

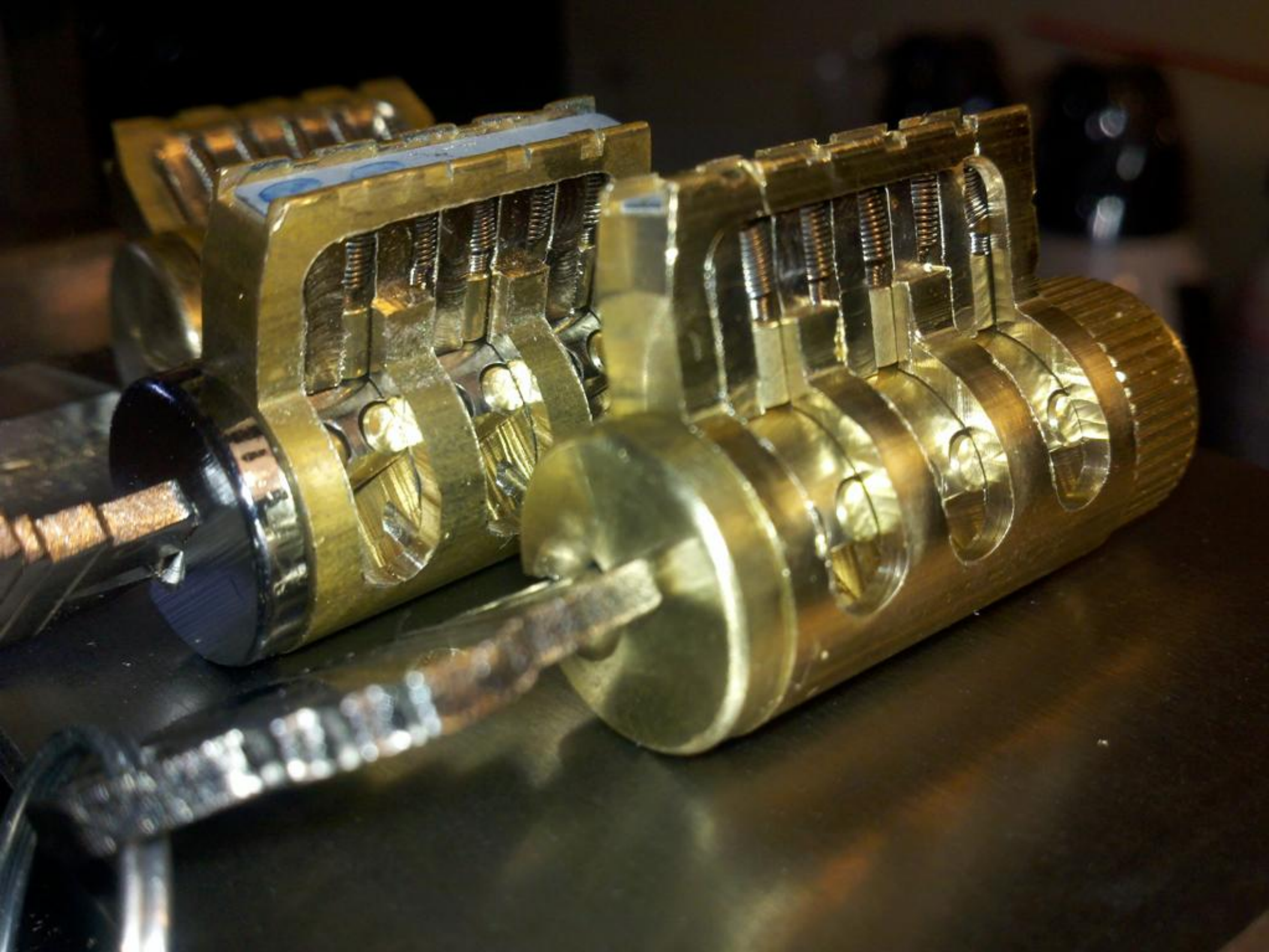
The Great Lock Debacle of 1851

