“The Royal Society
for the Improving of
Natural Knowledge
by Experiments”



Focus on Mechanics and Mechanism

...I had call'd to mind what my Curiosity
for Dissections has shown me, and
remembred how many Bones, and
Muscles, and Veins, and Arteries, and
Grisles, and Ligaments, and Nerves, and
Membranes, and Juices, a humane Body
is made up of...

Upon the Accidents of an Ague

Robert Boyle (1665)

...it being no more strange that a Man's Body should be subject to Pain, or Sickness, than that an Instrument with above a thousand Strings (if there were any such) should frequently be out of Tune...

the inimitable Structure of humane Bodies is scarce more admirable, than that such curious and elaborate Engines can be so contriv'd, as not to be oftner out of order than they are...

Robert Boyle (1665)

Our Life contains a thousand Springs,
And dies if one be gone ;
Strange ! that a Harp of thousand strings
Should keep in Tune so long.

Isaac Watts (1707)

Mechanical Understanding is a Venerable Tradition in British Science

I am never content until I have
constructed a mechanical model
of what I am studying.

If I succeed in making one,
I understand;
otherwise I do not.

Lord Kelvin, *Baltimore Lectures* (1884)



His Father was as he was fully despised
for his many Jambos, which he more
inwardly despised, with others, that he
was strait till about 16 Years of Age
when he first grew up by frequent
communicative of his philosophy
Discoveries and Inventions, till some
Accidents made him to a Crime close
and reserv'd.

He was of an active, restless, indefa-
tigable Genius even almost to the last,..
challenging his discoveries for their
seldom going to Sleep till two three, or
four a clock in the Morning; and
perfect what he had not, which made
seldomer to Bed oftener continuing his
Studies all Night, and taking a short
Nap in the Day.

*[He] is the most, and promises
the least, of any man in the world
that ever I saw.*

Pepys Diary, 15 February 1665

Robert Hooke

1635 Born youngest son of Isle of Wight curate

1648 Father dies

To London, apprenticed to Peter Lely

(headaches from oil paint)

Westminster School

(6 books of Euclid in 1 week)

1653 "Choral" Scholarship,

1655 Lab Assistant to Robert Boyle

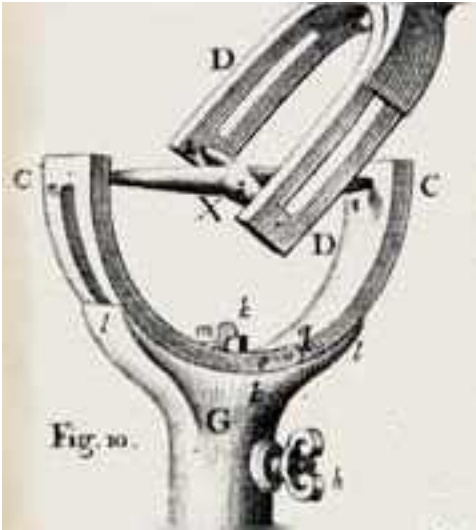
1662 Curator of Experiments
(unsalaried)

Frederick Brouncker
~1637

Louise de Keroualle
1648 (1672)



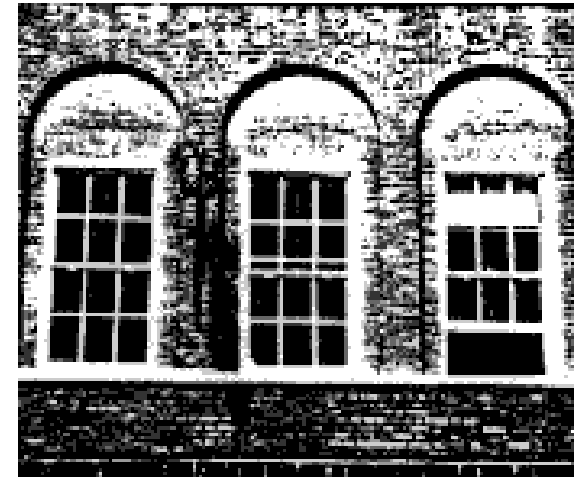
Some Hooke Inventions



Universal
Joint



Iris
Diaphragm



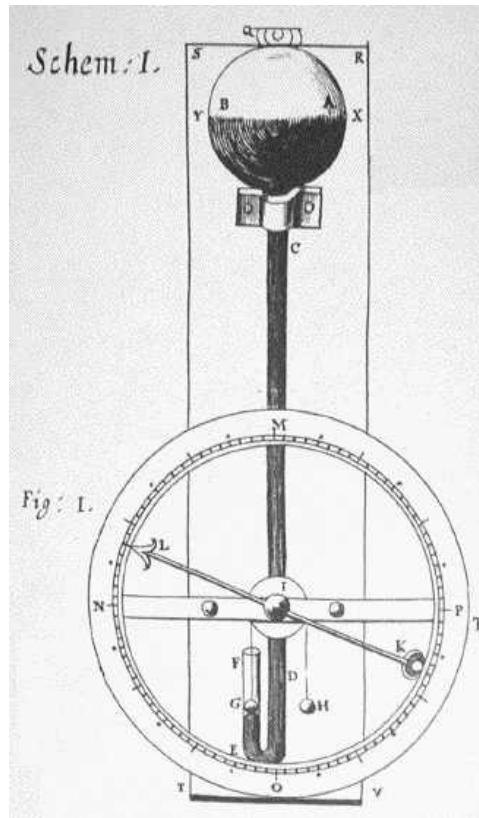
Double-Hung
Sash Window

“Telephone”



“I have, by the help of a distended wire, propagated the sound to a very considerable distance in an instant, or with as seemingly quick a motion as that of light”

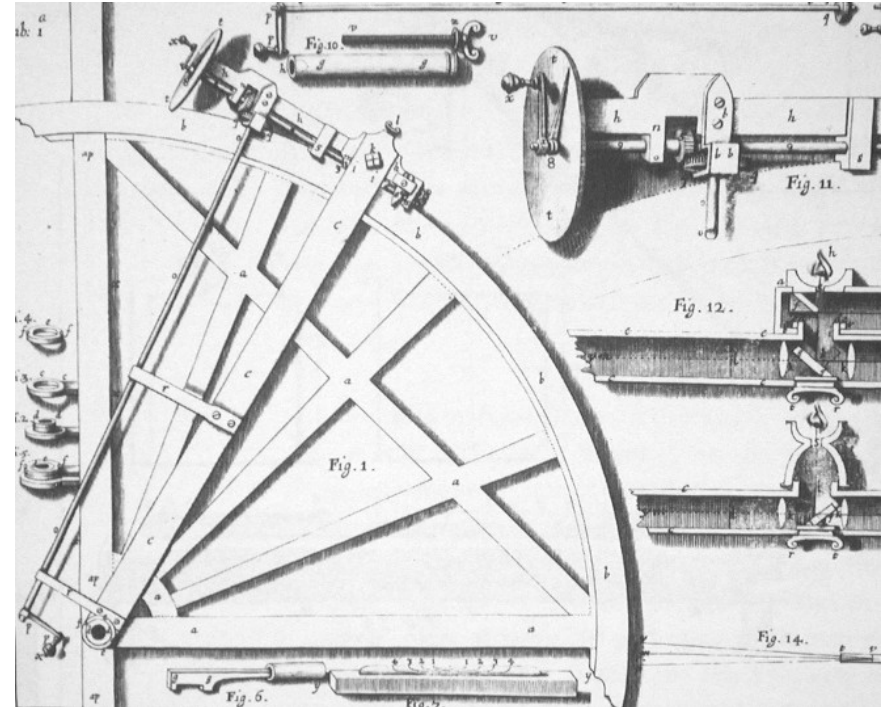
Some Hooke Instruments



Index
Barometer

Oat Beard
Hygrometer,
Weather 'Clock'
& Many Other
Meterological
Instruments

Reflecting Quadrant
Micrometer Screw, Telescopic Sight
(clockwork drive & spirit level)



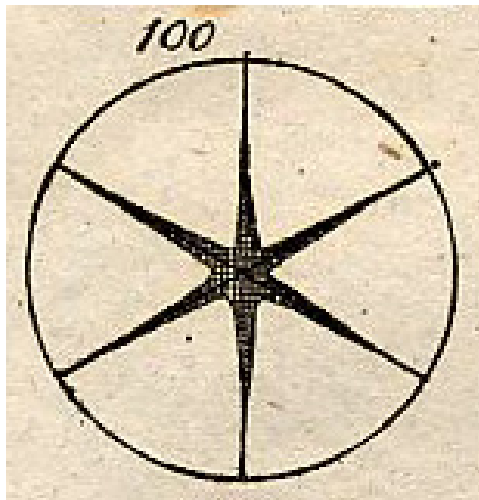
Compound Microscope

“By the addition of such artificial Instruments and methods, there may be, in some manner, a reparation made to the mischiefs, and imperfection, mankind has drawn upon it self.”

Micrographia Preface (1665)

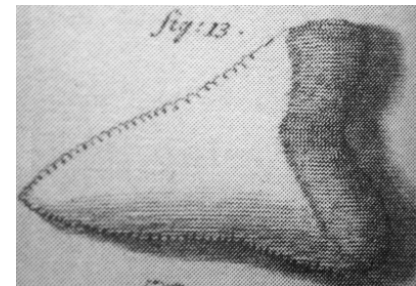
Some Hooke Discoveries

Spots and Rotation
of Jupiter & Mars



“Chladni” Figures

Fossil record of
mutability of Earth and species



Role of the lungs in aerating blood
Consumption of “nitrous air” by combustion

Three Weeks for Hooke (October, 1663)

Prepare a paper on what should be observed
and recorded for a history of weather

Make and demonstrate a hygroscope
from the beard of a wild oat, with an index

Prepare two thermometers (tin and glass, invented by Wren)

Make an artificial eye.

Prepare a suitable concave glass
for projecting a picture in a lighted room

Remove and restitch a piece of a dog's skin to see if it will regrow

Move in at Gresham College

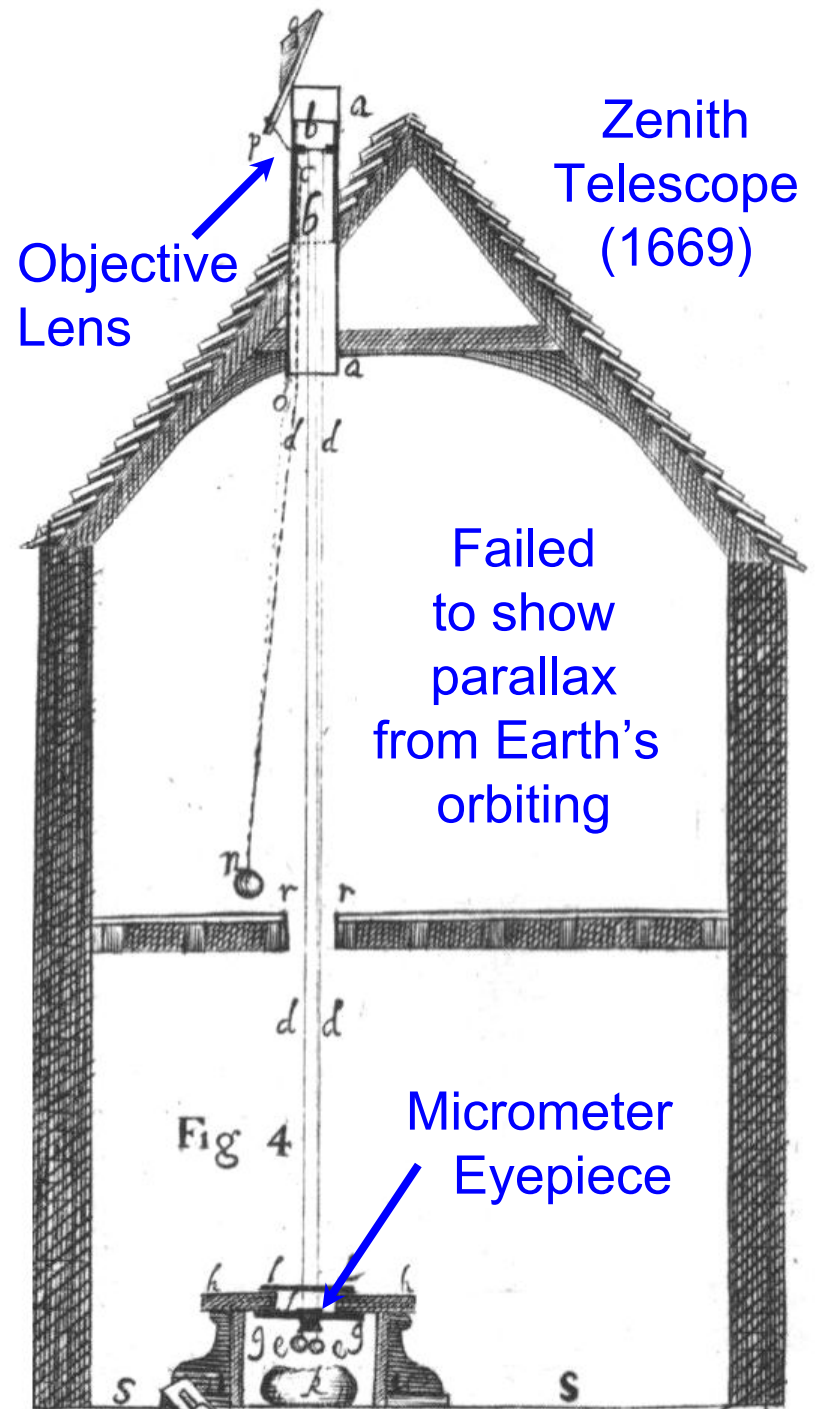
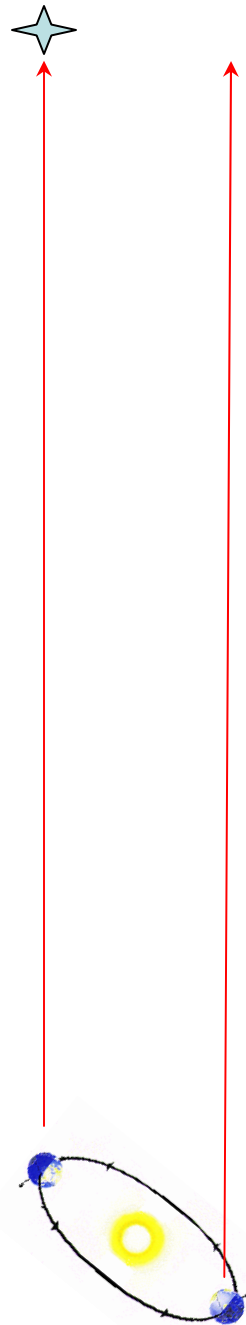
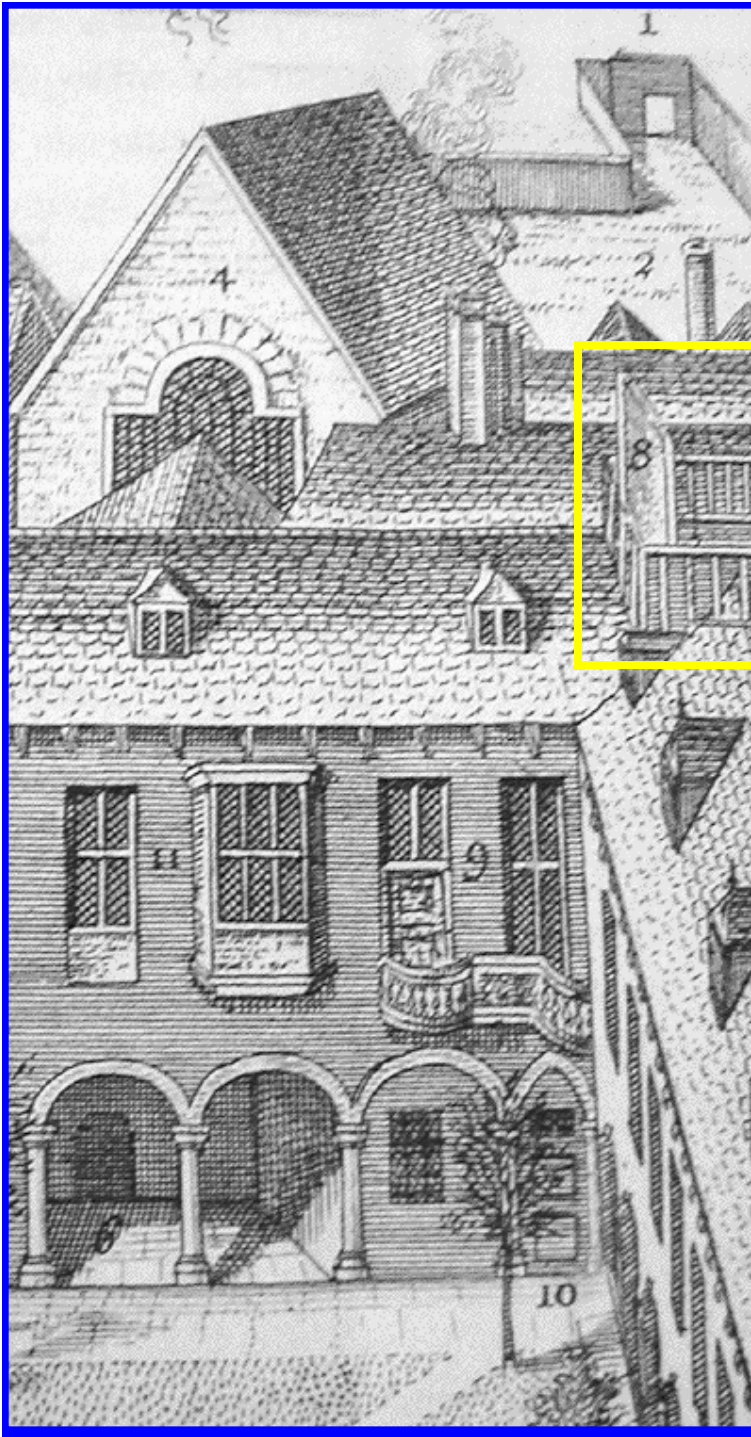
Supervise making a new air pump
and a machine for measuring the force of gunpowder

Prepare micrographs of common fly and moss growing on brick

Care for Society Repository - labeling objects (with provenance)

Prepare demo of lineless depth sounder to show King Charles

Graft feathers onto a cock's comb



MICROGRAPHIA:

OR SOME

Physiological Descriptions

OF

MINUTE BODIES

MADE BY

MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

WITH

OBSERVATIONS and INQUIRIES thereupon.

