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A TREATISE ON DIALLING.

PART I. SECT. I.

DIALLING is the Art of drawing Dials on any given plane, or on the surface of any given body.

The Greeks and Latins named this art *gnomonica*, and *sciatherica*, because through it they were taught to discover the hour of the day by the shadow of a gnomon. Some have named it *photo-sciatherica*, for this reason, that the hours are commonly exhibited by the light, or rather the shade, of the sun. Others have called the art *horologiography*; and others again *sciographia*, because it treats of shadows.

It is uncertain, who was the first that found out the art of constructing dials. Some attribute the invention to Anaximenes Milesius, who lived about 556 years before Christ; others, to Thales, who flourished about the same time, or rather earlier. But to leave the opinions of different authors, I think it is evident, that the art of making dials was known long before the days of either of these philosophers. Witness, the dial of Ahaz, mentioned in Isaiah, chap. xxxviii. ver. 8. which must have been at least 150 years prior to the date abovementioned. It appears, however, that the Romans were unacquainted with dials till Papius Cursor, about 260 years before the Christian æra set up a dial at Rome, prior to which, says Pliny, there is no mention of any account of time, other than by the sun's rising and setting.

Clavius is said to be the first professed writer on this subject. The art has been since handled by Dechales, Ozanam, Wolfius, M. Picard, De la Hire, Sturmus, Paterson, Michael, Leybourn, Leadbetter, Muller, Ferguson, and many others. But among all the books on dialling, none are more deservedly esteemed than that of J. Wells, Esq. printed at London in 1635, under the title of "The Art of Shadows," and that excellent Treatise of the late Mr. Emerson, printed in 1770.

There are various methods of drawing dials. Some find all the requisites by means of a terrestrial globe, and then transfer them to the dial plane, but in the construction of large dials, where accuracy is required, this method is too vague and uncertain. Others find the requisites by trigonometrical calculations, and insert them in a table for use, and so taking off the due measure of each from a plain scale of proper size, they easily and accurately form the several lines on the dial plate.

Others, again, construct from a dial scale fitted to the particular latitude of the place; but, as in the practice of making dials a variety of latitudes will occur, and it would be exceeding difficult, nay, almost an endless task, to procure such scales for all latitudes; or if procured, as the advantage would never compensate for the expence, this method is not fit for general use, and of course is not worth notice in this place, as the economy of our plan is cautiously to avoid extraneous matter and things of small importance, while we wish to be copious, and to afford our readers every satisfaction in those articles which appear to be of real utility.

Another method of constructing dials is by lines drawn purely geometrical, without the help of calculation, and this method being more mechanical and scientific than the rest, would be the best for practice; was it not that in some cases the lines become so numerous, and their intersections so many, as to render it both tedious and inaccurate.

In what follows, I shall therefore prefer that method by the scale with the help of calculation, it being the most general, correct, and expeditious; not, however, omitting the geometrical method, in cases where it is well adapted for actual use.

Before I enter into the practice of describing dials, it will be necessary to treat of the gnomonic projection of the sphere.

SECT. II.

GNOMONIC PROJECTION OF THE SPHERE.

IN the gnomonic projection, the plane projected on, is supposed to touch the hemisphere to be projected, in its vertex; the point of contact being the centre of projection. But a projection may be made nothing differing from this, upon any plane parallel to such touching plane; for it is only taking a greater or less radius of projection, according to the greater or less distance, which is in effect projecting a greater or less sphere upon its touching plane.

When the sphere is to be projected this way upon a given plane, it will assist the imagination to suppose the eye placed in the centre of the sphere and looking on the plane whose position is given; as by that means, the circles of the sphere, as projected on the plane, will appear in due order.

In this projection, every great circle as BAD (Fig. 1.) is projected into a right line, perpendicular to the line of measures, and at a distance from the centre equal to the cotangent of its inclination, or the tangent of its nearest distance from the pole of projection.

For let CBE D be perpendicular both to the given circle BAD and the plane of projection, then will the intersection CF be the line of measures. Now since the plane of the circle BD and the plane of projection are both perpendicular to BCDE, the common section will also be perpendicular to BCDE, and consequently it will also be perpendicular to the line of measures CF. Now since the projecting point A is in the plane of the circle; all the points of the circle will be projected into that section; that is,

into a right line passing through *d*, and perpendicular to *Cd*. And *Cd* is the tangent of CD, or cotangent of *CdA*.

Hence a great circle perpendicular to the plane of projection, is projected into a right line; passing through the centre of projection, and any arch is projected into its correspondent tangent. Thus the arch CD is projected into the tangent *Cd*.

Also any point as D, or the pole of any circle, is projected into a point *d* distant from the pole of projection C, the tangent of D's distance from the said pole.

If two great circles be perpendicular to each other, and one of them passes through the pole of projection, they will be projected into two right lines perpendicular to each other.

Therefore, if a great circle be perpendicular to several other great circles, and its representation pass through the centre of projection, then all these circles will be represented by lines parallel to one another, and perpendicular to the line of measure or that first circle.

If two great circles intersect in the pole of projection, their representations shall make an angle at the centre of the plane of projection, equal to the angle made by those circles on the sphere.

Any less circle parallel to the plane of projection, is projected into a circle, whose centre is the pole of projection; and radius, the tangent of the circle's distance from the pole of projection. Hence, if a circle be parallel to the plane of projection, and 45° from the pole, it is projected into a circle equal to a great circle of the sphere, and therefore it may be looked upon as the primitive circle in this projection, and its radius esteemed, the radius of projection.

Every less circle (not parallel to the plane of projection) is projected into a conic section, whose transverse axis, is the line of measures, and whose nearest vertex is at a distance from the centre of the plane, equal to the tangent of its nearest distance from the pole of projection; the other centre is distant therefrom equal to the tangent of its farthest distance from the pole of projection.

For let BE (Fig. 2.) be parallel to the line of measures *dp*, so will any circle be the base of a cone whose vertex is A, and therefore such cone being produced will be cut by the plane of projection in some conic section. Thus the circle whose diameter is DF, will be cut by the plane in an ellipsis, whose transverse axis is *df*; and *Cd* is the tangent of CAD, and *Cf* of CF. In like manner, the cone AFE being cut by the plane *f*, will be the nearest vertex, and the other point in which E is projected is at an infinite distance. Also the cone AFG (whose base is the circle FG) being cut by the plane *f*, is the nearest vertex, and GA, being produced, gives *d* the other vertex.