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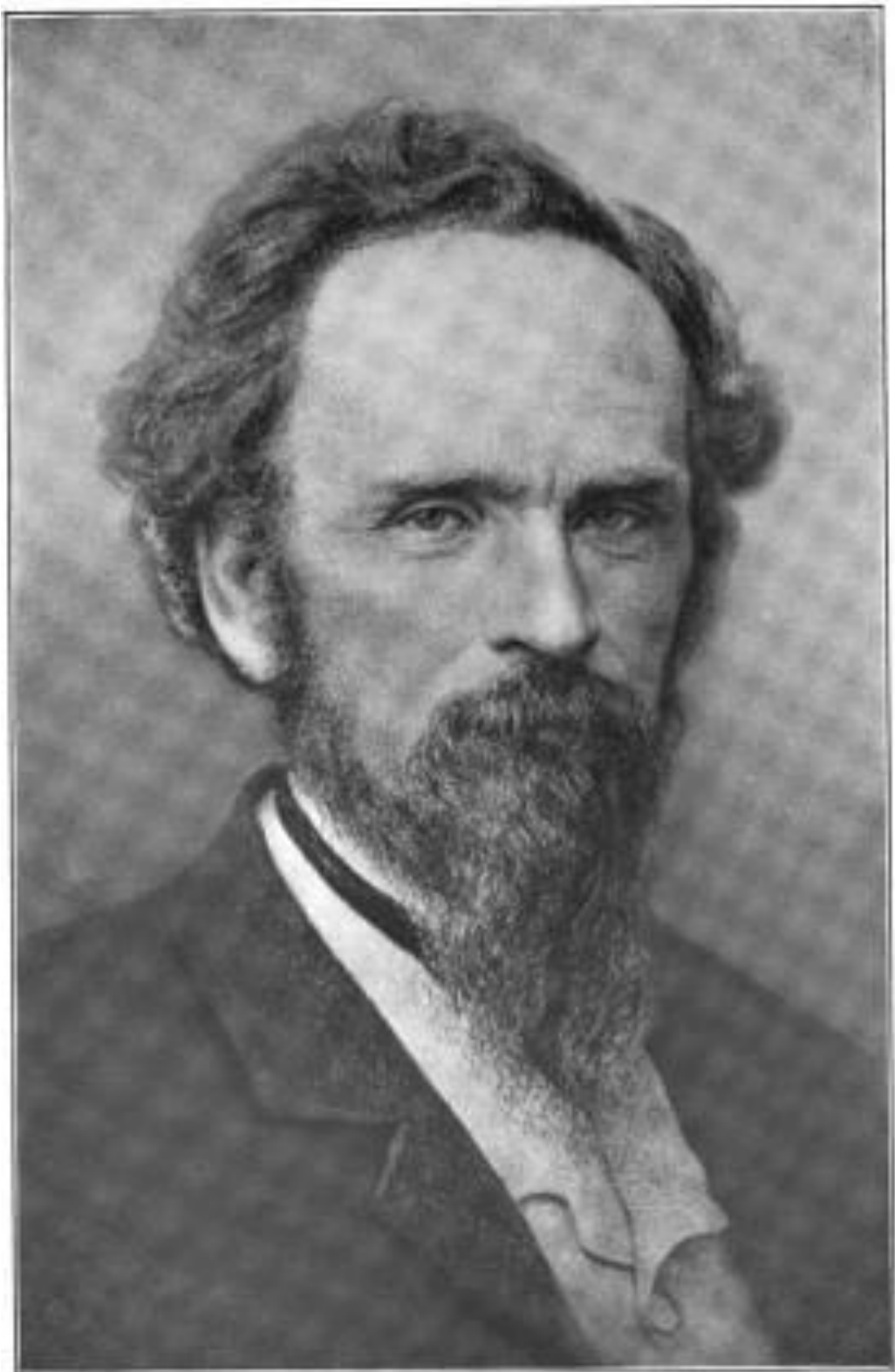