By *R. HOOKE*, Fellow of the *ROYAL SOCIETY*.

*Non possis oculo quantum contendere Linceus,
Non tamen idcirco contemnas Lippus inungi. Horat. Ep. lib. 1.*



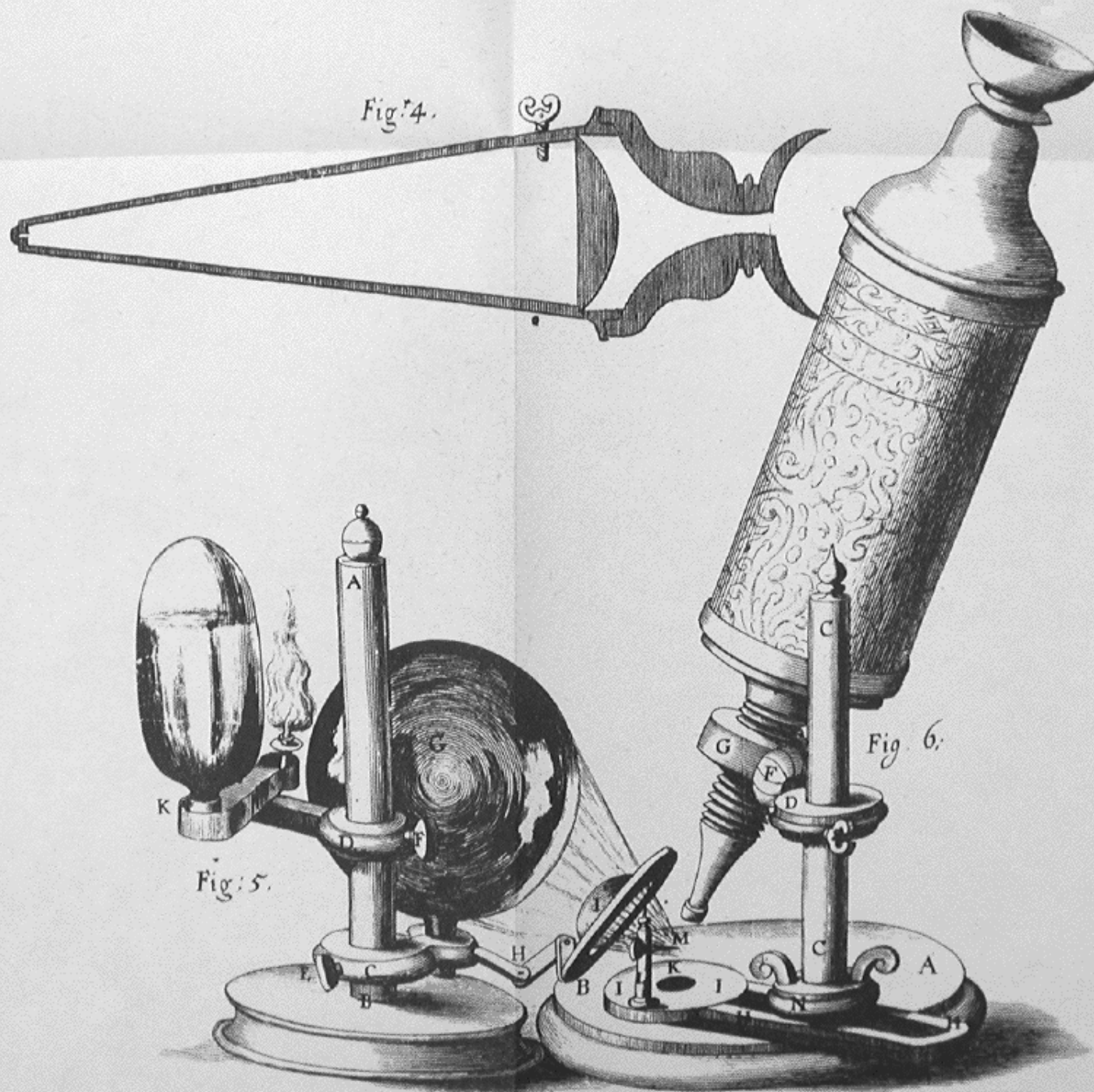
LONDON, Printed by *Jo. Martyn*, and *Ja. Allestry*, Printers to the
ROYAL SOCIETY, and are to be sold at their Shop at the *Bell* in
S. Paul's Church-yard. *M DC LX V.*

1665

TO THE
ROYAL SOCIETY

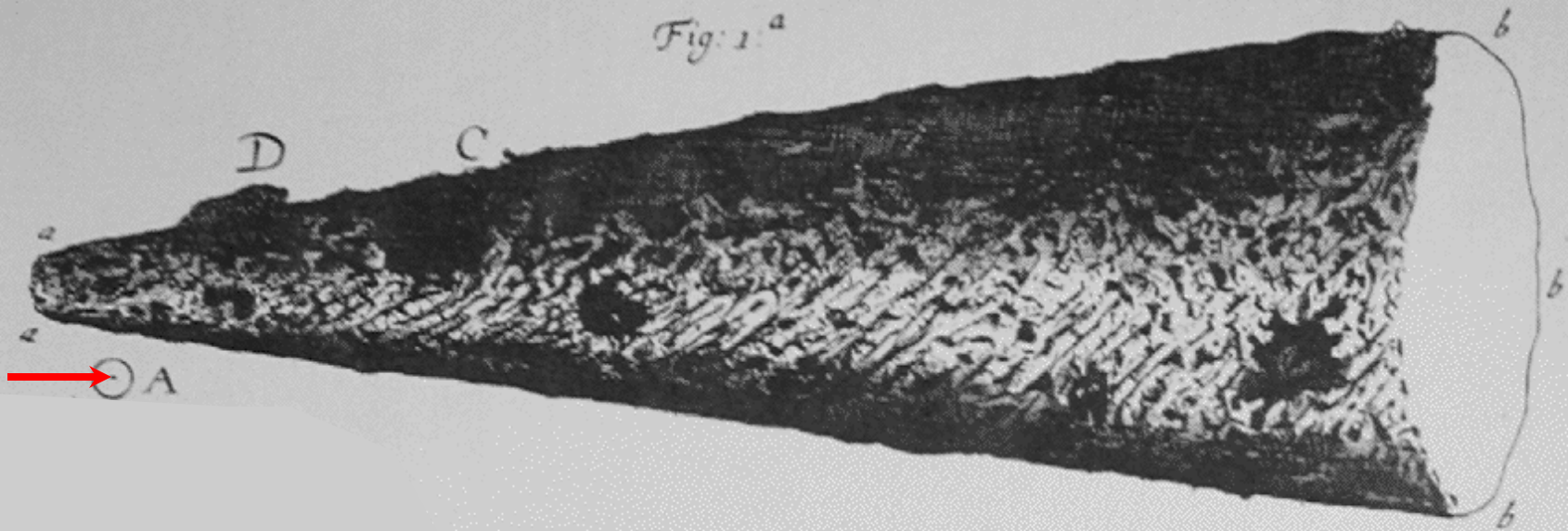
...I have added some *Conjectures*...And therefore ... I must also beg YOUR *pardon*. The Rules YOU have prescrib'd YOURselves in YOUR Philosophical Progress do seem the best that have ever yet been practis'd. And particularly that of avoiding *Dogmatizing*, and the *espousal* of any *Hypothesis* not sufficiently grounded and confirm'd by *Experiments*.

...I desire them to be understood only as
Conjectures and Quaeries.



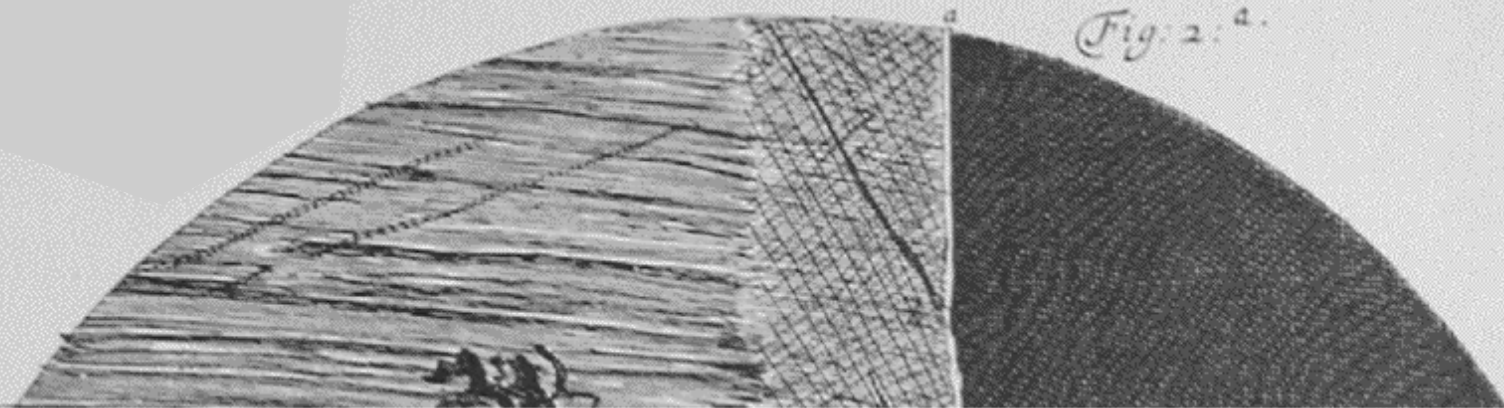
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Fig: 1: ^a



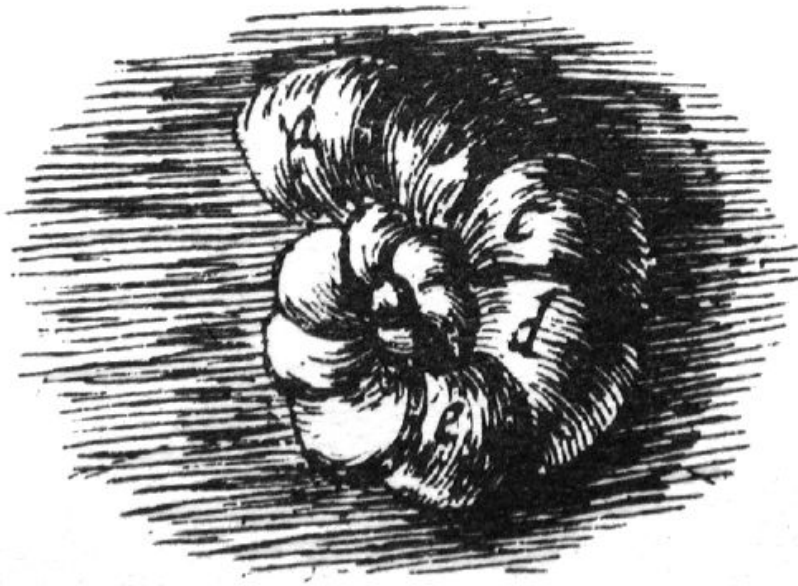
$\frac{1}{36}$ poll. Ang: or of an inch

Fig: 2: ^a



Observ. XI.
Of Figures observ'd in small Sand

Fig: x.



First Protozoan Picture

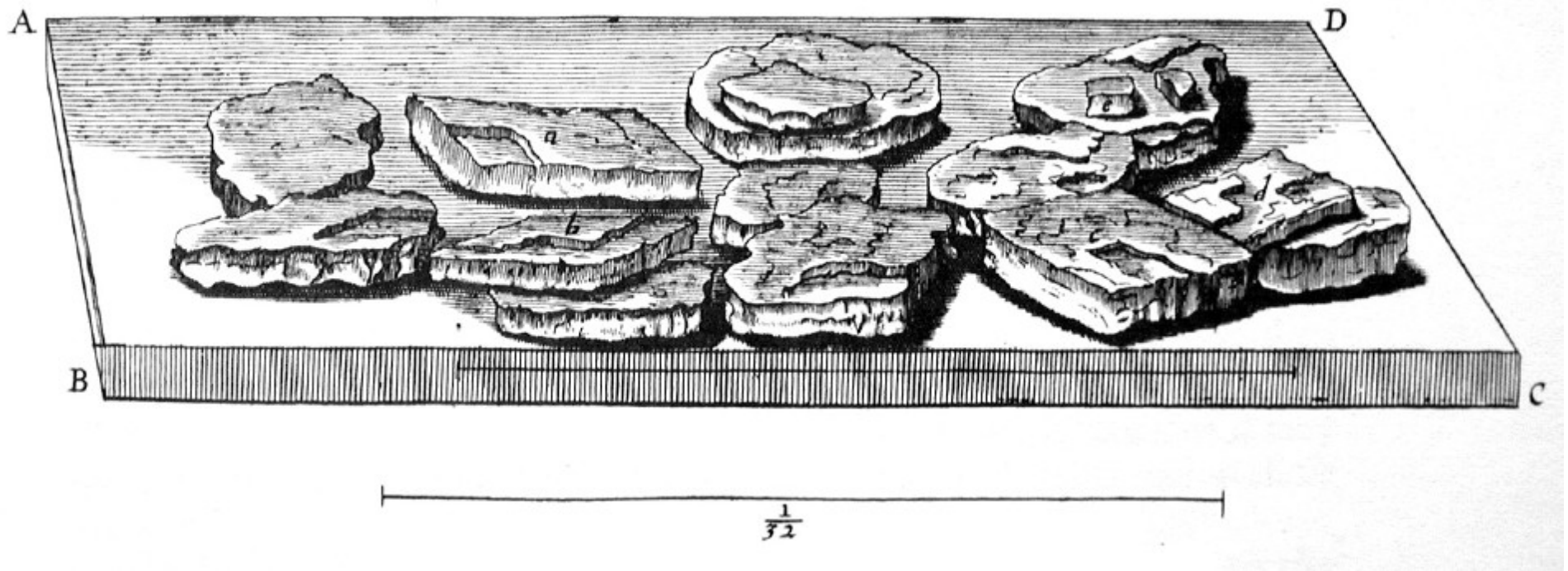
0.3 mm



<http://www.fathom.com>

Foraminifer from
Dover Cliffs

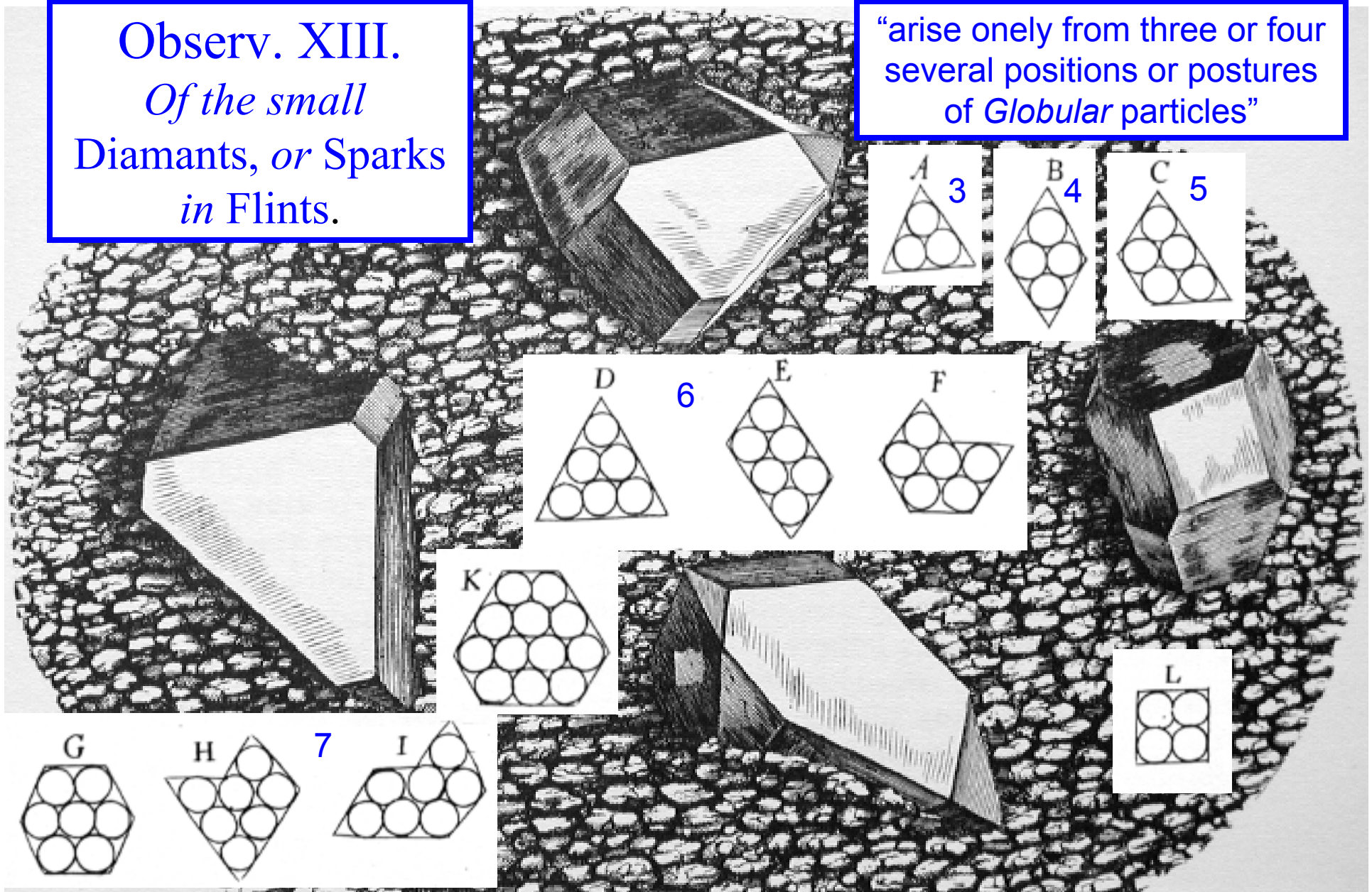
Observ. XII. *Of Gravel in Urine*



“How great an advantage it would be to such as are troubled with the Stone, to find some *menstruum* that might dissolve them without hurting the bladder.”