It follows from what has been said, that if the distance of the farthest point of the circle be less than 90° from the pole of projection, it will be projected into an ellipsis.

If the farthest point be more than 90° from the pole of projection, it will be projected into an hyperbola. Thus the circle FG is projected into an hyperbola, whose vertices are *f* and *d*, and transverse *fd*.

In the circle EF, where the farthest point E is just 90° from C, it will be projected into a parabola, whose vertex is *f*.

Also if H be the centre, and K, *k*, *l*, the focus of the ellipsis, hyperbola, or parabola, then $HK = \frac{\Lambda d - \Lambda f}{2}$, for the ellipsis; $Hk = \frac{\Lambda d + \Lambda f}{2}$ for the hyperbola; and (drawing *fn* perpendicular to *AE*) $fl = \frac{nE + Ff}{2}$, for the parabola, which are the representations of the circles DF, FG, and FE respectively.

These things being premised, I proceed to the practical part of projection, in which, for the sake of brevity and utility, I shall confine myself as much as possible to the method by the plain scale, the other methods which depend upon rigid geometrical constructions, being in some cases exceeding tedious, and on account of the variety of lines and intersections that occur, the figures when constructed are liable to far greater inaccuracy than when they are drawn at once from a correct scale of chords, sines, tangents, &c.

ART. I. To draw a great Circle, through a given Point, and at a given Distance from the Pole of Projection. (Fig. 3.)

RULE. With the radius of projection describe the circle ABD, and with the tangent of the circle's distance from the pole of projection C, describe the circle E I F, and draw PK to touch this circle, so will P I K be the circle required.

ART. II. To draw a great Circle perpendicular to a given Circle, that passes through the Pole of Projection, and at a given Distance from that Pole. (Fig. 3.)

RULE. The primitive circle ABD being drawn in the given circle C I, set the tangent of the given distance from C to I; through I draw Kp perpendicular to C I, and it will be the representation required.

ART. III. To measure any Part of a great Circle or to set any Number of Degrees thereon. (Fig. 4.)

RULE. Let EP be the great circle, EBD be a circle described with the radius of projection, and let IP be a part of the great circle; draw HD perpendicular to EP; apply CI to the tangents, and set the semitangent of its complement from C to A, which will be the dividing centre of EP; and drawing AP, the

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the angle IAP will consequently be the measure of the given arch IP.

If the degrees be given, make the angle IAP equal thereto, which, (by drawing AP to meet the circle EP,) will cut off IP, the arch correspondent thereto.

ART. IV. To draw a great Circle so as to make a given Angle with a given great Circle, at any assigned Point; or to measure an Angle made by two great Circles. (Fig. 5.)

RULE. Let P be the given point, and PB the given great circle. Draw through P, and C, the centre of projection, the line PCG; to which from C, draw CA perpendicular, and equal to the radius of projection. Draw PA and AG perpendicular to it; at G, erect BD perpendicular to GC, cutting PB in B; draw AO bisecting the angle CAP. Then at the point O make BOD equal the given angle, and from D draw the line DP; so will BPD be the angle required. Or, if the degrees in the angle BPD be required; from the points BD, draw the lines BO, and DO, and the angle BOD will be the measure of BPD.

COR. If an angle be required to be made at the pole or centre of projection, equal to a given angle, this will be effected by drawing two lines from the centre, making the angle required.

ALSO, If one great circle is to be drawn perpendicular to another great circle, it must be drawn through its pole.

ART. V. To project a less Circle parallel to the Primitive.

RULE. With the radius of projection AC (Fig. 3.) and centre C, describe the primitive circle ADB, and with the radius CE, equal to the tangent of the circle's distance from its pole, describe the circle EFG for the circle required.

ART. VI. To draw a less Circle perpendicular to the Plane of Projection. (Fig. 6.)

RULE. Through the centre of projection C, draw its parallel great circle TI; take the tangent of the circle's distance from its parallel great circle, and set it from C (the centre of projection) to V, and the secant thereof from C to F. Then with the semi-transverse CV, and focus F, describe the hyperbola WVHK, which will represent the given circle.

ART. VII. To project any less oblique Circle given. (Fig. 7.)

RULE. Having drawn the line of measures dp , take the tangents of the circles nearest and farthest distance from the pole of projection, and set from C to f and d , which will give the vertices, and bisect df in H. Take half the difference or half the sum of the secants of the greatest and least distances from the pole of projection, and set from H to K or k , for the focus of the ellipsis or hyperbola, which may then be described; and it will represent the given circle.

ART. VIII. To find the Pole of any Circle in the Projection, DMF. (Fig. 8.)

RULE. From the centre of projection C draw the radius of projection CA perpendicular to the line of measures DF; apply DC and CF to the tangents, and set the tangent of half the difference of their degrees from C to P; if D and F lie on contrary sides of C; but, half the sum, if on the same side, and it will give P, the pole; or by ART. III. set off from D to P, the circle's distance from the pole, which will give P as before.

COR. If it be a great circle as BG (Fig. 9.) draw the line of measures GC and CA perpendicular to it, and equal to the radius of projection; make GAP a right angle, so will P be the pole required.

ART. IX. To measure any Arch of a less Circle; or to set any Number of Degrees thereon. (Fig. 9.)

RULE. Let C be the centre of projection, P the pole, and P the pole of the given circle; apply CP to the tangents, and set the tangent of its half from C to O, and the cotangent of its half from C to D; with the radius GC taken equal to the tangent of the degrees in FP, (the given circle's distance from its pole) describe the circle GSH: then DI being drawn through n or l will cut off $Hl = F n$. Or, O being found as before, erect OS perpendicular to CO; then through the given point n draw PQ, and the angle QCH will be equal $F n$: Or, apply CP to the tangents, and set the cotangent thereof from C to G. Erect GB perpendicular to GC. Through n draw P n B; and join BO, so will the angle GOB = $F n$.

COR. If the less circle be perpendicular to the plane of projection as VKK (Fig. 6.) it is only drawing the perpendiculars VC, HG, to its parallel great circle CI; and CG (measured by ART. III.) will be equal to VH; or the degrees set from C to G, will cut off VH equal thereto.