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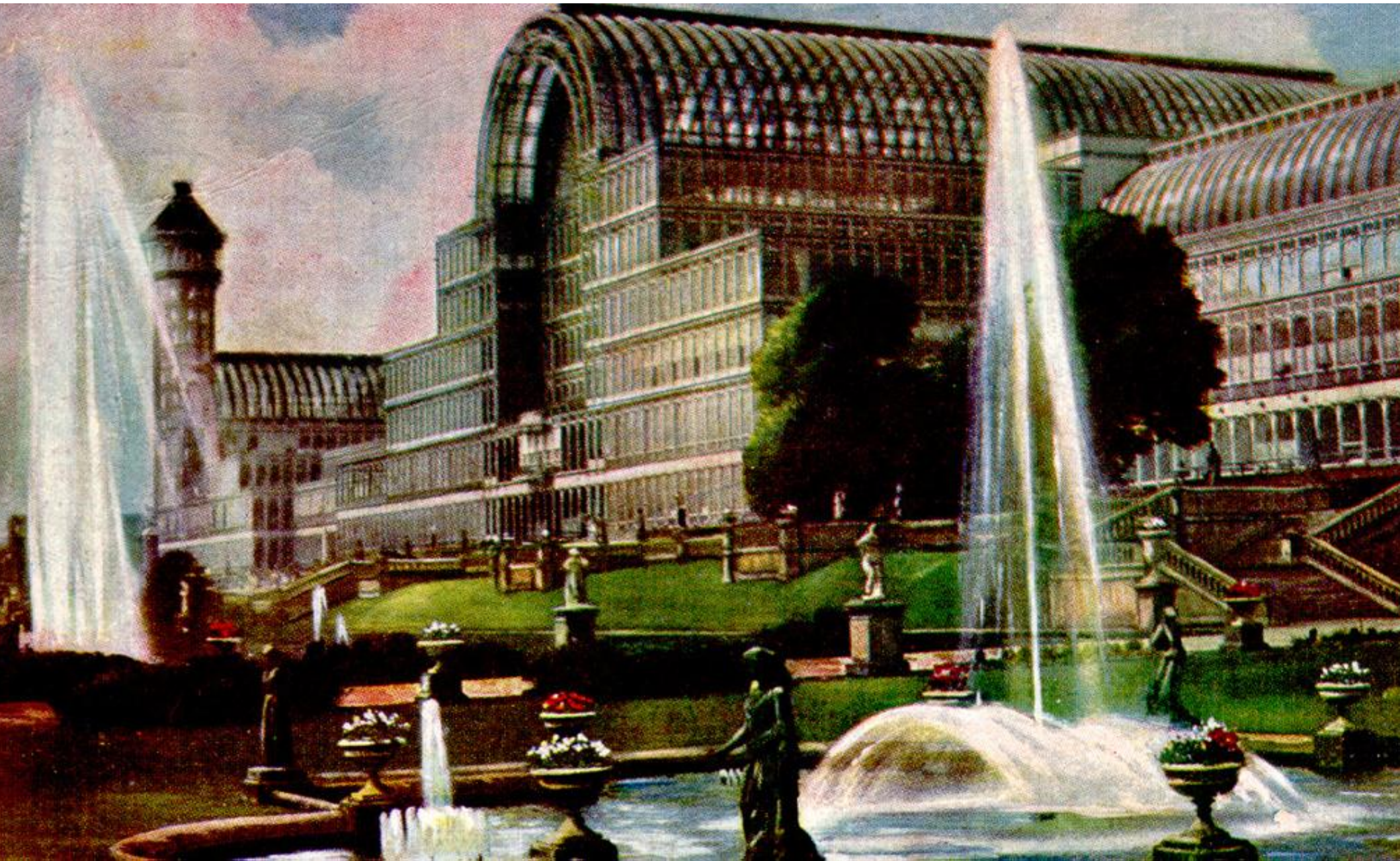