Observ. XIII.
*Of the small
Diamants, or Sparks
in Flints.*

“arise onely from three or four
several positions or postures
of *Globular* particles”



“there was not any regular Figure, which I have hitherto met withal, that I could not with bullets...imitate, even almost by shaking them together.”

“...the Philosophers hitherto...
conclude nature in these things to
play the Geometrician, according
to that saying of *Plato*

God does geometry

“impossible to imitate exactly the
curious and Geometrical *Mechanism*
of Nature in any [snowflake]”

“Nor have I hitherto found indeed an opportunity of prosecuting the inquiry
“...I designed...to get as exact and full a collection as I could, of all the differing kinds of Geometrical figur'd bodies...

OED's 1st use of “*crystallization*”
in the English Language

Having such a multitude of instances to compare...as in the Solution and **Crystallization** of Salts, we cannot but learn plentiful information...of the Principle which Nature has made use of almost in all inanimate bodies.”

Hooke's Mechanism of Growth

Imagination

Sensation

Amination

Plantamination

Vegetation

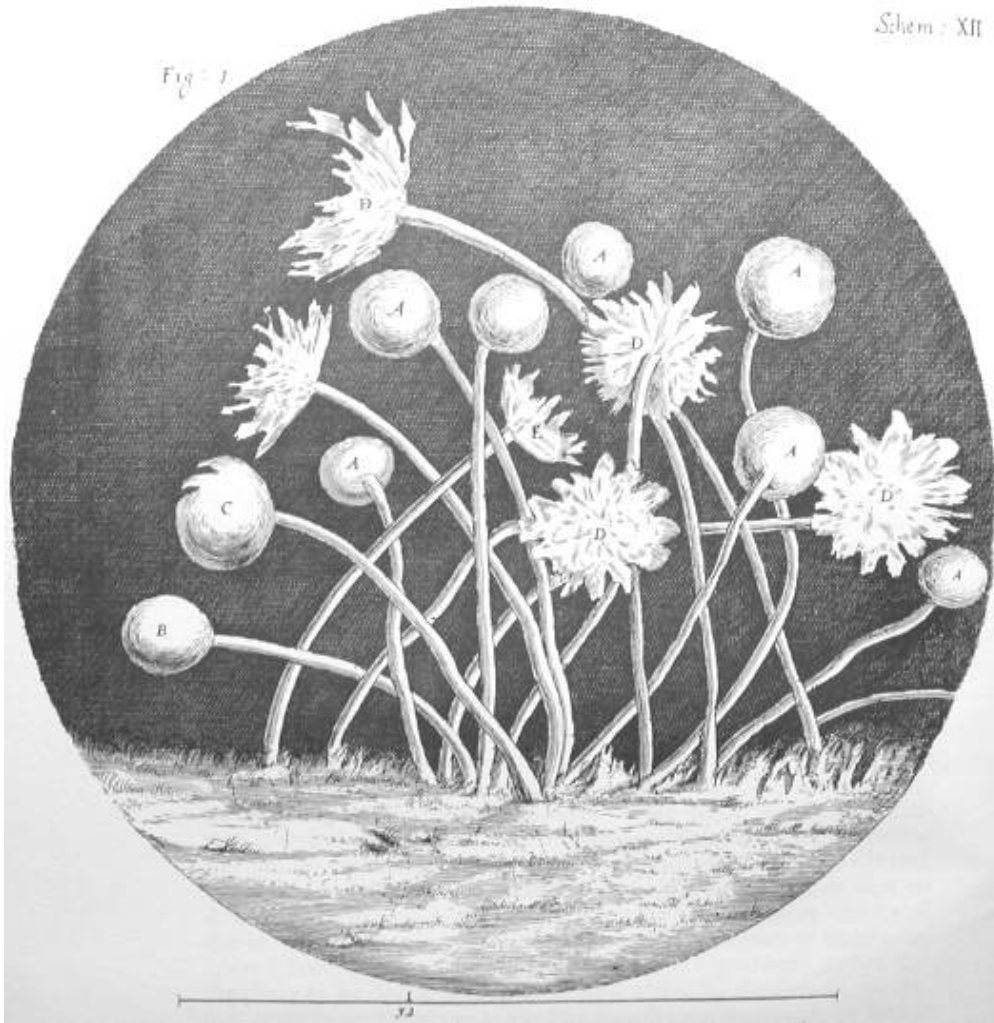
→ Germination or Ebullition

Angulization or Crystallization

Fixation

Orbiculation

Fluidity



“The several kinds of hairy mouldy spots... are all of them nothing else but several kinds of small and variously figur’d mushrooms of the
 of Vegetation
 It does not as yet appear (that I know of) that Mushrooms may be generated from a seed,
 First Microfungus Illustration

but they rather seem to depend merely upon a convenient constitution of the matter out of which they are made, and a concurrence of either natural or artificial heat.”

“concreted by mechanical principles”



“Mushrooms” in
Candle Wick

“Diana Tree”

($\text{AgNO}_3 + \text{Hg}$)





Petrifying Water

“I have seen
some knobb’d
a little at the
lower end,
though, for
the most part,
indeed, they
are otherwise.”

Growth by Self-Assembly

“...as far as I have been able to look into the nature of this Primary kind of life and vegetation, I cannot find the least probable argument to persuade me there is any other concurrent cause then such as is purely Mechanical...”

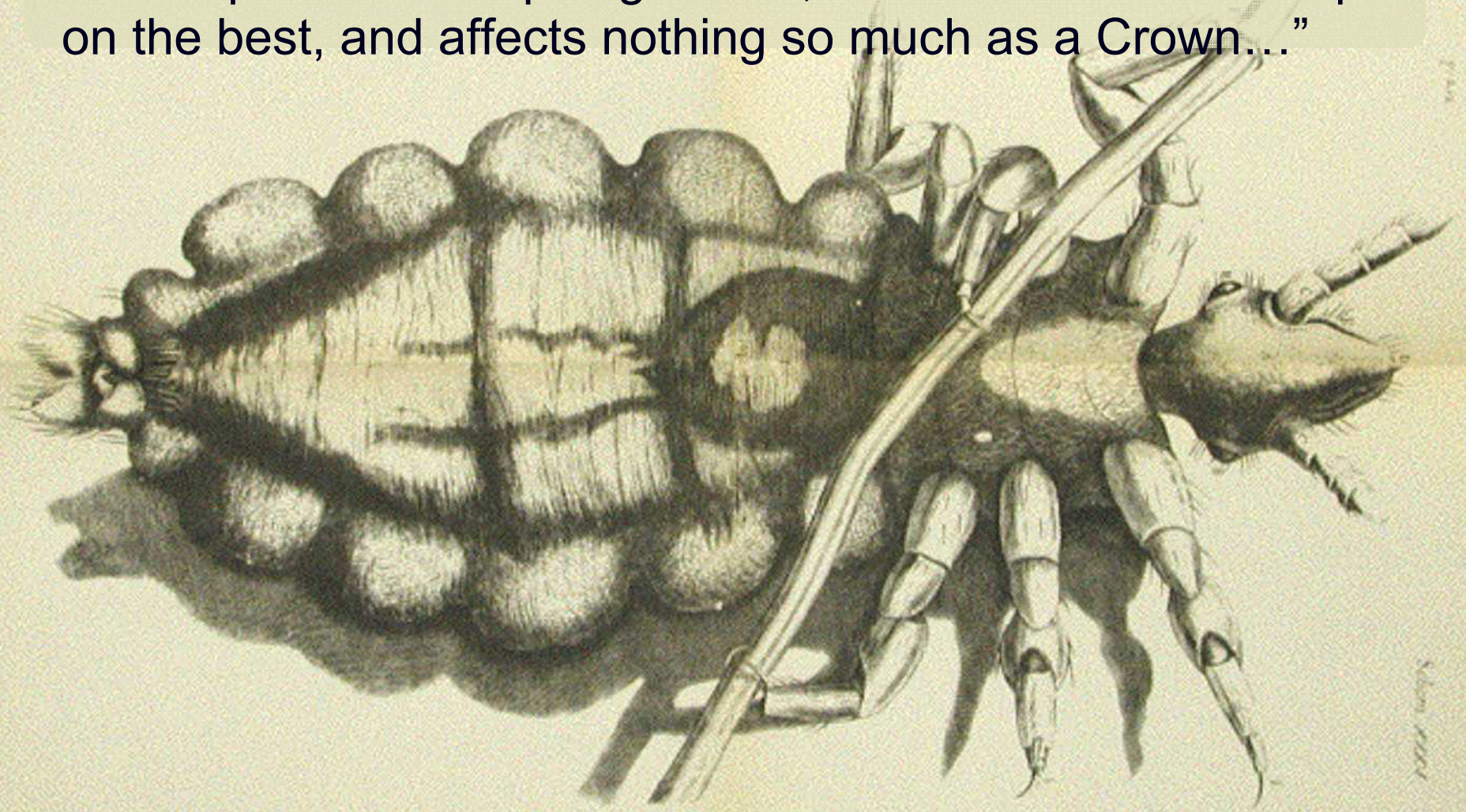
Observ. 17:

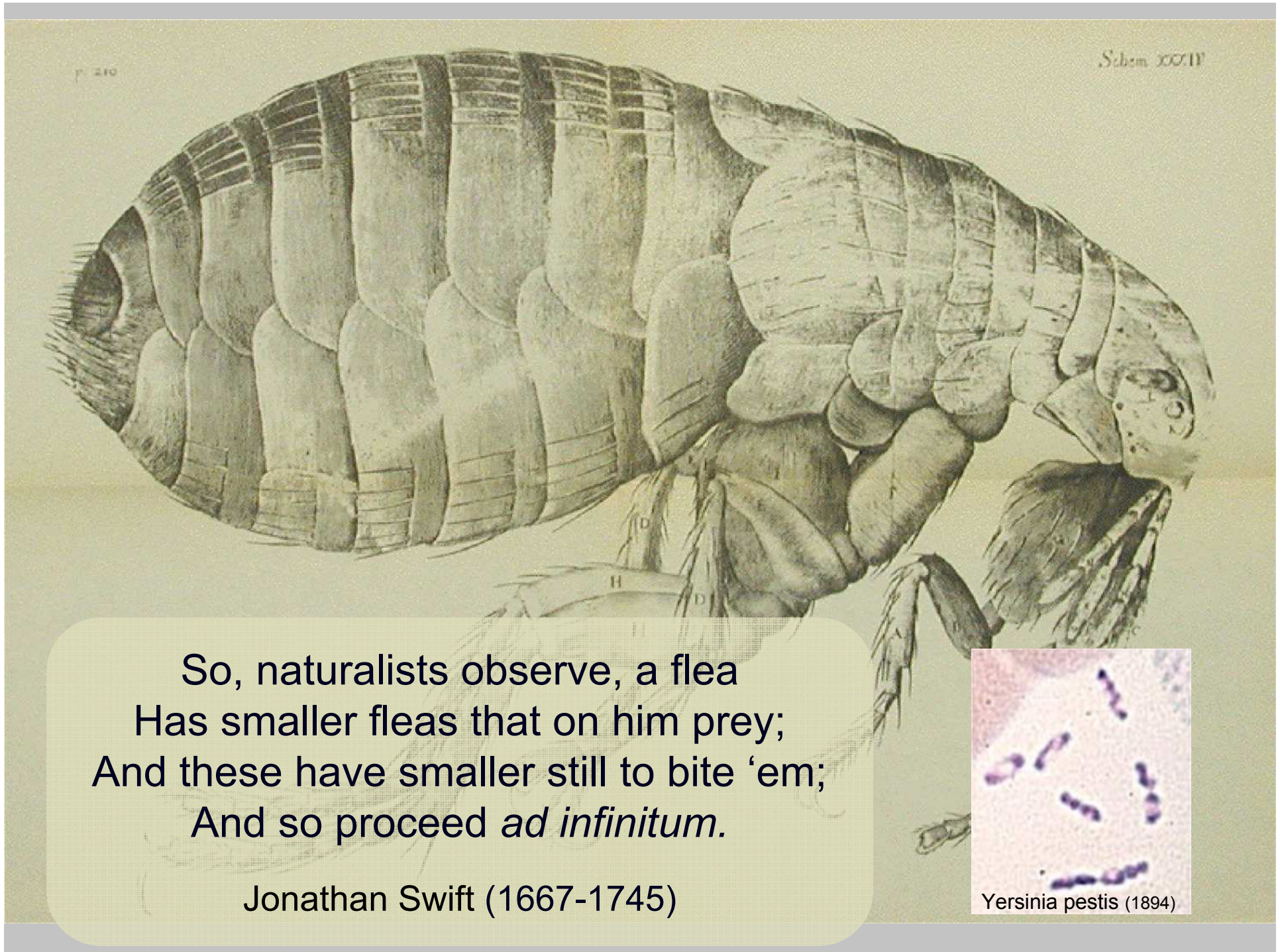
Of Petrify'd wood, and other
Petrify'd bodies

Observ. 18:

*Of the Schematisme or Texture of
Cork, and of the **Cells** and Pores of
some other such frothy Bodies*

“This is a Creature so officious that ‘twill be known to every one at one time or other, so busie, and so impudent, that it will be intruding itself in every ones company, and so proud and aspiring withall, that it fears not to trample on the best, and affects nothing so much as a Crown...”





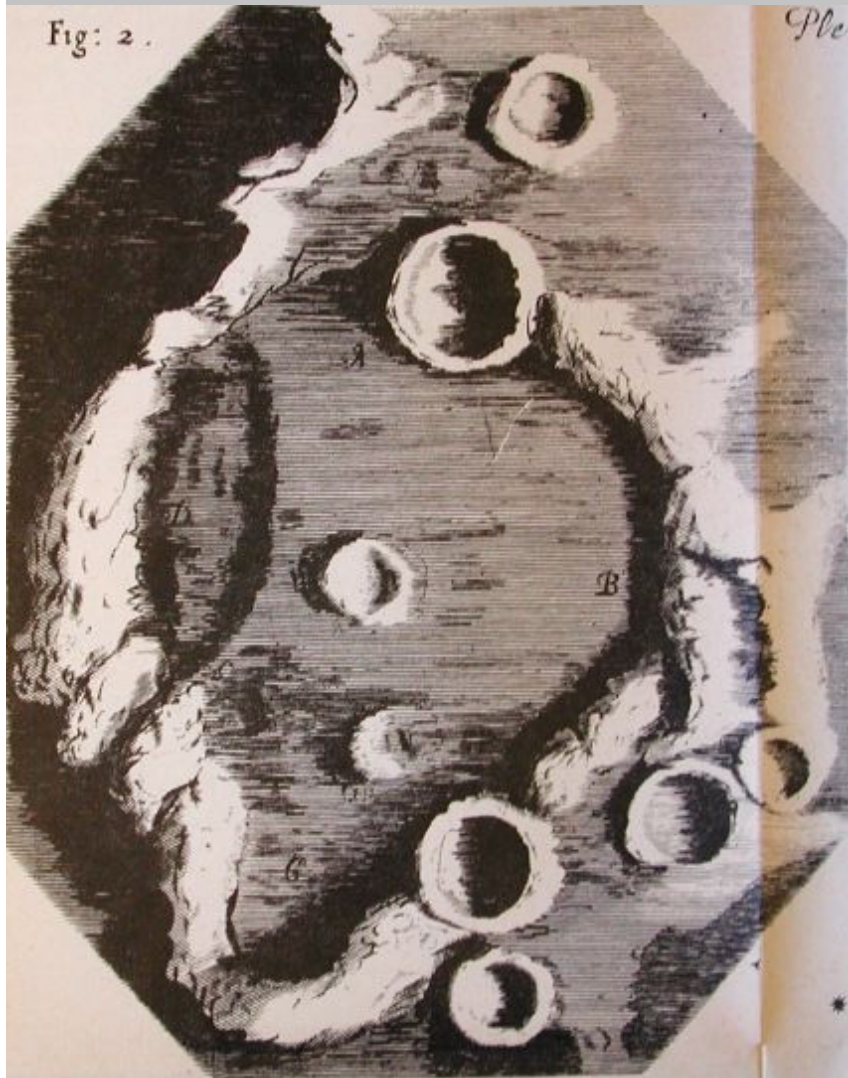
So, naturalists observe, a flea
Has smaller fleas that on him prey;
And these have smaller still to bite 'em;
And so proceed *ad infinitum*.