AN EXAMPLE illustrating the foregoing RULES.

Let it be required to project the Sphere on a Plane parallel to the Horizon, for July 31, 1787, at 10 in the Morning. Lat. 35 N. (Fig. 10.)

With the radius of projection and centre C describe the primitive circle ADB. Through C draw the meridian PE, and AS perpendicular to it for the prime vertical. Set off CP = 35 N, the latitude, so will P be the north pole. Draw Pp perpendicular to CP, for the 6 o'clock meridian. Set the co-latitude from C to E, and draw EQ perpendicular to CE for the equinoctial. Make EB = 30° (or two hours the time from noon) and draw the 10 o'clock meridian PB. Set the sun's declination 18° 27' from B to O, then will O be the sun's place at 10 o'clock.

Through O draw the azimuth circle CQ. Also through O may be drawn (by ART. VII.) a parallel to the equinoctial EQ for the sun's parallel of declination.

CO measured by ART. III. = 31° 1/2, the complement of the O's altitude; and the angle EC O measured by ART. IV. = 65°, 10', his azimuth.

In like manner may be drawn any other circles of the sphere, and the places of moon, stars, and planets exhibited.

PART II. SECT. III.

THE PRACTICE OF DRAWING VARIOUS SORTS OF DIALS.

This I shall endeavour to methodize, by reducing the different kinds to three classes, for all dial planes are either parallel, perpendicular, or inclining to the horizon.

DEFINITIONS.

1st. *Dial Planes*, are those on which dials are or may be described.

2d. *The Denomination of any Dial*, is taken from that great circle of the sphere, to which the dial plane is parallel.

3d. *Declination of a Plane*, is an arch of the horizon, contained between the plane and the prime vertical, or between the meridian and a plane perpendicular to the dial plane, and is always reckoned from the South or North.

4th. *Reclination of a Plane*, is the angle which it makes with a vertical plane.

5th. *Inclination of a Plane*, is the angle which it makes with the horizon.

6th. *The Centre of a Dial*, is the point where all the hour lines meet, or to which they tend.

7th. *The Style or Gnomon of a Dial*, is a pin, or piece of metal or wood, &c. raised perpendicular to the plane of the dial, the shadow of which, as an index, points out the hour of the day.

8th. *The Substile*, is the line on which the stile is erected. This always passes through the centre of the dial.

9th. *The Stiles Height*, is the angle which the upper edge thereof makes with the substile; but this is to be understood when the stile is in the form of a triangle, and then the angular point is at the centre of the dial. If the stile is a pin, the length thereof is the height. If the stile is a parallelogram, the centre is at an infinite distance.

10th. *The Substiles Distance from the Meridian*, is the angle which it makes with the 12 o'clock line.

11th. *Meridian of the Plane*, is the meridian perpendicular to the plane of the dial; it is the same as the substile; but the meridian of the place is perpendicular to the horizon.

12th. *The Height of the Meridian*, is an arch of the great circle, or dial plane, comprehended between the horizon and meridian of the place.

13th. *Plane's Difference of the Longitude*, is the angle on the sphere, contained between the meridian of the place, and the meridian of the plane. This is also called the *Inclination of Meridians*.

14th. *Hour Arch*, is an arch of the Equinoctial answering to the time, or the angle at the Pole, thus 15° = 1 hour, 30° = 2 hours, 45° = 3 hours, &c. This takes its beginning at the substile.

15th. *Hour Angle*, is the angle which any hour line makes with the substile.

16th. *Horizontal Line*, in any dial, is a line drawn parallel to the plane of the horizon, and is made by the horizontal plane's cutting the dial-plane, and passing through that point of the stile, whose shadow shews the hours.

17th. *The Equinoctial Line*, is made by the intersection of the plane of the Equinoctial and Dial Plane.

18th. *An Azimuth Line*, is the Intersection of an Azimuth with the dial plane; and so for other lines of the like kind.

19th. *The Contingent Line*, is a line drawn through the foot of the stile perpendicular to the substile. It serves instead of the equinoctial for finding the hour points, through which the hour lines are to be drawn. When the contingent does not pass through the foot of the stile it represents the equinoctial.

SECT. IV.

PROPOSITIONS.

Mr. Emerson has demonstrated the following Propositions respecting dials.

PROPOSITION I. If a right line be fixed any where upon the earth, parallel to the earth's axis, the shadow thereof by the sun, will move uniformly about it, describing equal angles in equal times.

2d. If a line be elevated above a plane and fixed there, its shadow will be the same at the same moment of time, in whatever part of the earth it is placed, provided it be in a parallel situation.