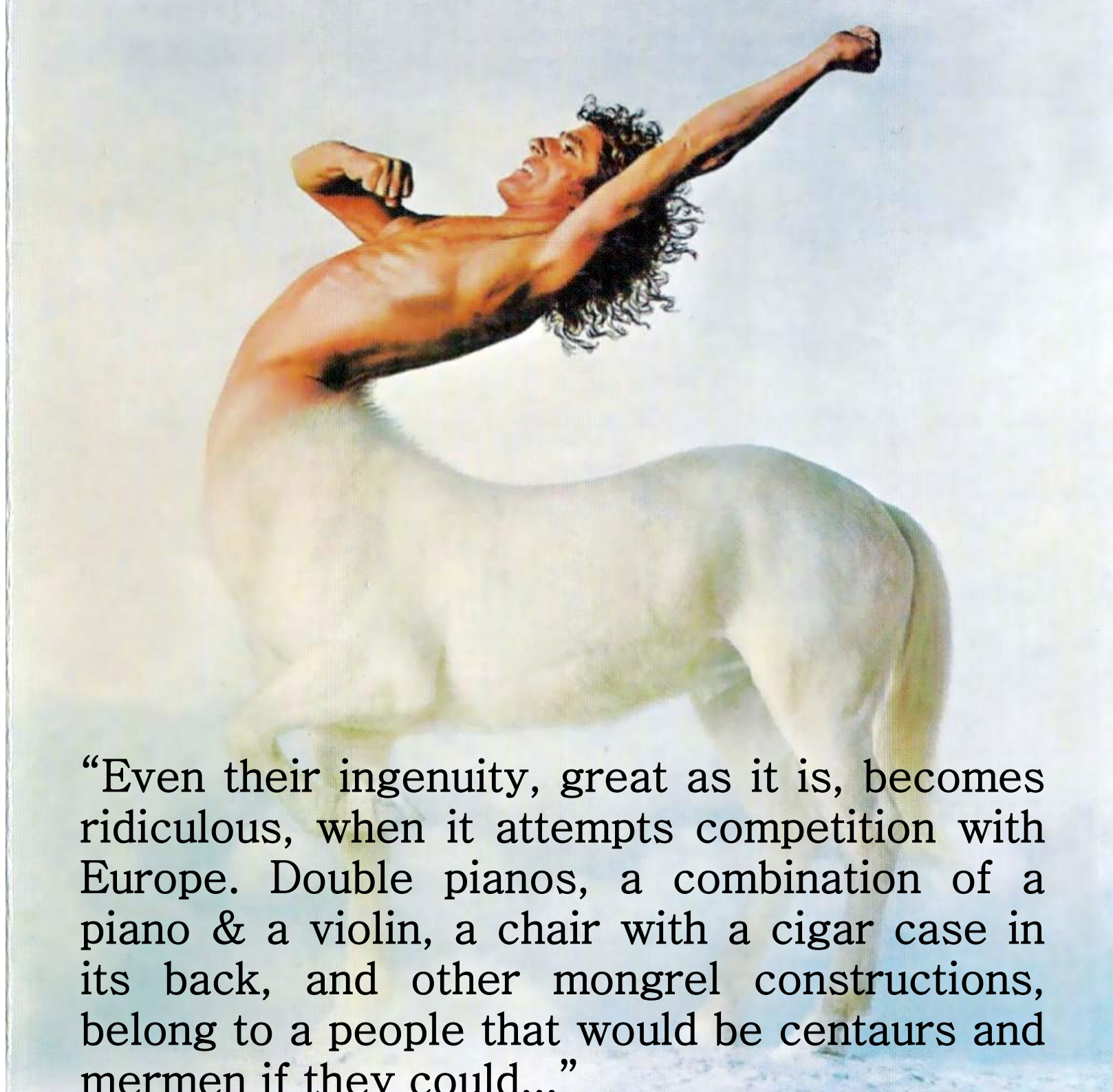






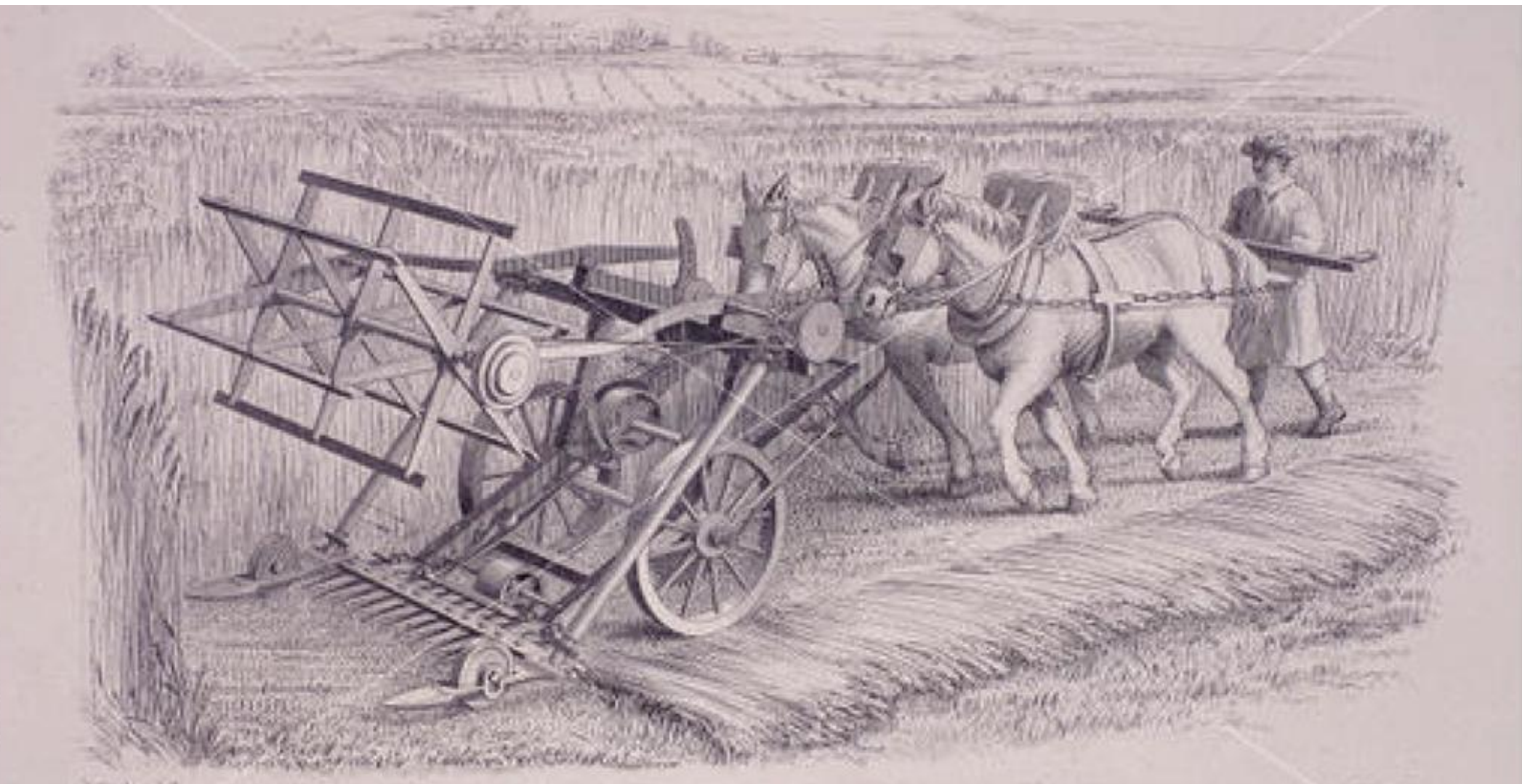
Great Exhibition of 1851





“Even their ingenuity, great as it is, becomes ridiculous, when it attempts competition with Europe. Double pianos, a combination of a piano & a violin, a chair with a cigar case in its back, and other mongrel constructions, belong to a people that would be centaurs and mermen if they could...”

Agriculture

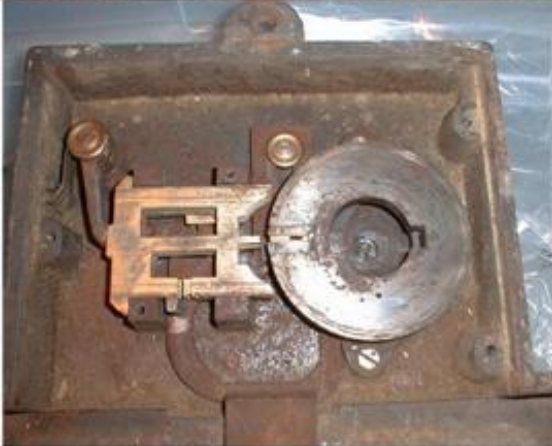


Yachts





Key is similar to the 1852 key patent below.