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)



Yersinia pestis (1894)

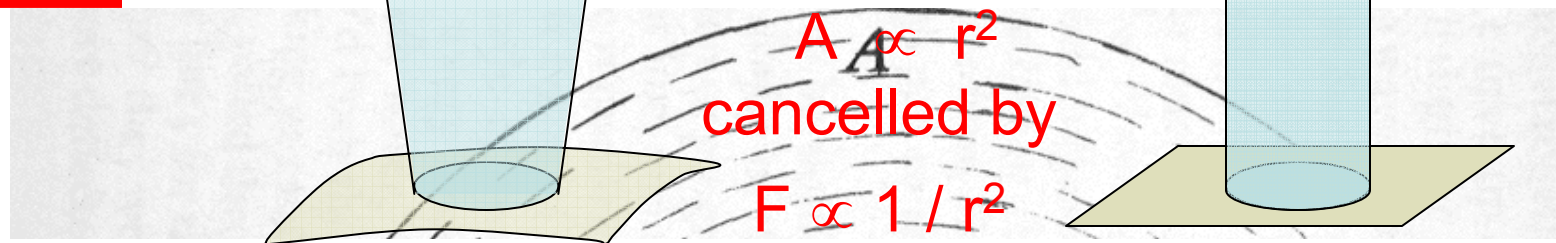
To conclude therefore, it being very probable, that the Moon has a principle of gravitation, it affords an excellent distinguishing Instance in the search after the cause of gravitation, or attraction, to hint, that it does not depend upon the diurnal or turbinated motion of the Earth



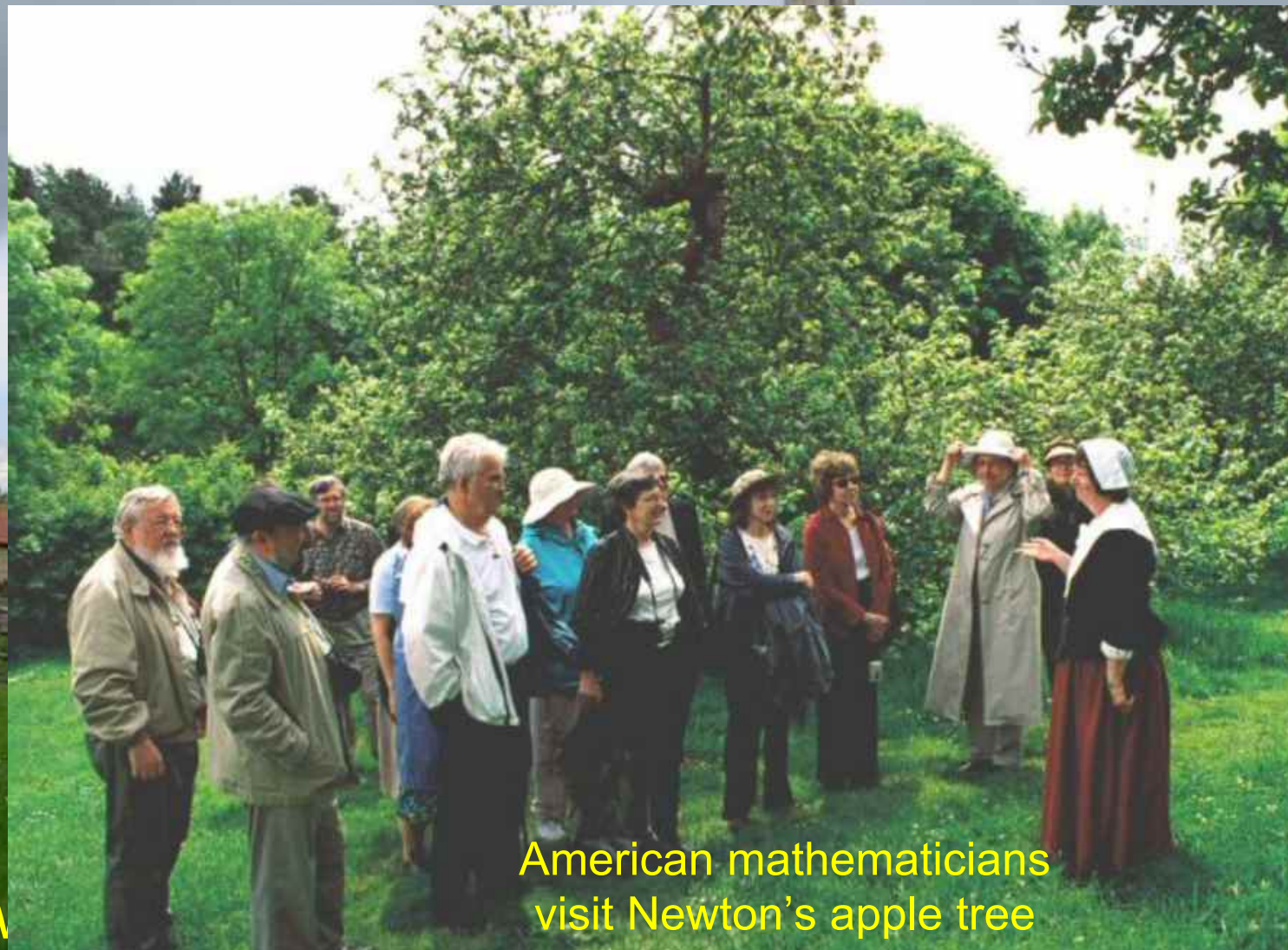
Cf. 'Mons' Olympus of "Excellent Hevelius"

Obs. 58. Of the Inflection of the Rays of Light in the Air

But it being more likely, that there is a continual increase of rarity in the parts of the Air, the further they are removed from the surface of the Earth: It will hence necessarily follow, that (as in the Experiment of the salt and fresh Water) the ray of Light passing obliquely through the Air also, which is of very different density, will be continually, and infinitely inflected, or bended, from a streight, or direct motion.



we will suppose a Cylinder in-
definitely extended upwards,

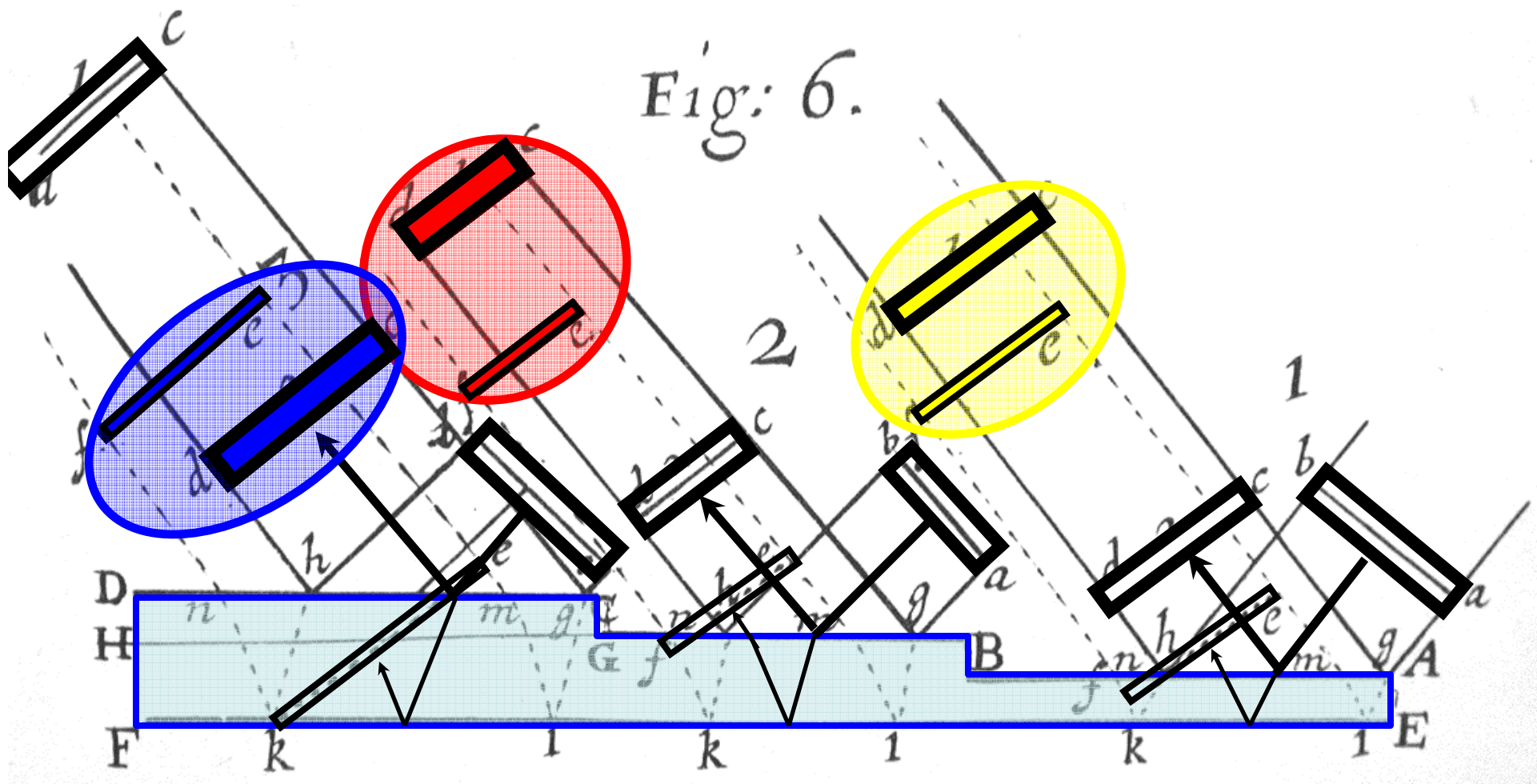


American mathematicians
visit Newton's apple tree

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Oct. 1665 - April 1667

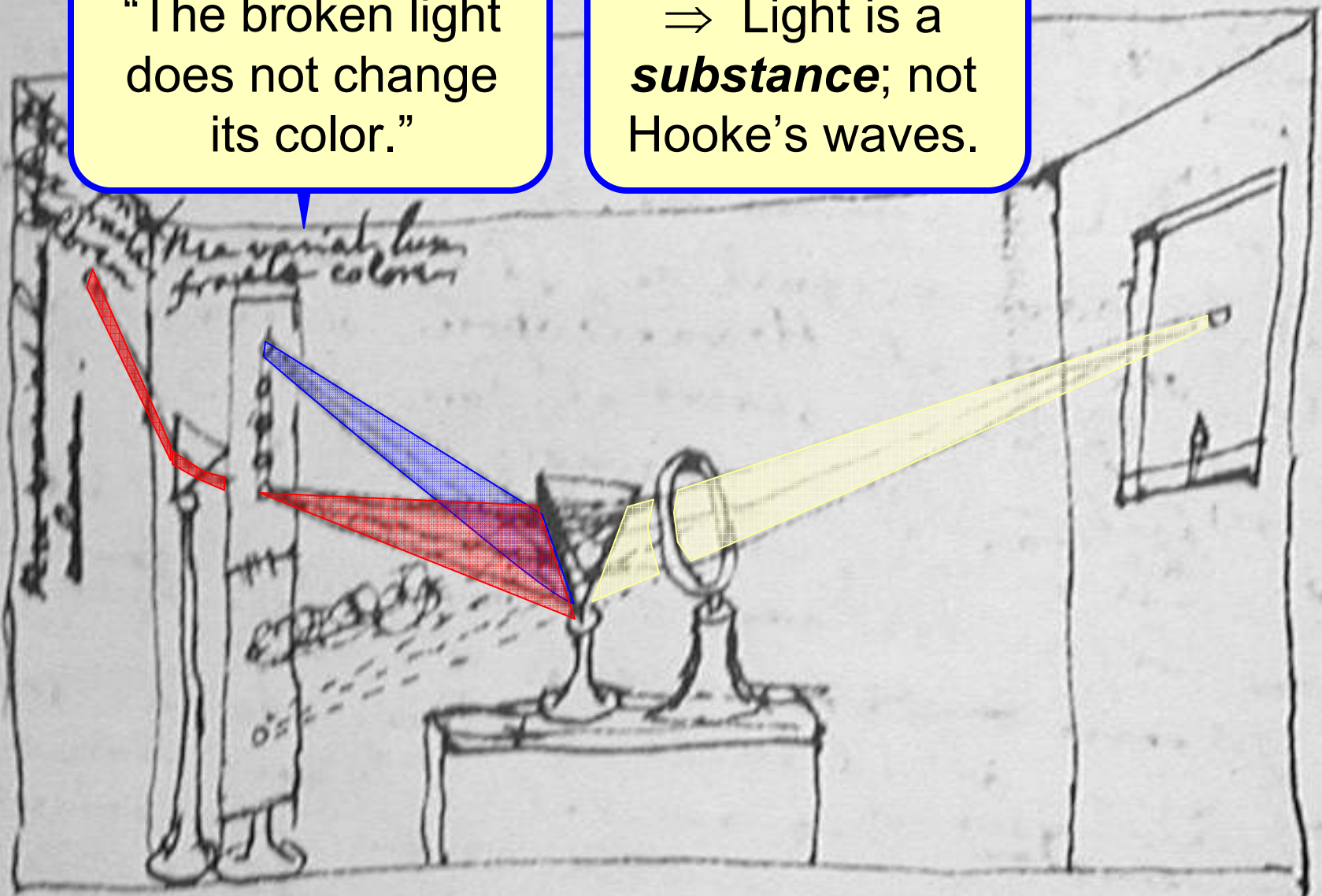
Confus'd Pulses of Light

Fig: 6.



“The broken light
does not change
its color.”

⇒ Light is a
substance; not
Hooke’s waves.



Newton's "Experimentum Crucis" (1666 -1672)

Newton to Hooke Feb. 5, 1676

“What Des-Cartes did was a good step.
You have added much several ways,
& especially in taking y^e colours of thin
plates into philosophical consideration.

If I have seen further
it is by standing on
y^e shoulders of giants.”

(Hooke was hunchbacked!)
From *Lucan's Civil War* (c.62 A.D.) via Robert Burton (1624)