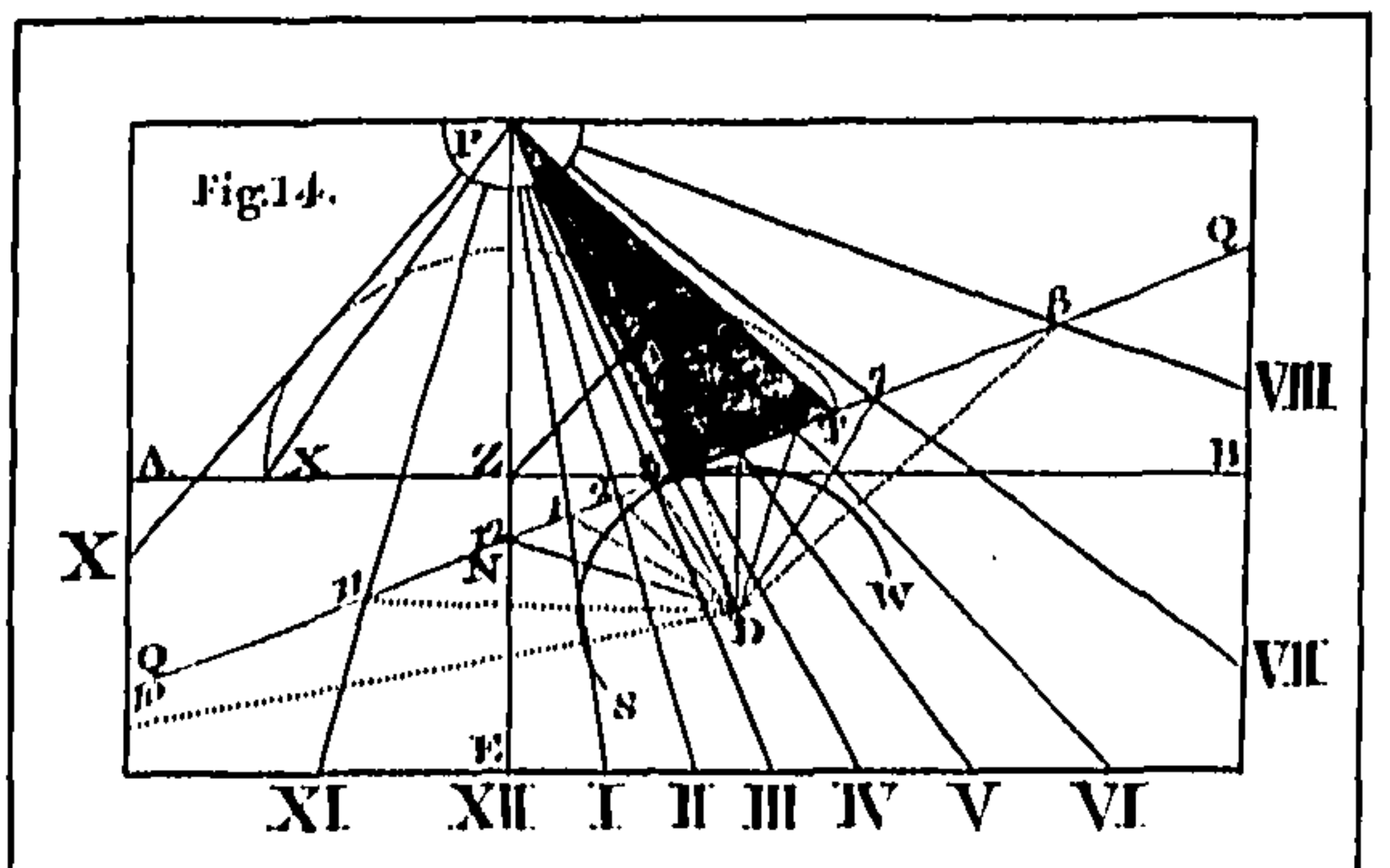
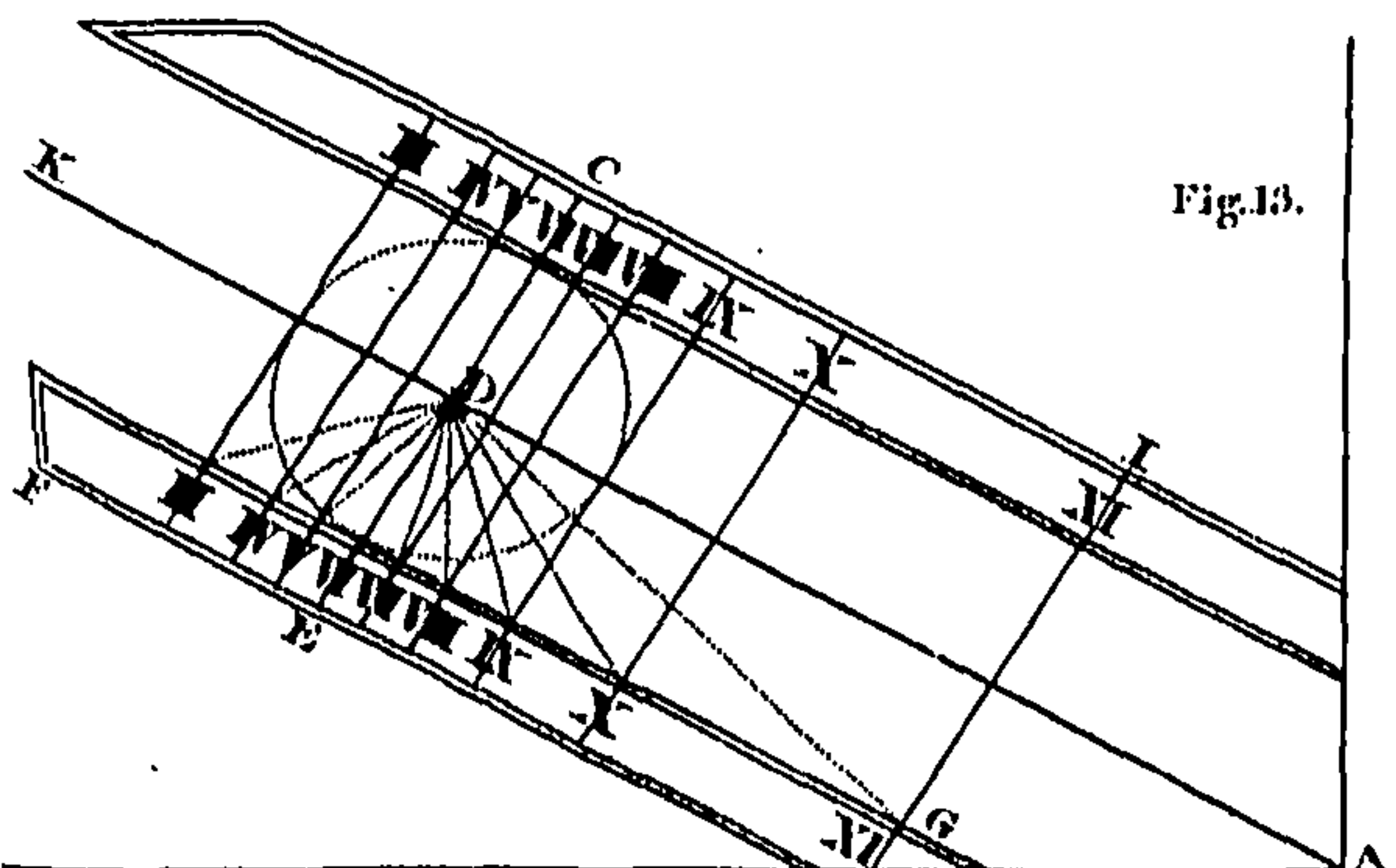
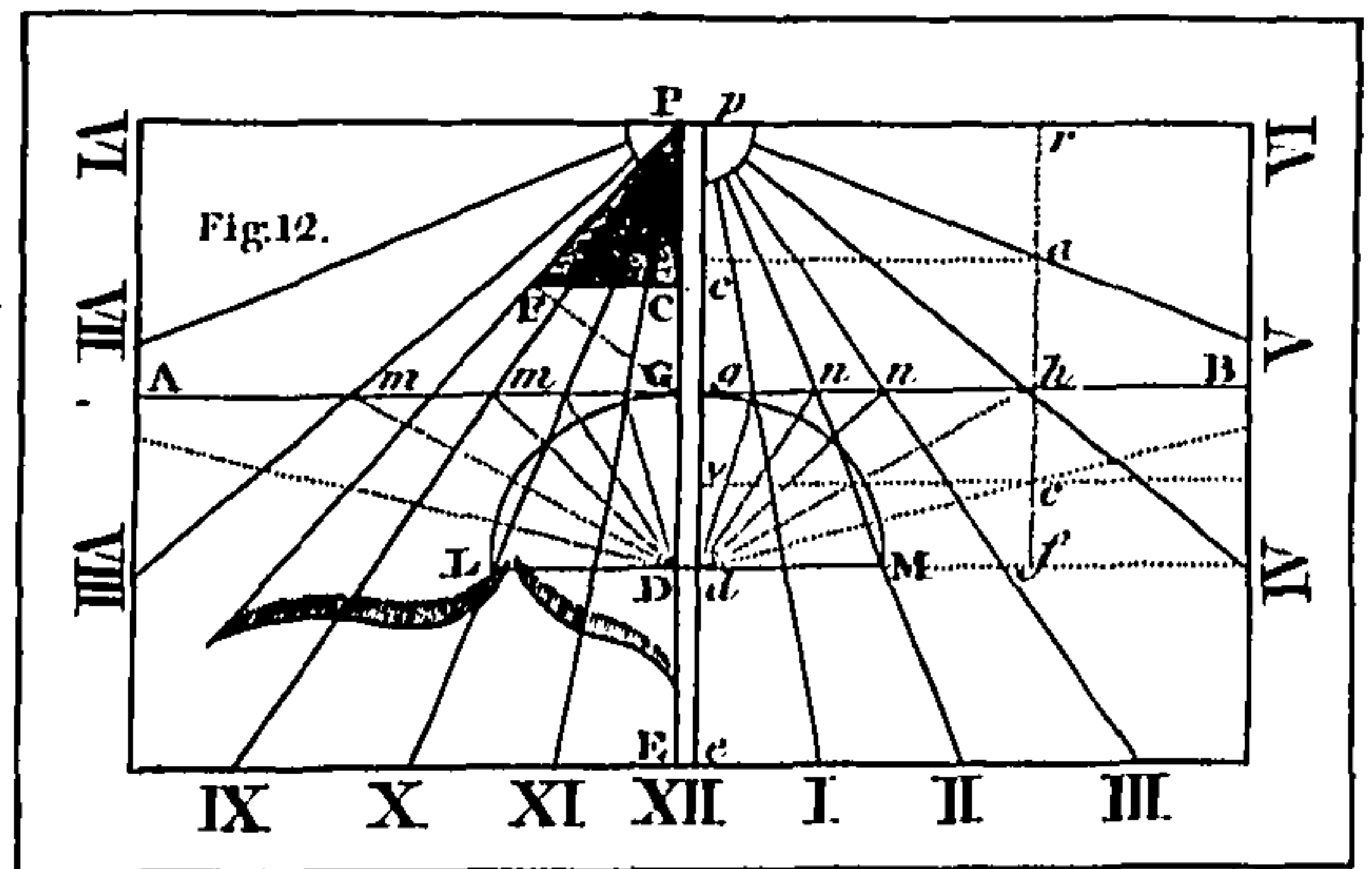