Parautoptic Lock

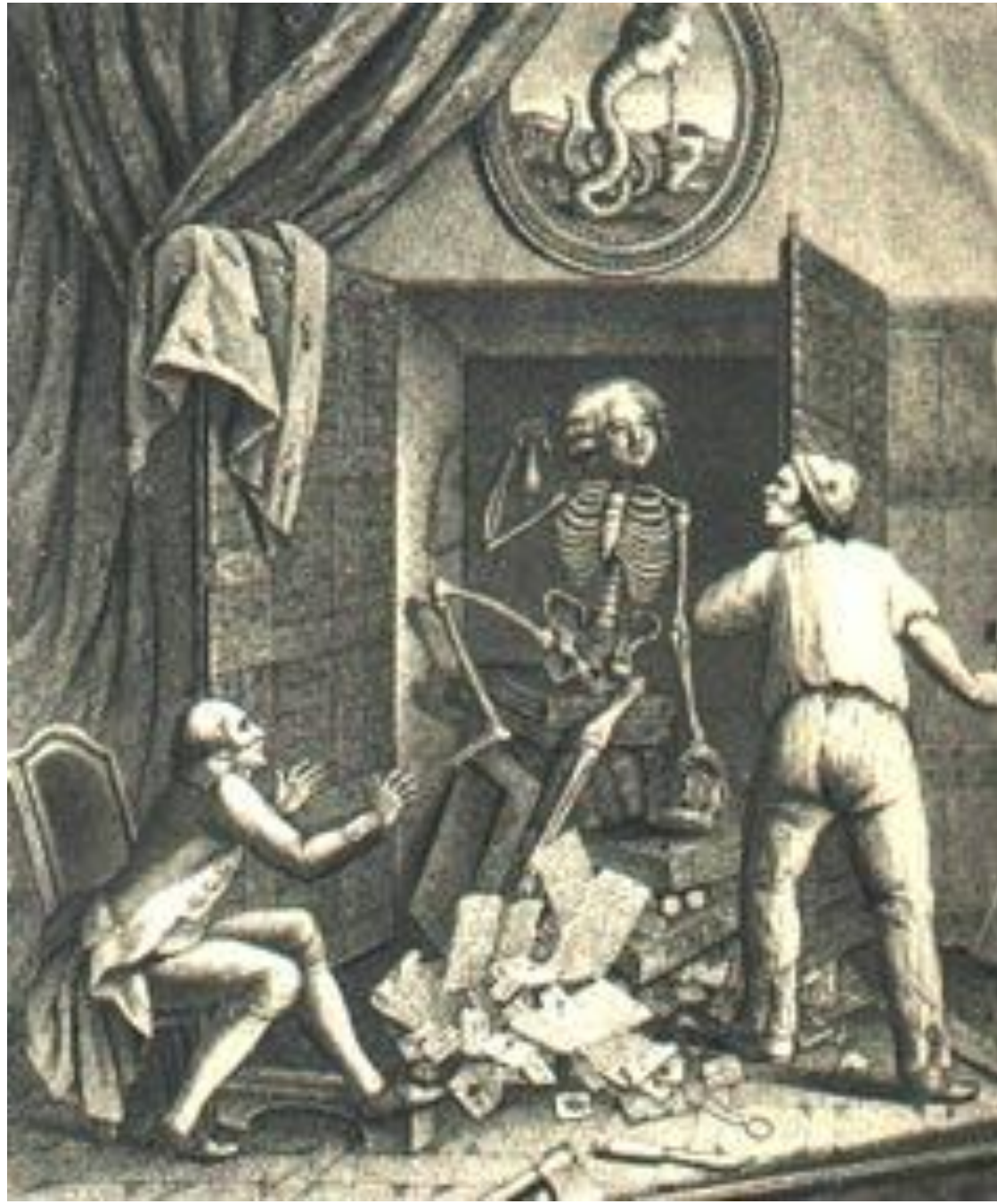




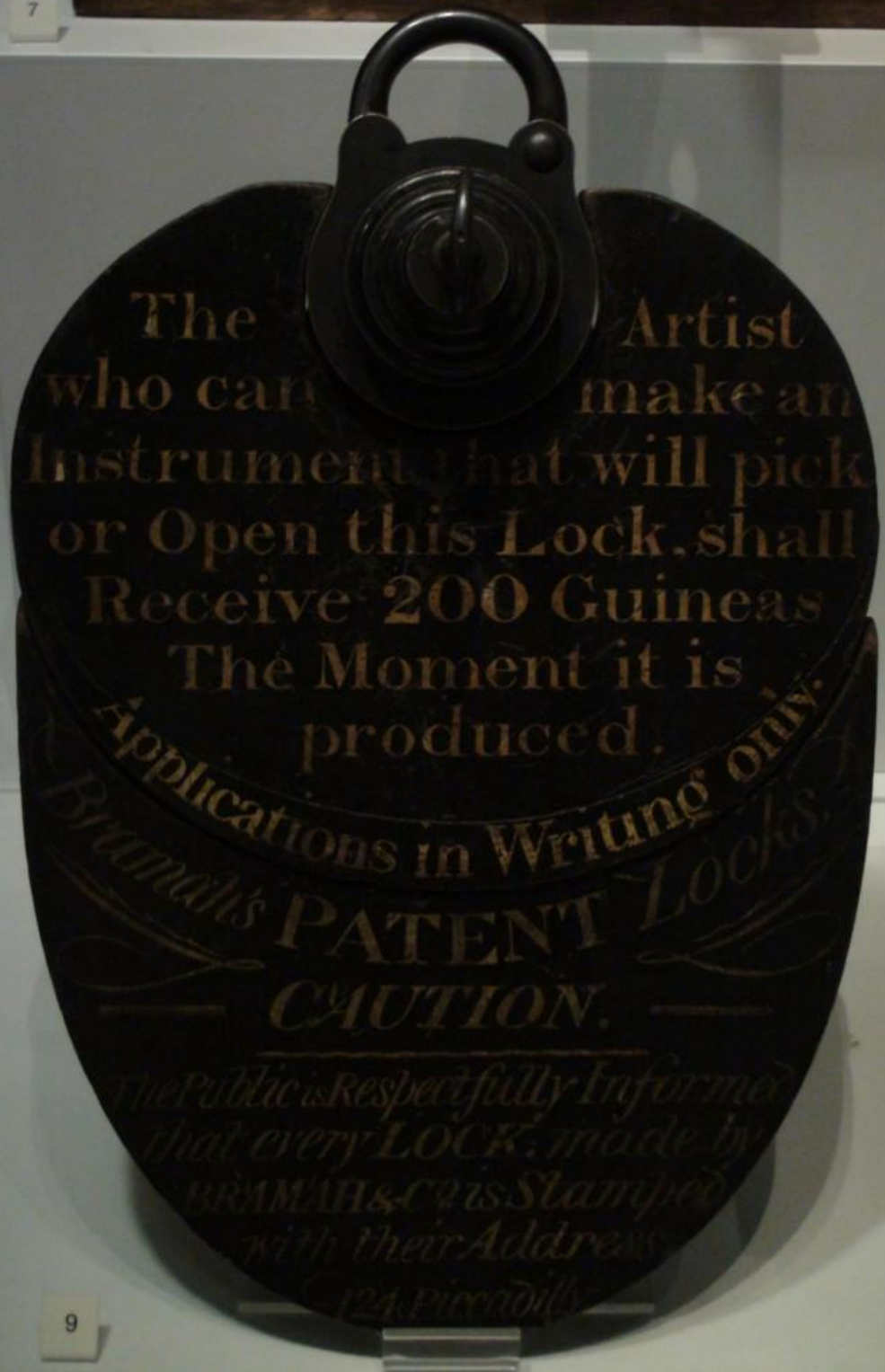


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Armoir de Fer



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"We believed before the Exhibition opened, that we had the best locks in the world, and among us, Bramah and Chubb were reckoned quite as impregnable as Gibraltar..."

Additional rambling thoughts

Many photos found at antique-locks.com
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