London 1666

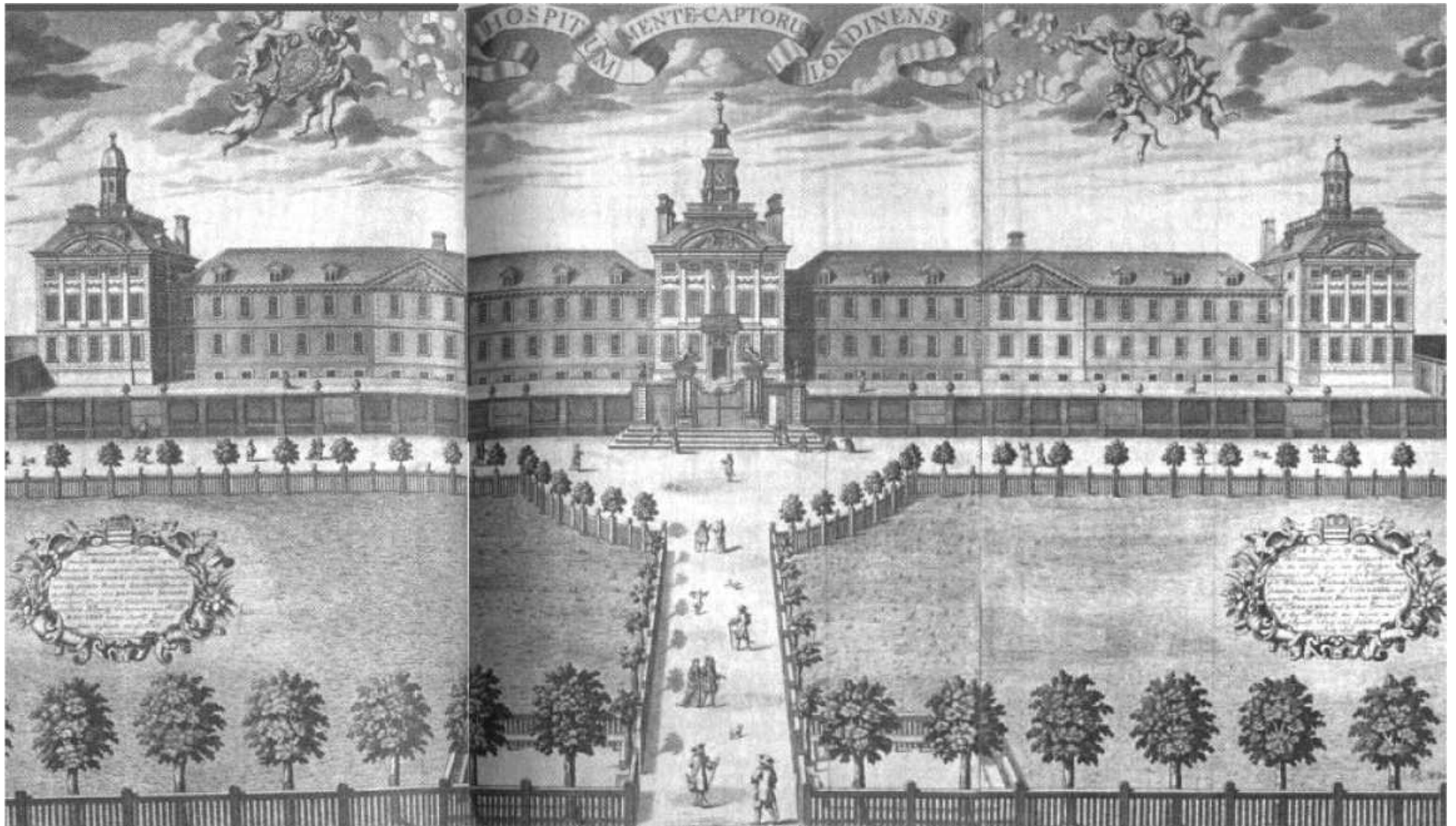
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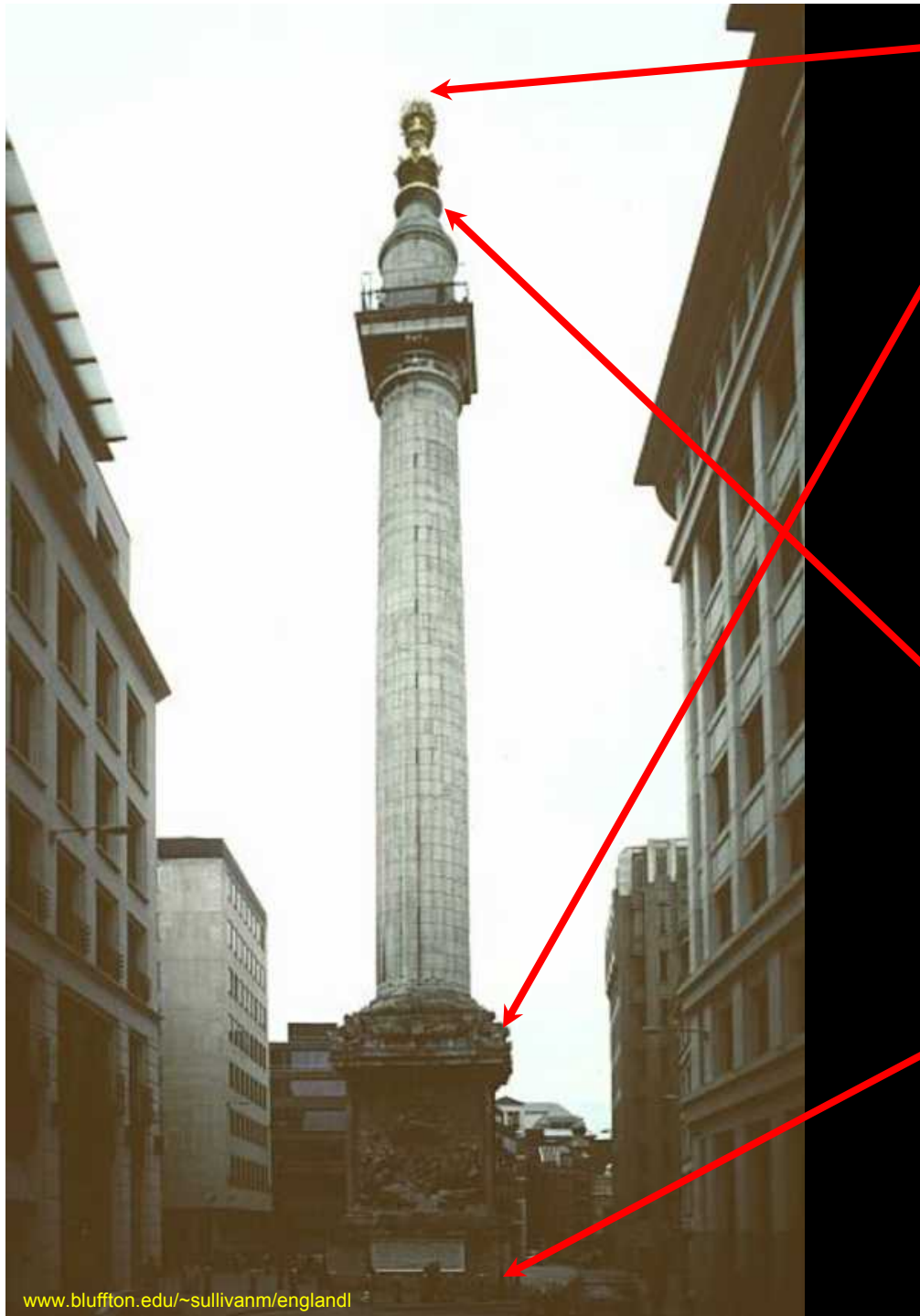


at Fire

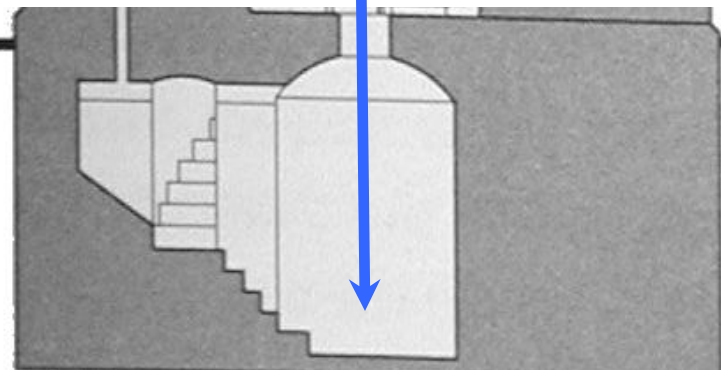
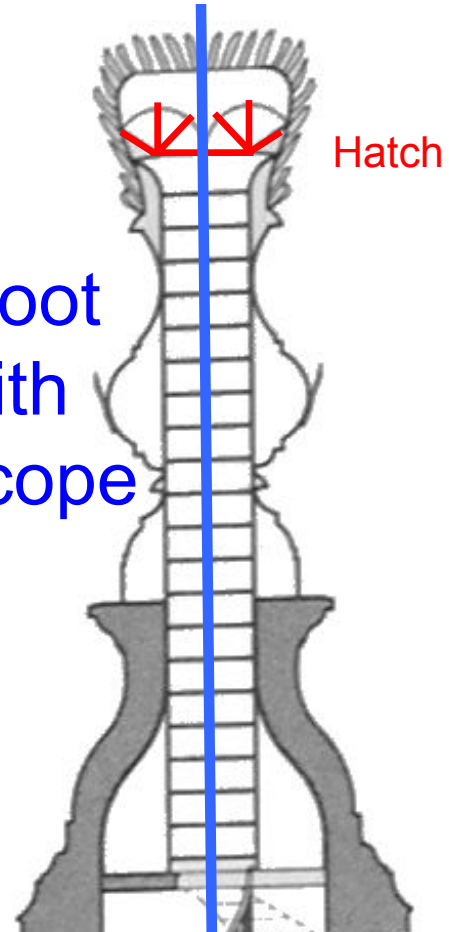
Work for Christopher Wren, City Surveyor of New Buildings



Hooke's Bethlehem Hospital (1675)
(Bedlam)



200 foot
Zenith
Telescope



A
DESCRIPTION
O F
HELIOSCOPES,
And some other
INSTRUMENTS

MADE BY
ROBERT HOOKE,
Fellow of the *Royal Society*.

Hos ego, &c.

Sic vos non vobis—

L O N D O N,

Printed by T. R. for *John e Martyn* Printer to the *Royal Society*;
at the *Bell* in St. *Pauls* Church-yard, 1676.

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Hos ego versiculos feci,
tulit alter honores:
Sic vos non vobis nidificatis aves;
Sic vos non vobis vellera fertis oves;
Sic vos non vobis mellificatis apes;
Sic vos non vobis fertis aratra boves.

Of these short verses I composed,
another person had the honour:
So you not for yourself build a nest, o birds;
So you not for yourself bear the wool, o sheep;
So you not for yourself make honey, o bees;
So you not for yourself pull the plough, o oxen

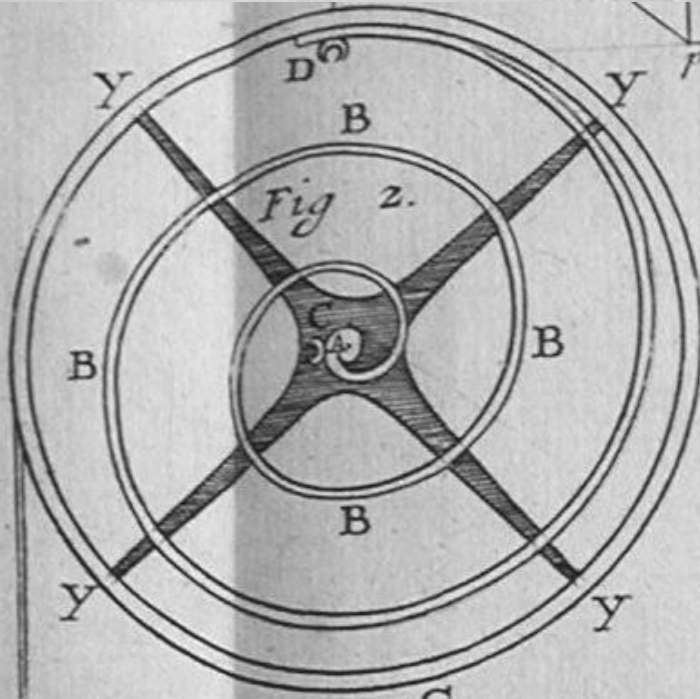
ALTRUISM

PLAGIARISM

1676

To fill the vacancy of the ensuing page, I have here added a *decimate* of the *centesme* of the Inventions I intend to publish, $0.1\% = 10 \Rightarrow 10,000$ Inventions, but as I can get opportunity and leasure; most of which, I hope, will be as useful to Mankind, as they are yet unknown and new.

I. A way of Regulating all sorts of Watches or Time-keepers, so as to make any way to equalize, if not exceed the Pendulum-Clocks now used.



Hooke
(1660)



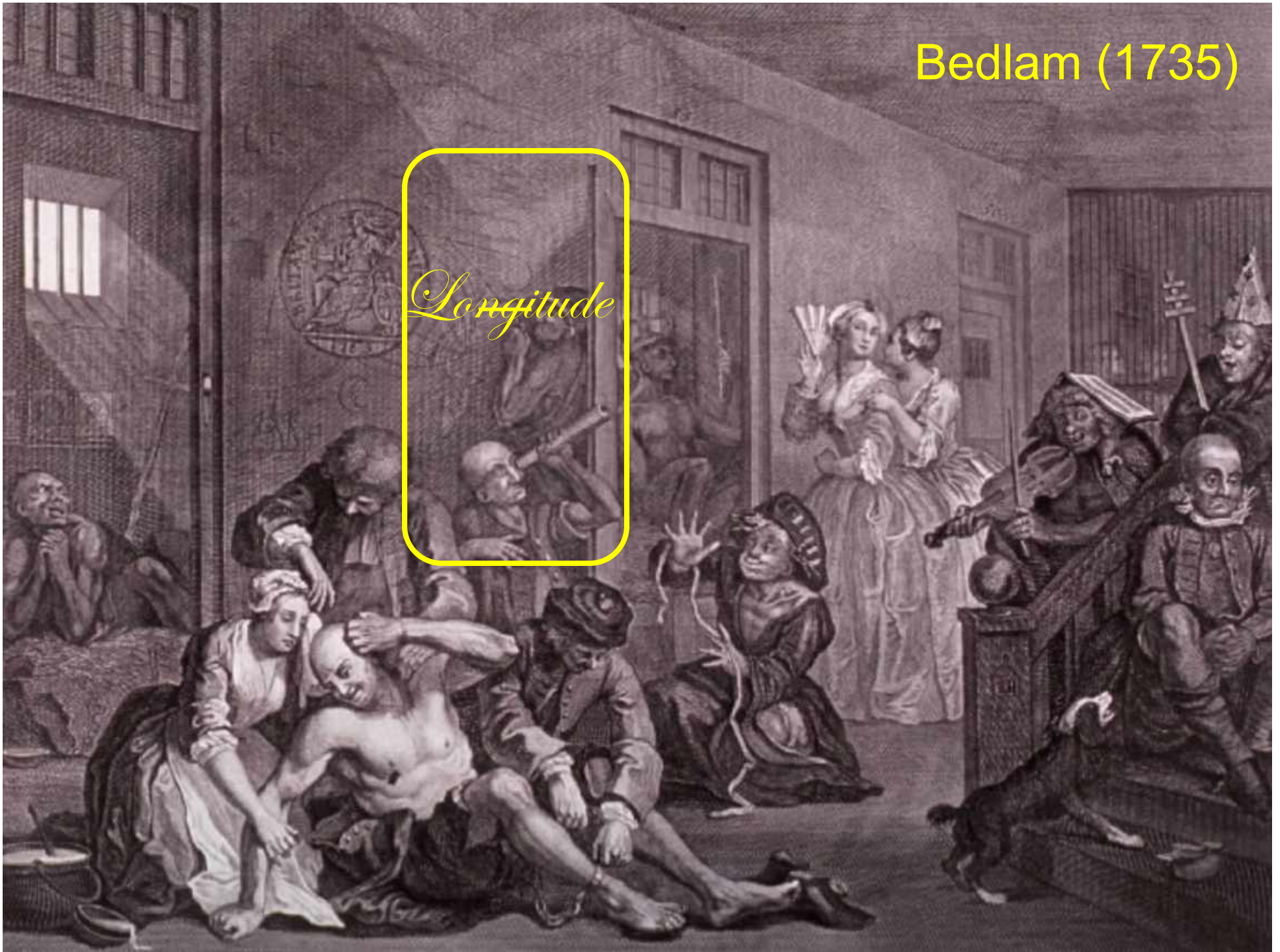
Henry Oldenburg



Christiaan Huygens

Bedlam (1735)

Longitude



\$3,000,000 Longitude Prize (1714)

“...for determining the longitude at sea, there have been several projects, true in theory but difficult to execute... one is by a watch...but by reason of the motion of the ship...variation of heat and cold...such a watch hath not yet been made...”

Issac Newton (1714)



“Association” Disaster (1707)

**±25 miles to
West Indies
required
±2 sec/day
at sea!**

*\$3,000,000
Longitude Prize
(1714)*



“Association” Disaster (1707)



Won 45 years later
by
John Harrison
(1759)

Pendulum-Clocks now used.

2. The true Mathematical and Mechanical form of all manner of Arches for Building, with the true buttment necessary to each of them. A Problem which no Architectonick Writer hath ever yet attempted, much less performed. abccc ddeeeee fgg iiiiiii lllmmmmnnnnnoopr rrr sssstttttuuuuuuuux.

Coded as an Anagram

Solution revealed 29 years later by Hooke's executor

“Ut pendet continuum
flexile, sic stabit
contiguum rigidum
inversum”

“As a flexible cable
hangs, thus, inverted,
stand touching pieces
of a rigid arch.



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3. The true Theory of Elasticity or **Springiness**, and a particular Explication thereof in several Subjects in which it is to be found: And the way of computing the velocity of Bodies moved by them. ceiiinosssttuu.

4. A very plain and practical way of counterpoising Liquors, of great use in **Hydraulicks**. Discovered.

5. A new sort of **Object-Glasses** for Telescopes and Microscopes, much outdoing any yet used. Discovered.

6. A new **Selenoscope**, easie enough to be made and used, whereby the smallest inequality of the Moons surface and limb may be most plainly distinguished. Discovered.

7. A new sort of **Horizontal Sayls for a Mill**, performing the most that any Horizontal Sayls of that bigness are capable of; and the various use of that principle on divers other occasions. Discovered.

8. A new way of **Post-Charriot** for travelling far, without much wearying Horse or Rider. Discovered.

9. A new sort of **Philosophical Scales**, of great use in Experimental Philosophy. c d e i i n n o o p s s t t u u.

10. A new **Invention in Mechanicks of prodigious use**, exceeding the chimera's of perpetual motions for several uses. a a a æ b c c d d e e e e e e g i i l m m m n n n o o p p q r r r r s

t t t u u u u u. "Pondere praemit aer vacuum quod ab igne relictum est"

a a e f f h i i i l l n r r s s t u u. ?

"By its weight air presses on the vacuum left by fire"

LECTURES

De Potentia Restitutiva,

OR OF

SPRING

Explaining the Power of Springing Bodies.

To which are added some

COLLECTIONS

Viz.

*A Description of Dr. Pappins Wind-Fountain and Force-Pump.
Mr. Young's Observation concerning natural Fountains.
Some other Considerations concerning that Subject.
Captain Sturmy's remarks of a Subterraneous Cave and Cistern.
Mr. G. T. Observations made on the Pike of Teneriff, 1674.
Some Reflections and Conjectures occasioned thereupon.
A Relation of a late Eruption in the Isle of Palma.*

By ROBERT HOOKE. S.R.S.

LONDON,

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at the Bell in St. Pauls Church-Yard, 1678.