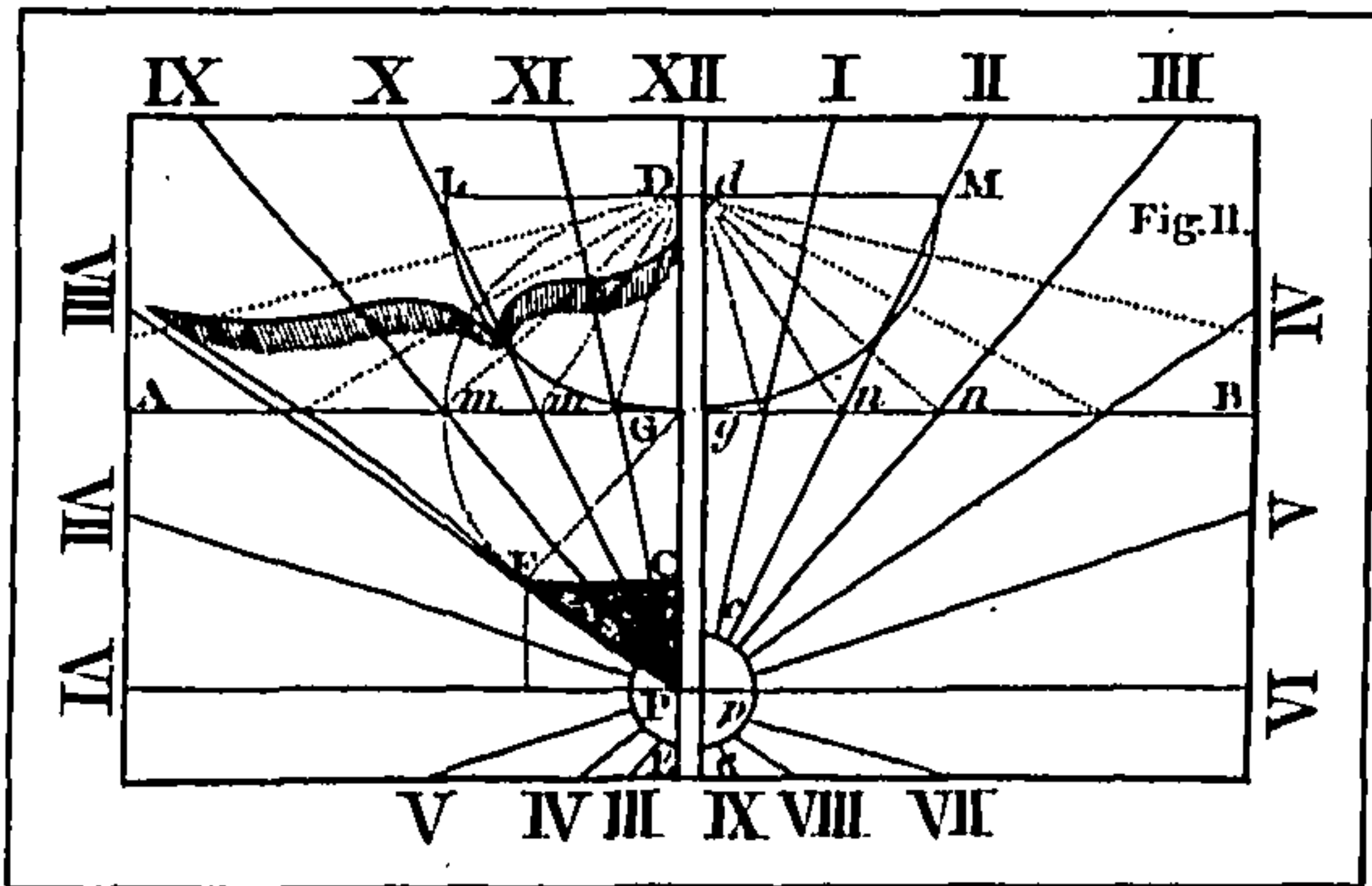
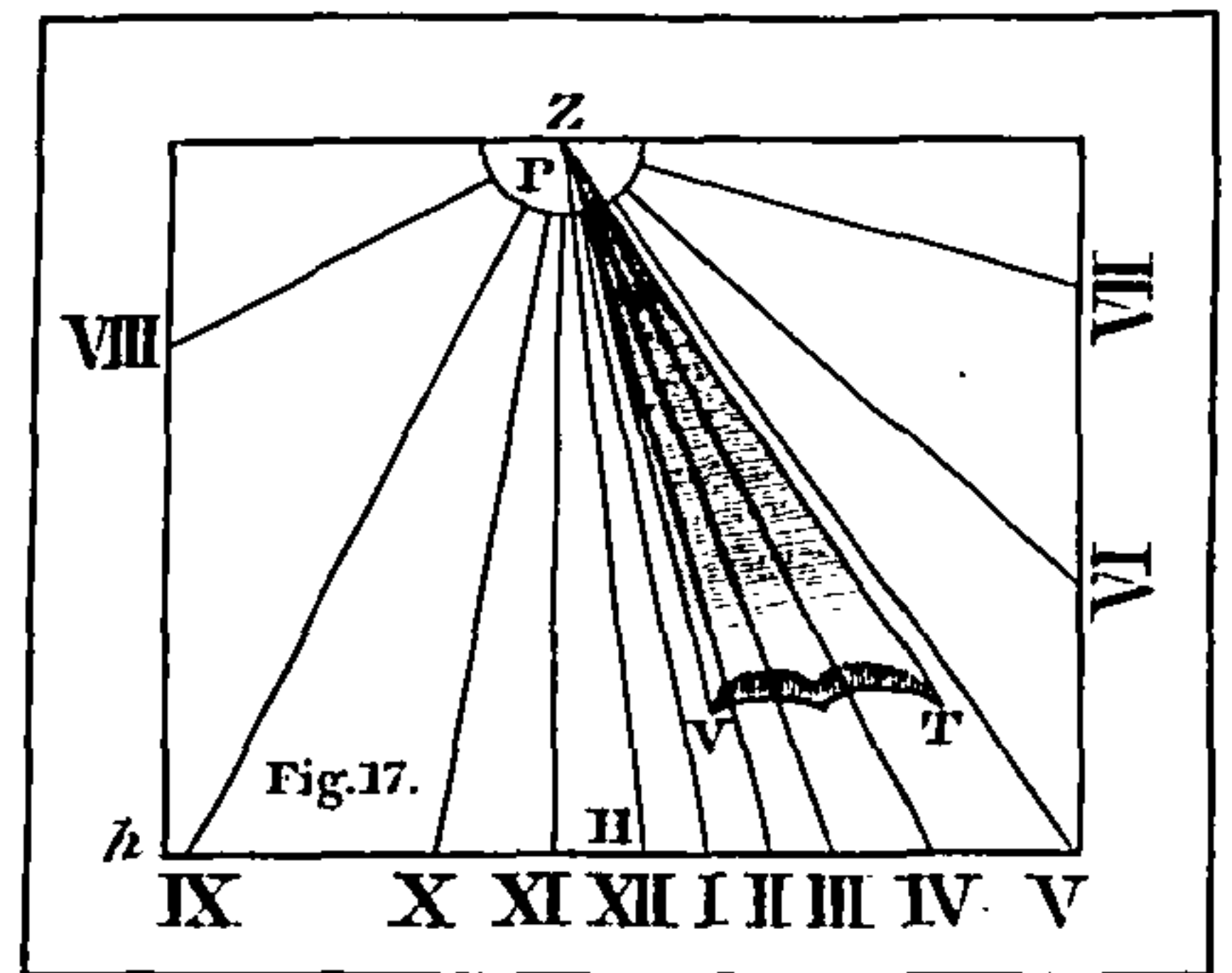
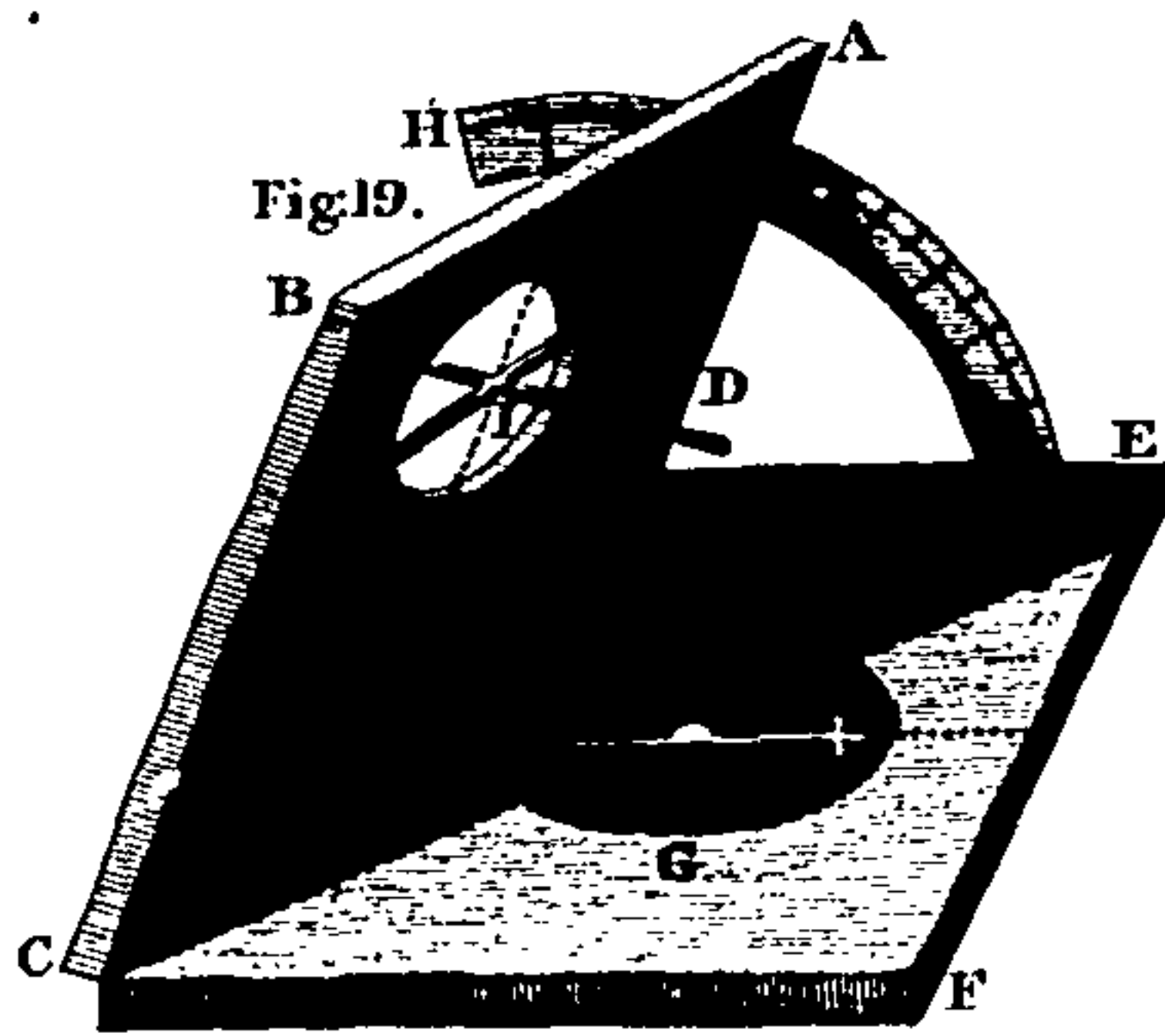
