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From the earliest times down to the present day, many examples of minute mechanism have appeared, interesting from the patient ingenuity displayed in their production. We propose to give our readers an account of one or two of the most curious of these tiny pieces of handicraft. In the year 1578. Mark Scaliot, a blacksmith of London, made "for exhibition and trial of skill on lock of iron, steel and brass of eleven several pieces and a pipe key, all clean wrought, which weighed but one grain of gold." He also made a chain of gold of forty-three links, to which he fastened the above named articles, and put them round the neck of a flea, the insect thus becoming harnessed. As the chain, lock and key weighed but one grain and a half. the flea drew them with ease ; a proof that if the locksmith's hands were large and sinewy, they must have had the delicate touch of a watchmaker's.

A beautiful piece of mechanism constructed by M. Camus probably stood out prominently in the collection of Louis the Great's childhood. Described by the inventor: "It consisted of which was the figure of a lady with a footman and page behind. This coach being placed at the extremity of a table of a determinate size, the conchman cracked his whip, and the horses immediately set out, moving their legs in a natural manner. When the carriage reached the edge of the table, it turned on a right angle and proceeded along the edge. When it arrived opposite to the place where the king was seated, is stopped ; and the page getting flown, opened the door, upon which the lady alighted, having in her hand a petition, which she presented with a curtsey. After waiting some time, she again curtaied and re-entered the carriage ; the page then resumed his place ; the coachman whipped his horses, which began to move; and the footman, running after the carriage, jumped up behind, and it drove on.

The following are from a list of "miracles of art" exhibited in London in the year 1745 :- "The little furniture of a drawing-room, consisting of a dining table, with two figures seated as if at dinner; footman waiting; a card table which opens with drawer in it; frame and casters; looking-glass; two lozen of dishes; twenty dozen of plates; thirty dozen of spoons, and twelve skeleton-back chairs with claw feet. All the above particulars are contained in a cherry stone. A landau plates; thirty dozen of spoons, and contained in a cherry stone. A landau



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the middle ages, that grants of capital jurisdiction ran "cum fossa et furca," e., "with pit and gallows." The pit, ditch, or well, was for drowning women; but the punishment was ocgasionally inflicted on men. The doom of the parricide was to be put into a sack and cast into the sea. A cannon of Prague, afterwards enrolled in the catalogue of saints, was drown-and all points via Freeport, Its ed in 1383, for refusing to reveal the secrets of the confessional. In this instance, perhaps, drowning was allowed to the offender as a matter of favor. So in Scotland, in 1556, a man convicted of theft and sacrilege, was sentenced to be drowned, "by the queen's special grace." So lately as 1611, a man was drowned at Edinburgn for stealing a lamb. By that time, the punishment of drowning had become obsolete in England. It survived in Scotland until 1685. The last execu-tion by drowning in Switzerland was tion by drowning in Switzerland was in 1652, in Austria in 1776, in Iceland in 1777. It was shall had in Delta to both trains. in 1777. It was abolished in Russia early in the 18th century. In Saxony, a woman convicted of child muder was sewn up in a sack, along with a cat, a dog, and a snake, and thus drowned, in 1734.

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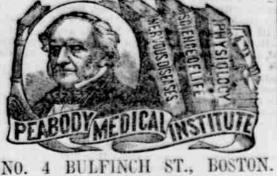
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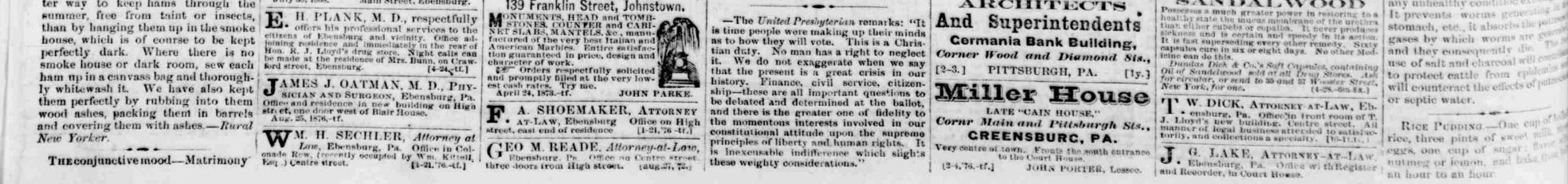
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