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1678

Potentia Restitutiva,

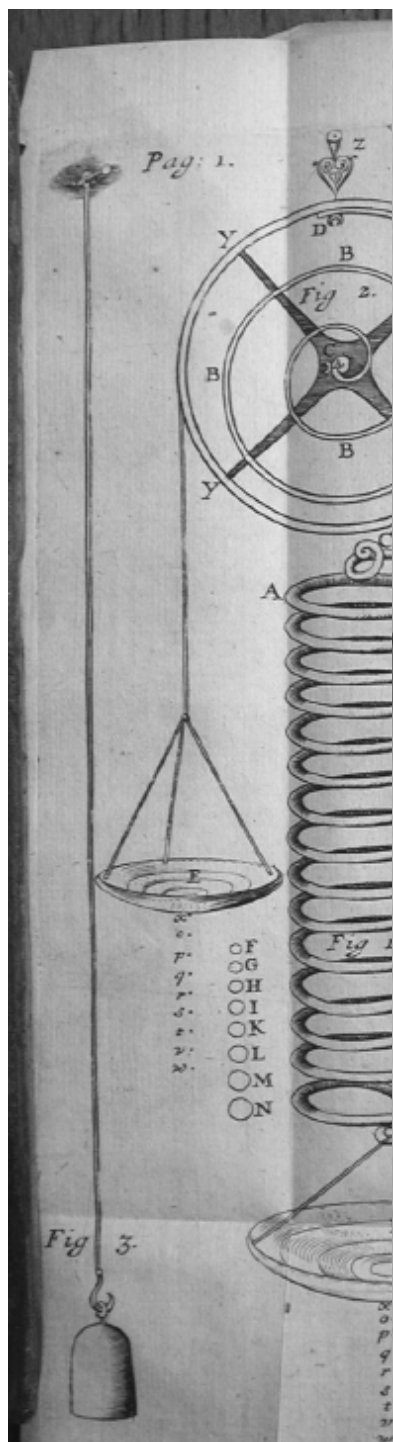
OR

SPRING.



He Theory of Springs, though attempted by divers eminent Mathematicians of this Age has hitherto not been Published by any. It is now about eighteen years since I first found it out, but designing to apply it to some particular use, I omitted the publishing thereof.

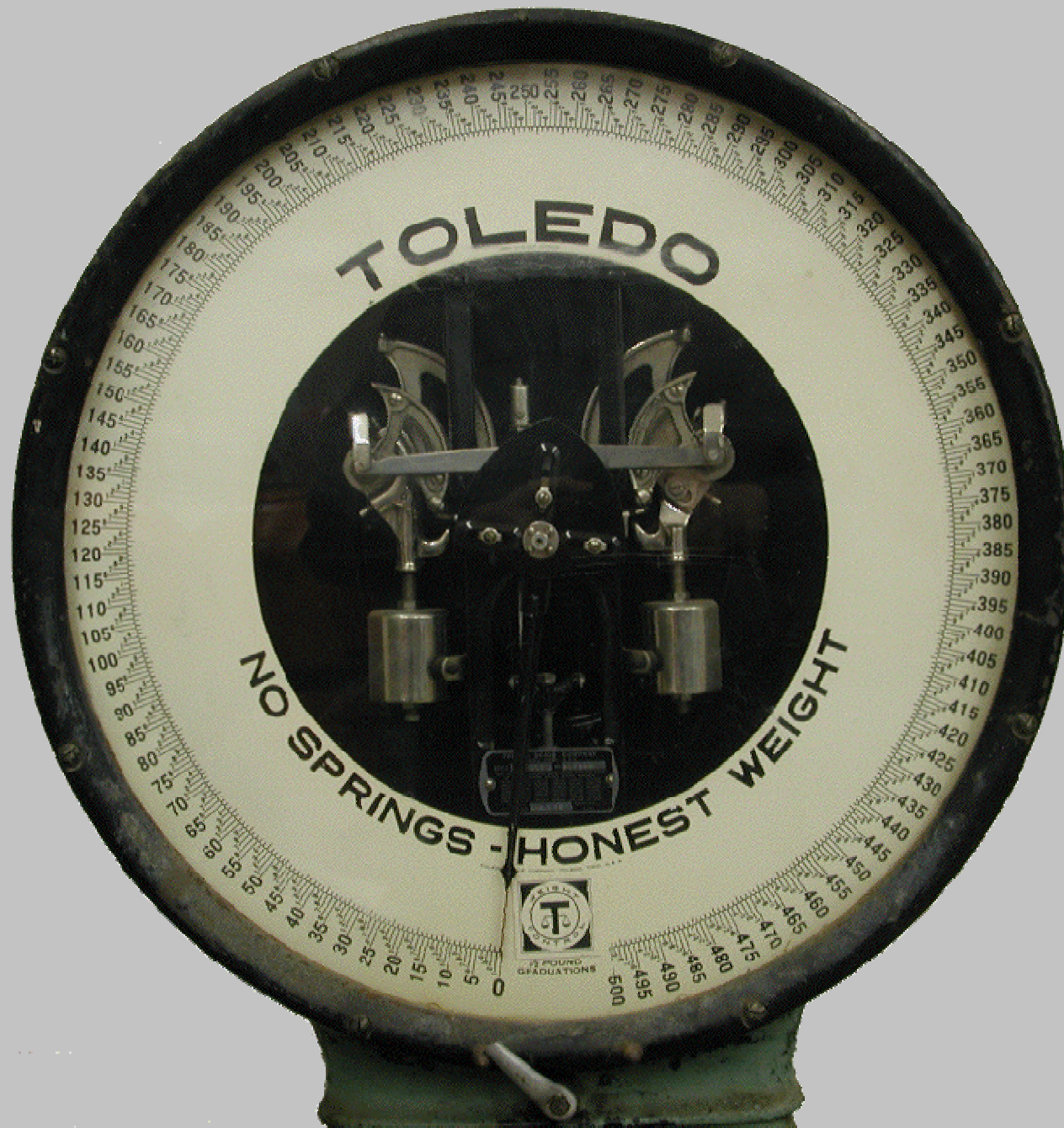
About three years since His Majesty was pleased to see the Experiment that made out this Theory tried at *White-Hall*, as also my Spring Watch.



From this it will be easie to make a Philosophical Scale to examine the weight of any body without putting in weights, which was that which I mentioned at the end of my description of Helioscopes, the ground of which was veiled under this Anagram, *c e d i i n n o o p s s t t u u*, namely, *Ut pondus sitentio*. The fabrick of which see in the three first figures.

This Scale I contrived in order to examine the gravitation of bodies towards the Center of the Earth,

viz. to examine whether bodies at a further distance from the Center of the Earth did not lose somewhat of their power or tendency towards it. And propounded it as one of the Experiments to be tried at the top of the Pike of Teneriff, and attempted the same at the top of the Tower of St. Pauls before the burning of it in the late great Fire; as also at the top and bottom of the Abby of St. *Peters* in Westminster though these being by but small distances removed from the Surface, I was not able certainly to perceive any manifest difference. I propounded the same also to



It now remains, that I shew how the constitutions of springy bodies being such, the Vibrations of a Spring, or a Body moved by a Spring, equally and uniformly shall be of equal duration whether they be greater or less.

[17]

I have here already shewed then that the power of all Springs is proportionate to the degree of flexure, *viz.* one degree of flexure, or one space bended hath one power, two hath two, and three hath three, and so forward. And every point of the space of flexure hath a peculiar power, and consequently there being infinite points of the space, there must be infinite degrees of power.

$$E \propto d^2$$

in the ninth, and one in the tenth.

Now the comparative Velocities of any body moved are in subduplicate proportion to the aggregates or sums of the powers by which it is moved.

$$V \propto \sqrt{E}$$

$$(E \propto V^2)$$

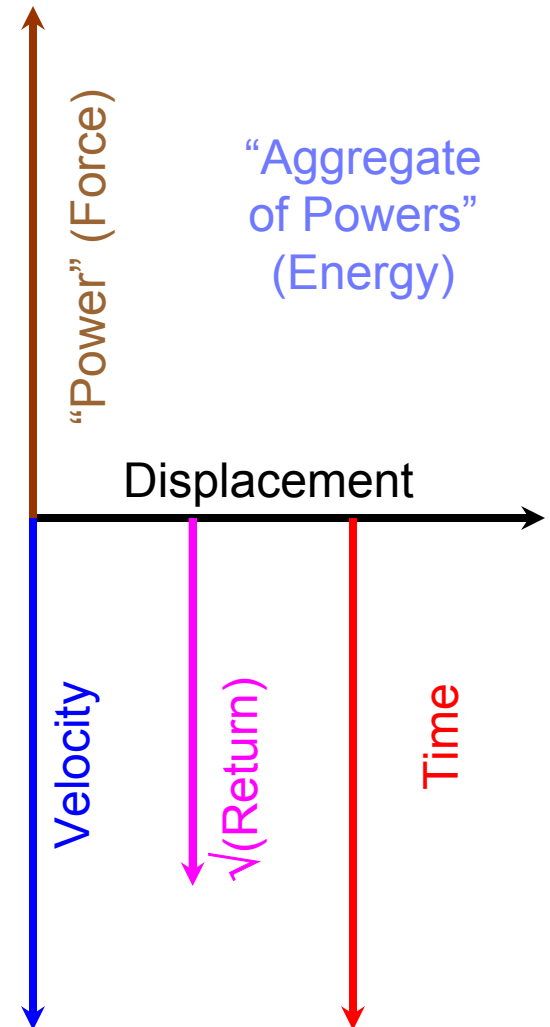
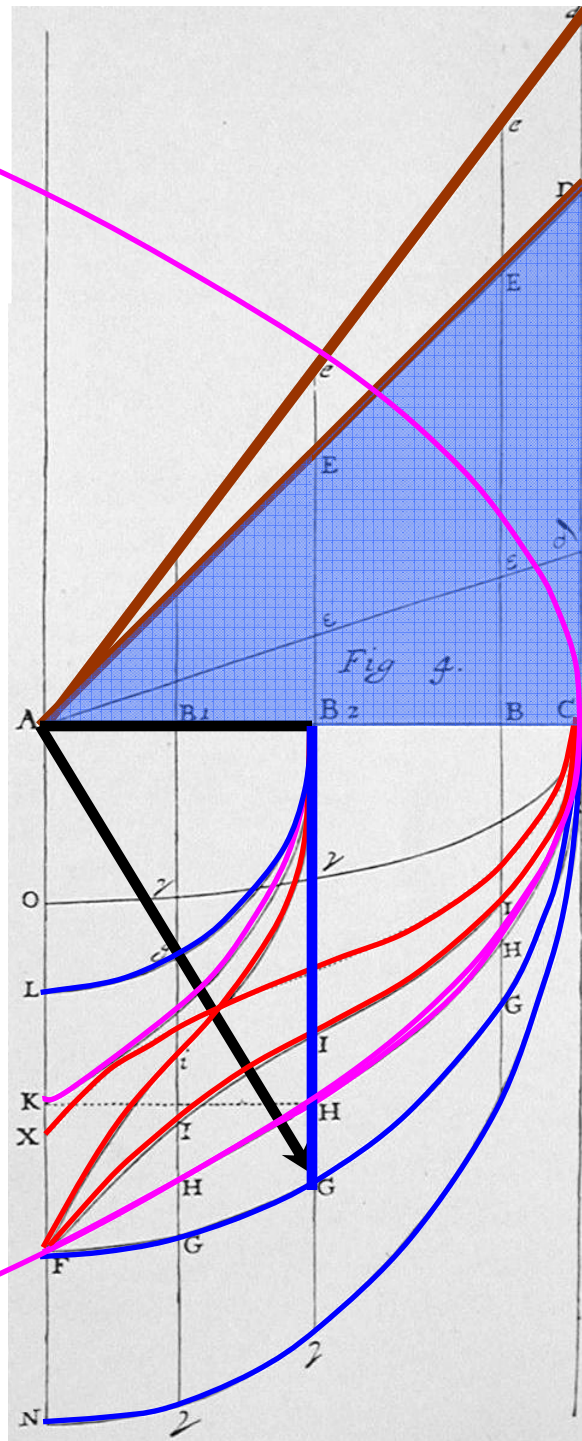
Stiffer
Spring
First Use of
Conservation
of Energy !

Smaller
Amplitude
"Let there

be Light"

(motion)
Shorter Time

Same Time

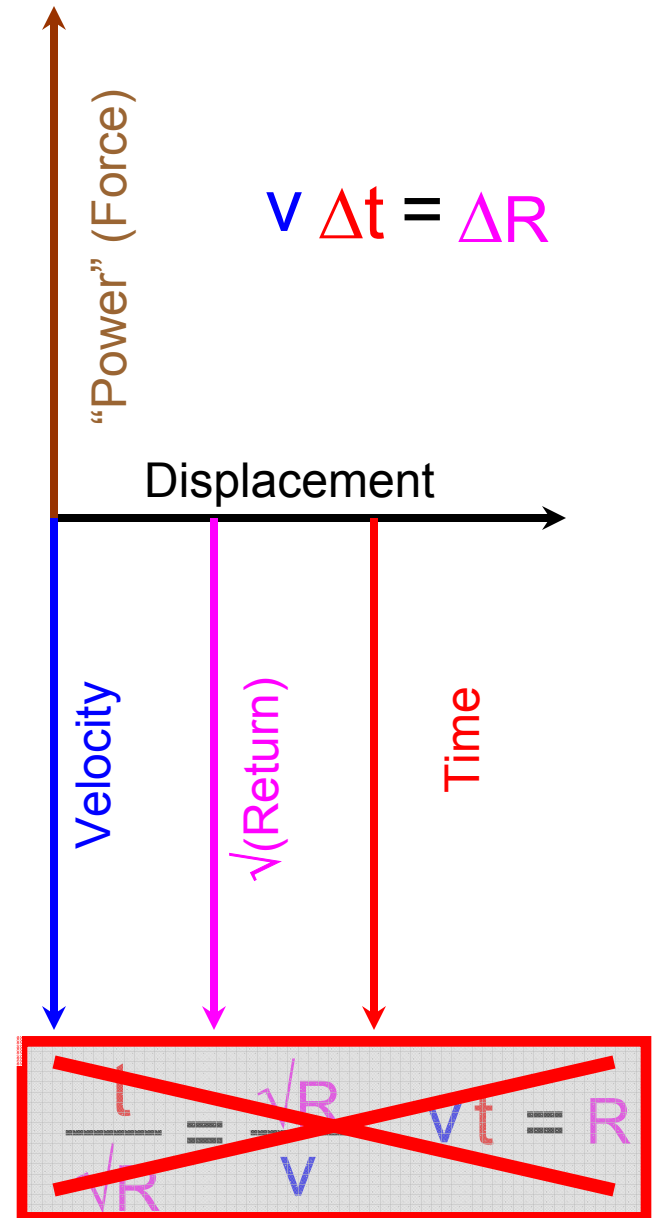
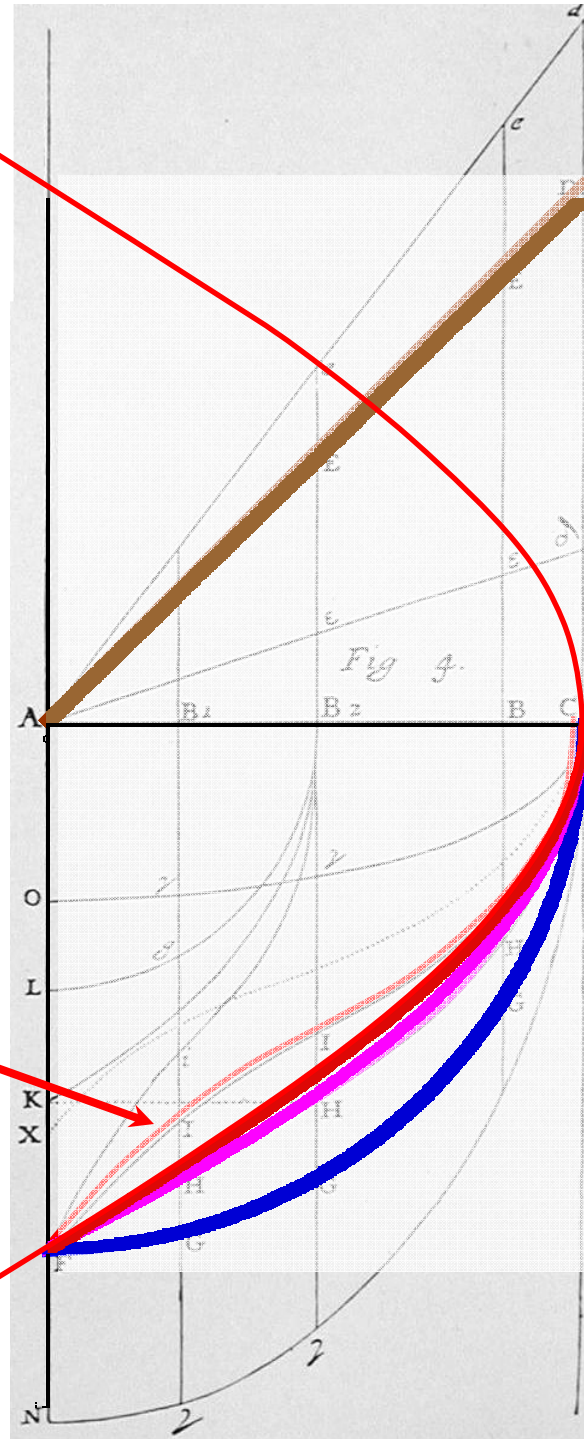


$$\frac{t}{\sqrt{R}} = \frac{\sqrt{R}}{v} \quad vt = R$$

Hooke made
this correction
*using only
geometry*
in 1685

Slowing
Calculus
Down?

$$R \propto \sin(t)$$



A portrait of Robert Hooke, showing him with long, wavy, light-colored hair, wearing a dark coat over a white shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the viewer.

Hooke to Newton

Nov. 24, 1679

I hope...that you will please to continue your former favours to the Society by communicating ...you may be assured that whatever shall be soe communicated shall be noe otherwise further imparted or disposed of than you yourself shall praescribe.

I am not ignorant that both heretofore, and not long since also, there have been some who have indeavoured to misrepresent me to you...but difference of opinion, if such there be (especially in philosophical matters where interest hath little concerne) methinks should not be the occasion of enmity...