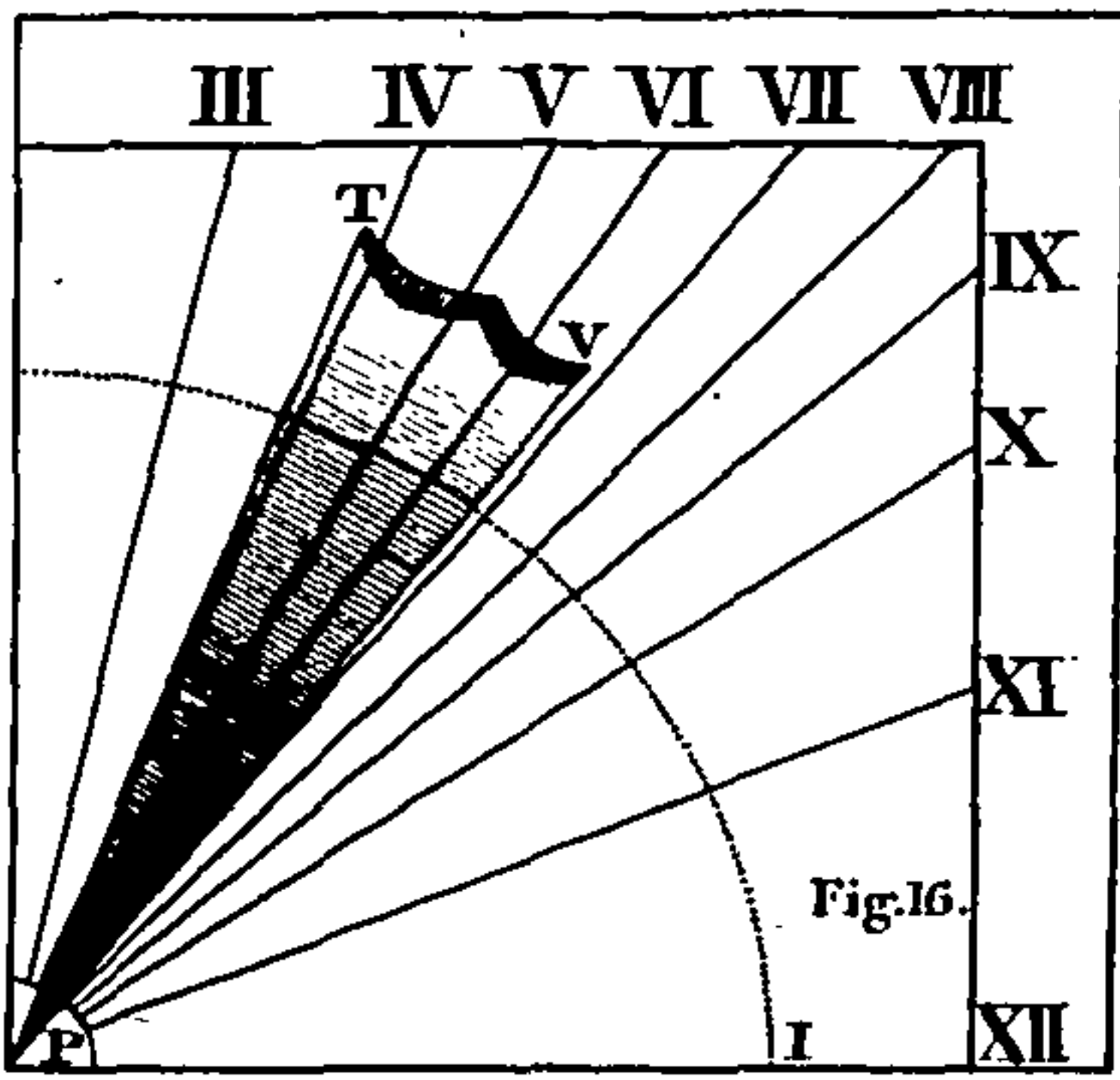
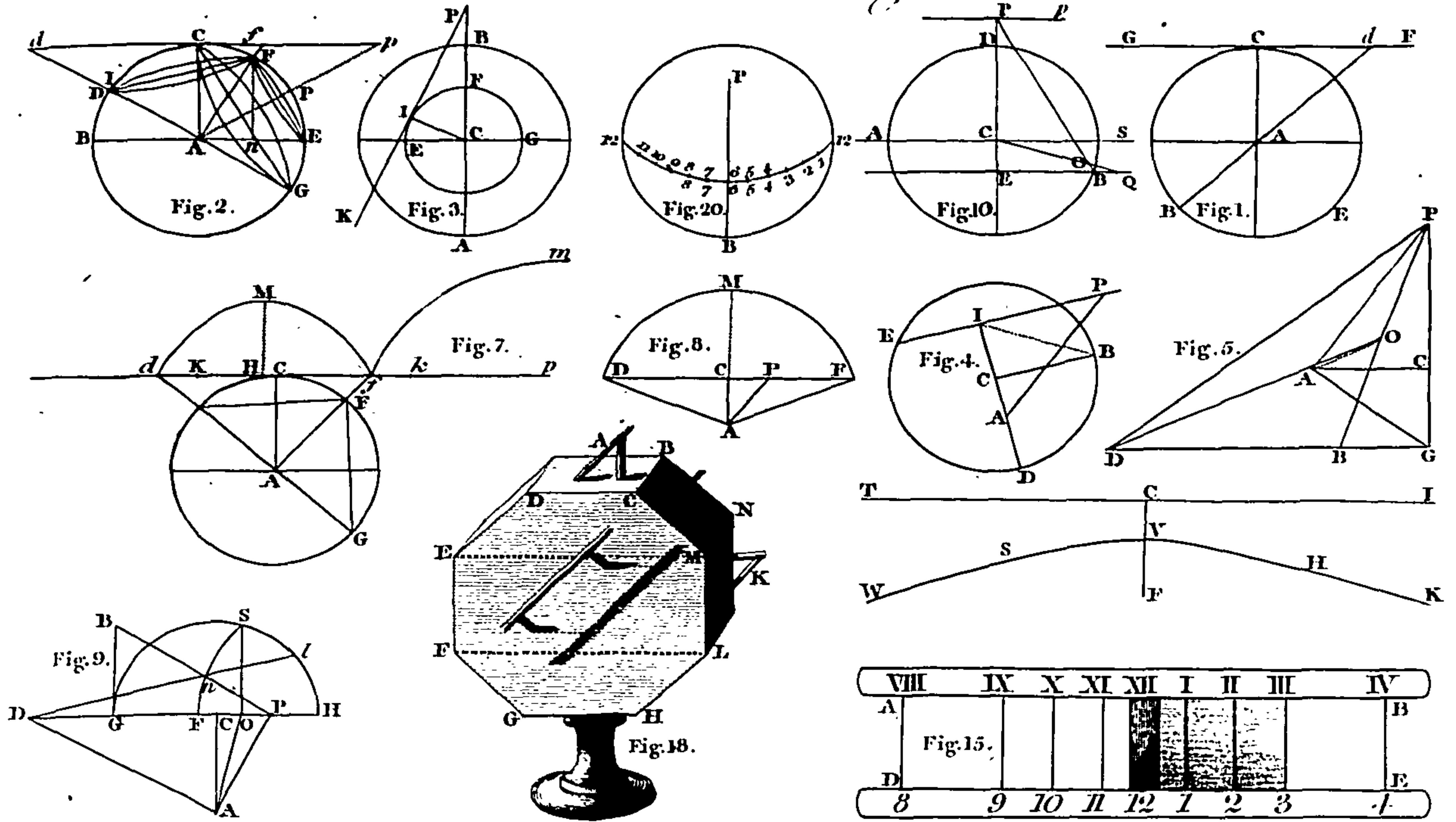
3d. Hence a dial removed from its true situation to any other and placed in a situation quite parallel, will, when the sun shines, always shew what a clock it is at the place it came from.