I shall take it as a great favour if you shall please to communicate by letter your objections against any hypothesis or opinion of mine; and particularly...that of compounding the celestiall motions of the planetts of a direct motion...and an attractive motion towards the centrall body

I should be glad if by perpendicular observations, we could determine the difference of latitude between London and Cambridge...



Newton to Hooke

Nov. 28, 1679

I cannot but acknowledge my self every way by the kindness of your letter tempted to concur with your desires...heartily sorry I am that...I had for some years last been endeavouring to bend myself from philosophy to other studies ...unless it be perhaps at idle hours sometimes for a diversion.

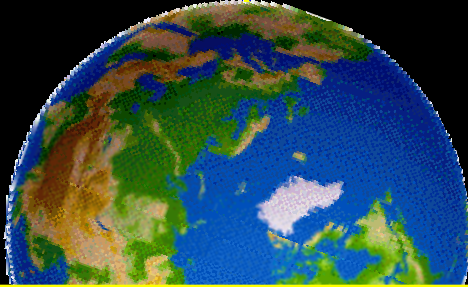
...I did not, before the receipt of your last letter, so much as heare (that I remember) of your hypothesis of compounding the celestial motions of the planets, of a direct motion by the tangent to the curve and of the laws and causes of springyness, though these no doubt are well known to the philosophical world.

...my own short sightedness and tenderness of health makes me something unfit [for perpendicular observations]

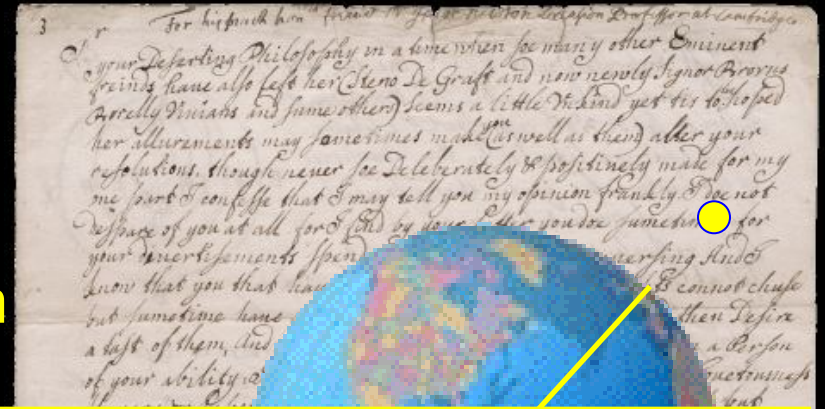
In requital of this advertisement I shall communicate to you a fancy of my own about discovering the earth's diurnal motion.

Newton Falling Body "Fancy" (11/28/79)

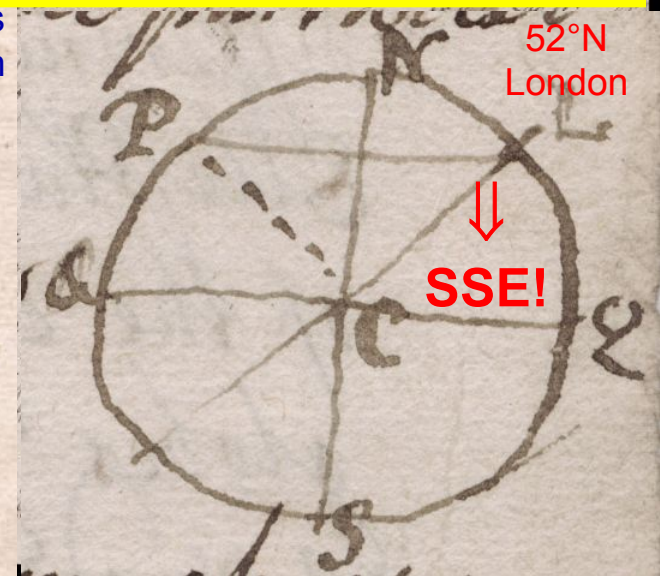
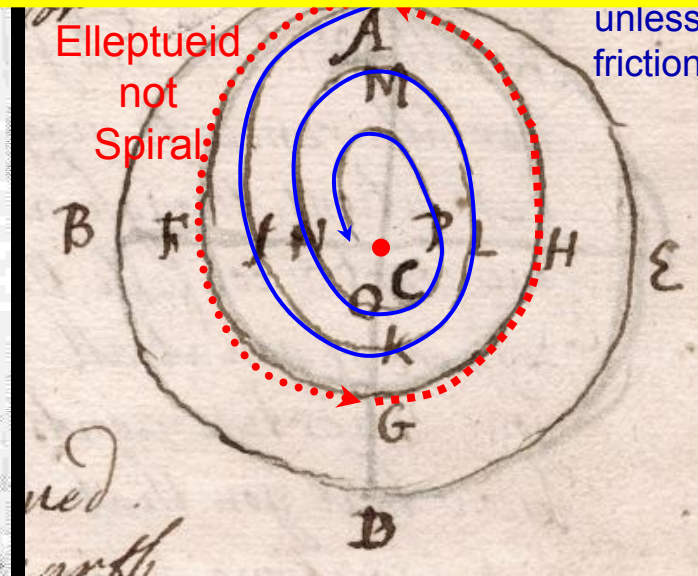
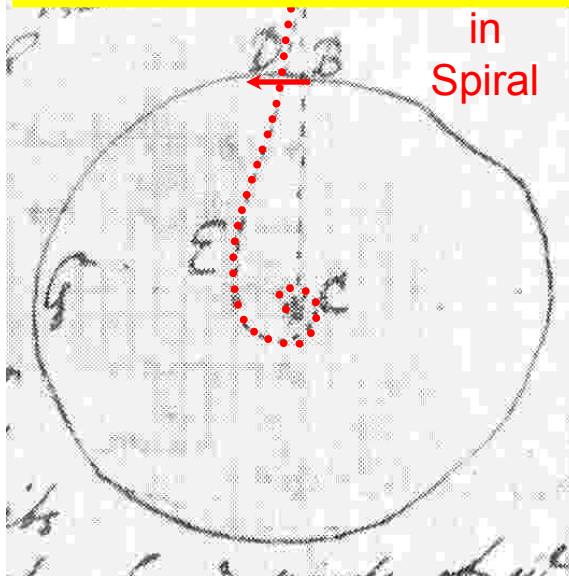
"opinion of the vulgar"
(& Kepler)
fall West



Hooke to Newton
Dec. 9, 1679



I wish I
were as sure of your Correspondence and Communicating as I am
of your Yet remaining affection to Philosophy



Newton Falling Body “Fancy” (11/28/79)

Experiment

Year	South/East (%)
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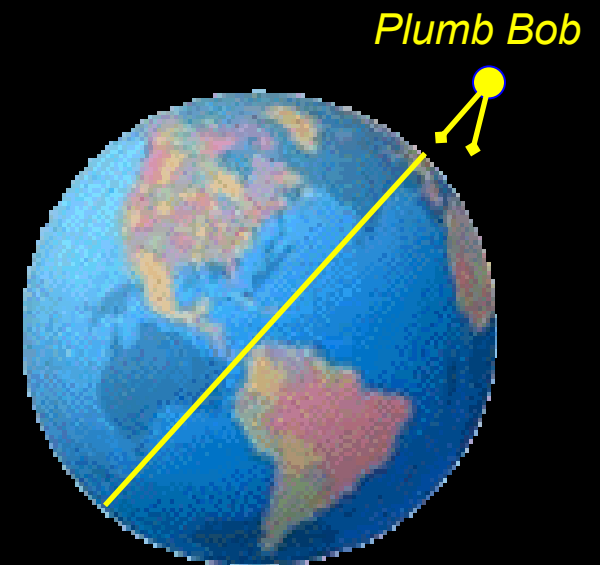
1680	>100
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1791	63
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J. Lohne (1960)

Newton Falling Body "Fancy" (11/28/79)

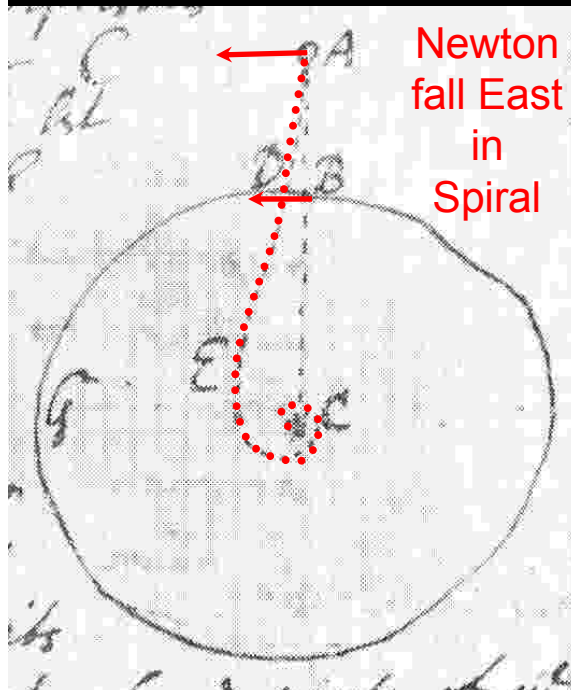
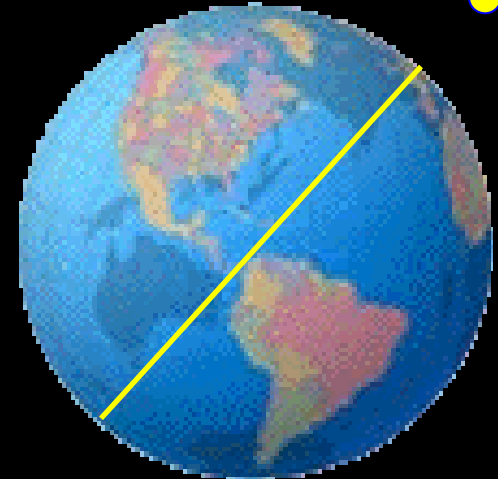
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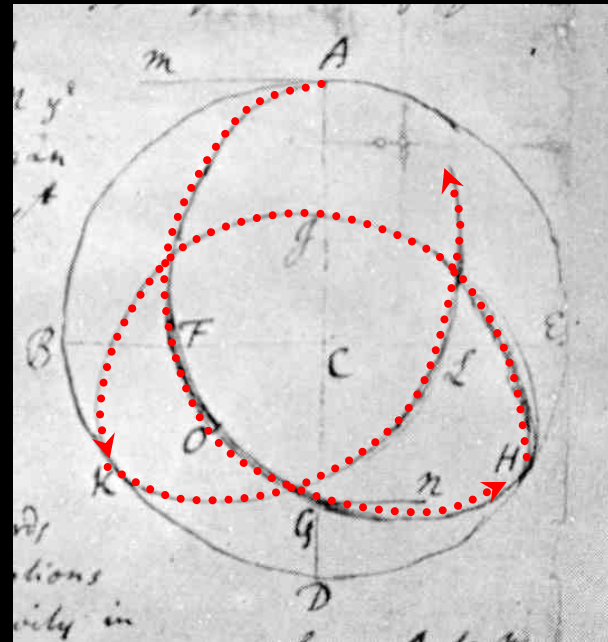
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Newton to Hooke
Dec. 13, 1679

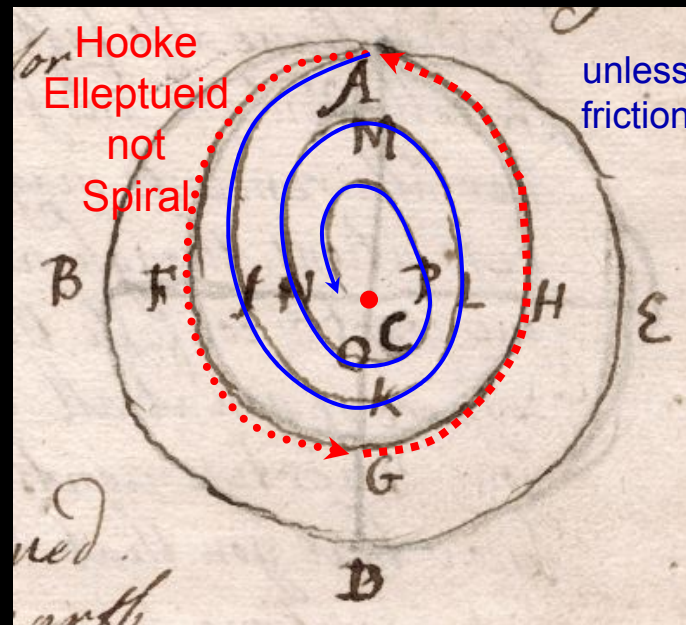


Newton
fall East
in
Spiral



Hooke
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not
Spiral

unless
friction



52°N
London

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SSE!

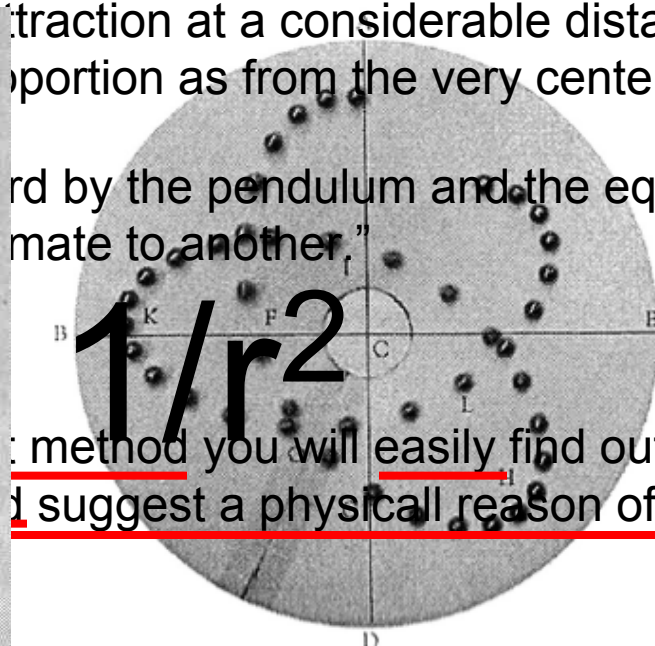
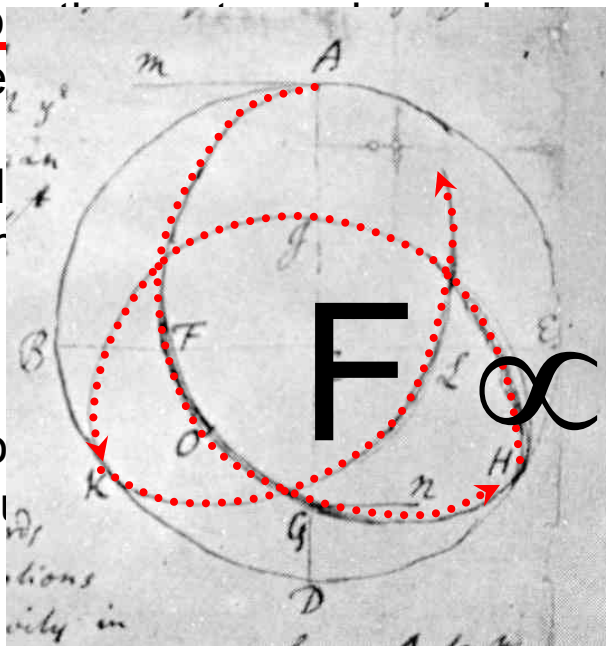
Hooke to Newton January 1680

Jan 6: Your calculation of the curve described by a body attracted by an aequall power at all distances from the center

but my supposition is that the attraction always is in duplicate proportion to the distance from the center attraction at a considerable distance may be computed as from the very center."

"This will be computed by the pendulum and the equality of the force to another."

Jan 17: I do not know that curve may be computed by the pendulum and the equality of the force to another."



By this method you will easily find out what the attraction is at a considerable distance may be computed as from the very center."

December 3, 1680

Michael Nauenberg

Newton: "I am indebted to you thank (1905)"

9th 1744.

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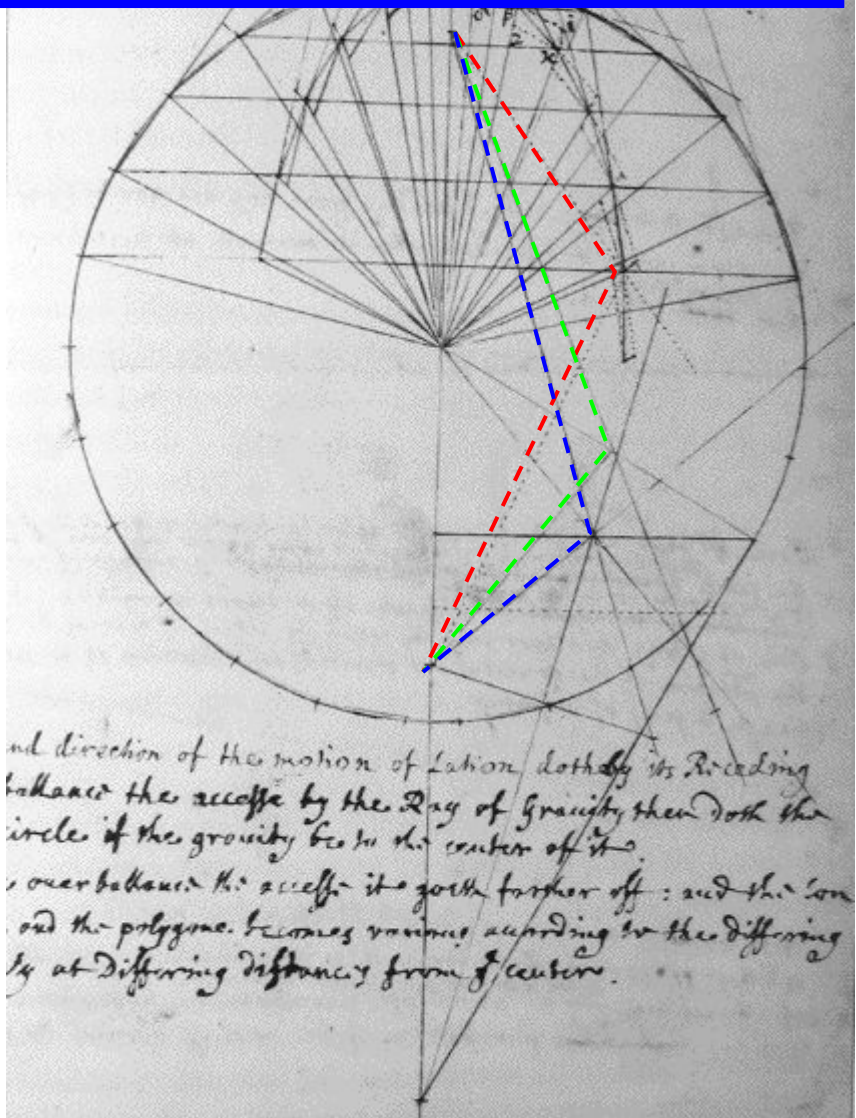
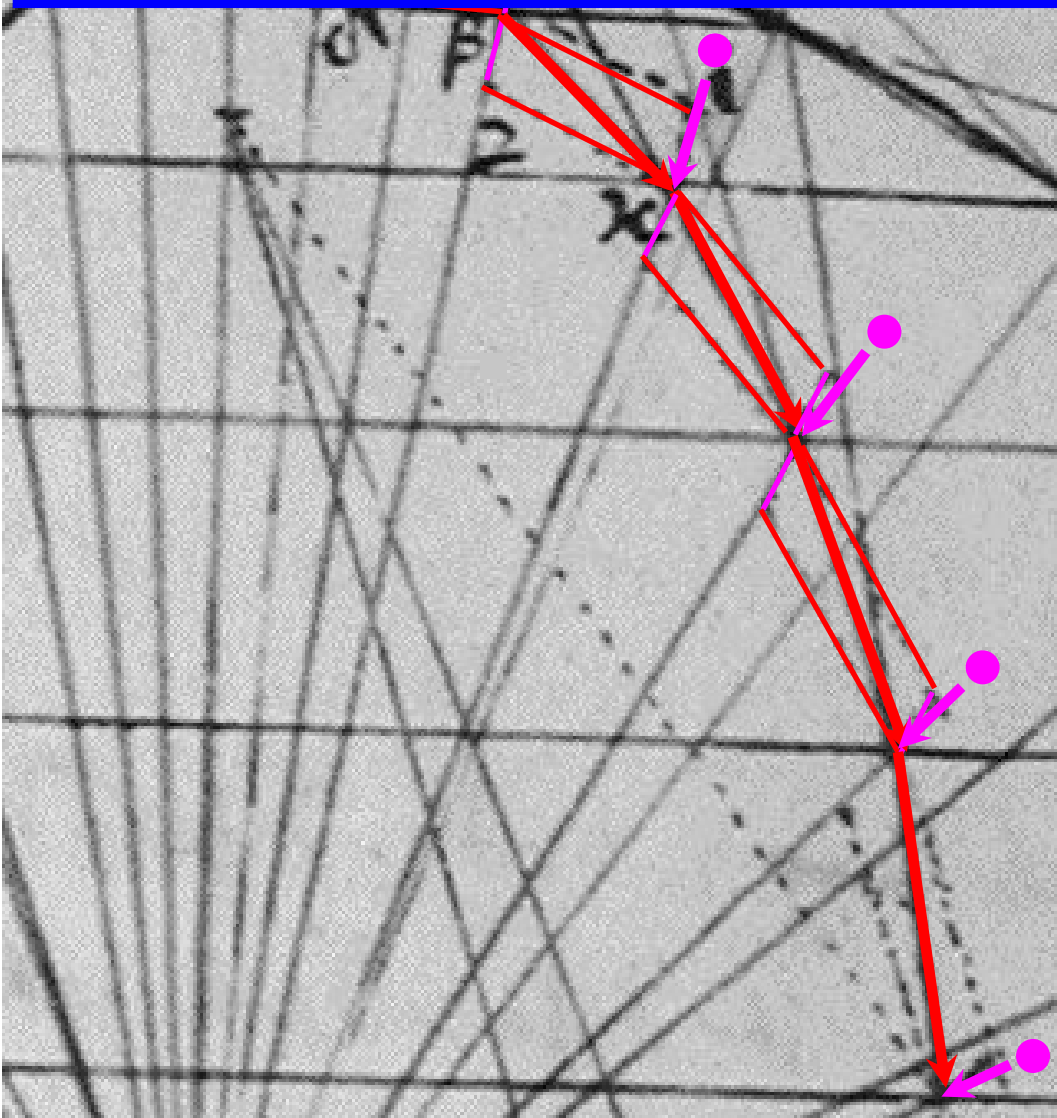
Halley to Newton May 22, 1686

Newton dropped some references to Hooke, and downgraded others
[Hook] has done nothing & yet whittled away at each a way as if he knew & had something to say but what remained to be determined by a way of calculations & observations, excusing himself from that labour by reason of his other business.
Mr. Hook seems to expect you should make some mention of him, in the preface.
Mr. Hook has some pretensions upon the invention of y^e rule of the decrease of Gravity, being reciprocally as the squares of the distances from the Center. He says you had the notion from him, though he owns the Demonstration of the ~~Clarissimus~~ *Hookius* whereas he should rather have excused himself by reason of his inability. For tis plain by his words he knew not how to go about it.

Now is not this very fine? Mathematicians that find out, settle & do all the business must content themselves with being nothing but dry calculators & drudges & another that does nothing but pretend & grasp at all things must carry away all the invention

a circle but because the velocity he is less than in proportion to ad
distance in a circle

shall BxO have to bko . the motion of this body therefore
is an ellipse. and shall describe equal areas in equal times



and direction of the motion of Lation doth by its Receding
balance the accesse by the Ray of Gravity then both the
circle if the gravity be to the center of it.
overbalance the accesse it goeth further off: and the con-
oid the polygon becomes various according to the differing
ly at differing distances from the center.

almost Hooke^v Did It Geometrically!

and with a “*physicall reason*” for $1/r^2$

1672 Hooke Iatrochemistry

- Aug. 1 (also 2,3,4) “Drank U [iron] and S [mercury]” ...“was ill”
- Aug. 31 “Slept ill by reason of tart at noon. Gott up a little and rectifyd my stomack with white aniseed N [distillate].”
- Sept. 1 “Drank steel. benummd my head...”
- Sept. 2 “At Dr. Godderds tastd tincture of wormwood...”
- Sept. 3 “took ,ii [2 oz.] of infusion of Crocus metall [Na₃SbS₃ ?], vomited.”
- Sept. 22 “took syrup of popys, slept little with sweat and wild frightfull dreames.”
- Oct. 1 “took spirit of urine and laudanum with milk for the three preceeding nights. Slept pretty well.”
- Oct. 25 “took conserves and flowers of Q [sulfur] after which I slept well, but had a bloody dysentery the next day soe that I swooned and was violently griped, but I judge it did me good for my Rhume.”
- Dec. 27 “made oyle of bitter almonds, put some in right ear...slept ill.

Lived another 31 years!

Died 1703 aged 67
with £10,000 estate
and no will

An illiterate distant cousin
soon went through his estate.

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The Posthumous
WORKS
OF
ROBERT HOOKE, M.D. S.R.S.
Geom. Prof. Gresh. &c.

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Sir **ISAAC NEWTON**, Kt.
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OF
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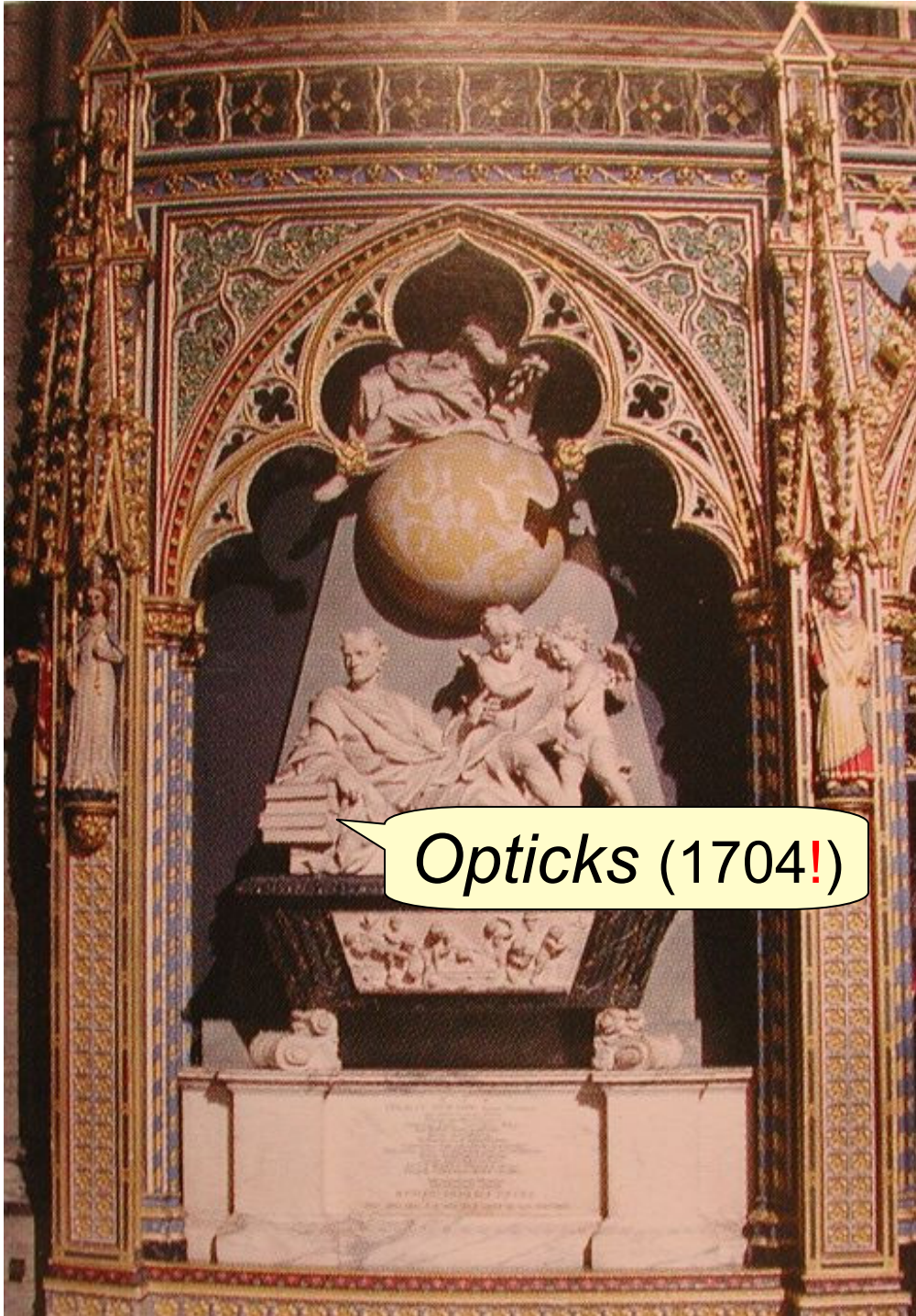
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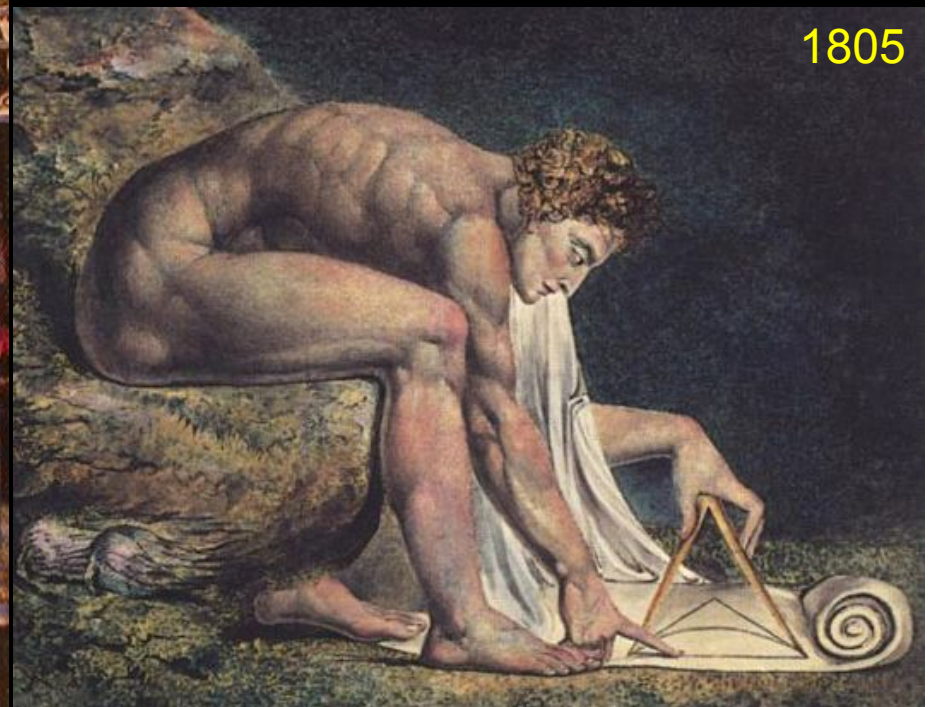


Opticks (1704!)



Newton d. 1727

(President, Royal Society 1703-27)





Hooke's Mass Grave? (1892)

*Photo
M. Cooper*



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Gresham
College

Hooke's List of his Works

Theory of Motion.	Improving shipping
- of Light.	- watches
- of Gravity.	- Opticks
- of Magneticks.	- Engines for trade
- of Gunpowder.	- Engines for carriage
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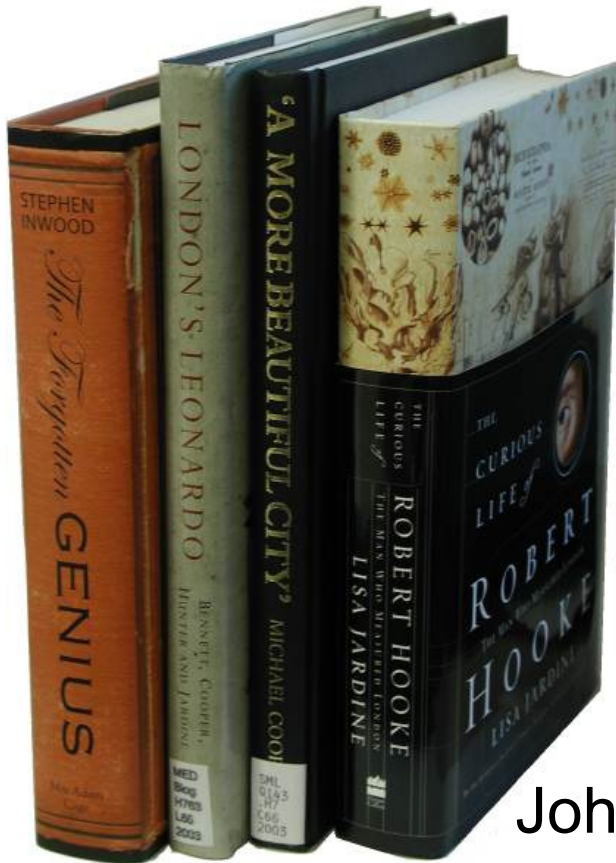


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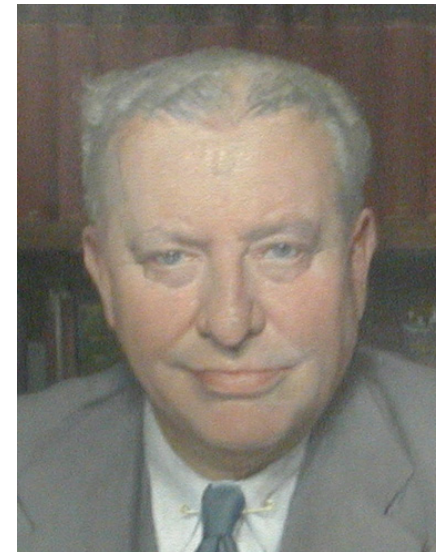
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Preface to *Micrographia* (1665)

The good success of all these great Men, and many others, and the now seemingly great obviousness of most of their and divers other Inventions, which from the beginning of the world have been, as 'twere, trod on, and yet not minded till these last inquisitive Ages (an Argument that there may be yet behind multitudes of the like) puts me in mind to recommend such Studies, and the prosecution of them by such methods, to the Gentlemen of our Nation, whose leisure makes them fit to undertake, and the plenty of their fortunes to accomplish, extraordinary things in this way. And I do not only propose this kind of Experimental Philosophy as a matter of high rapture and delight of the mind, but even as a material and sensible Pleasure. So vast is the variety of Objects which will come under their Inspections, so many different wayes there are of handling them, so great is the satisfaction of finding out new things, that I dare compare the contentment which they will enjoy, not only to that of contemplation, but even to that which most men prefer of the very Senses themselves.