4th. In every dial that has a stile, the edge of it that gives the shadow must always be parallel to the earth's axis, and point directly to the two poles.

5th. In any dial, the angle of the stile's height above the substile is equal to the height of the pole above the plane of the dial.

6th. The

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6th. The intersection of the meridian of the place and the plane of the dial is always the hour line of 12 o'clock; and all the other hour lines are the intersections of the several meridians or hour circles, with the plane of the dial, all passing through the stile.

7th. In a dial with a centre, if the hour lines be produced through the centre, so as to appear on the other side of the plane; and if the stile be also produced through the plane, there will be a dial formed on the other side of the plane, in which the same lines produced refer to the same hours.

8th. In all upright dials the hour line of 12 is perpendicular to the horizon.

9th. In a direct east or west reclining dial the hour line of 12 is parallel to the horizon.

10th. If any erect declining dial be removed along the plane of its great circle, till its difference of longitude be equal to the planes difference of longitude or inclination of meridians, it will become a full south or north erect dial.

11th. A reclining east or west dial plane, will be an upright plane under the same meridian at 90° distance, and in a parallel situation.

SECT. V.

DIALS PARALLEL TO THE HORIZON.

Under this description are those dials that are termed horizontal, their planes being always fixed parallel to the horizon, through which, if obstacles do not intervene, the sun shines upon them on each day of the year from his rising to his setting, whatever may be the latitude of the place, which is not the case with any other kind of dials; and therefore this sort of all others is of the most general use.

ART. X. *To construct an horizontal Dial for any given Latitude.*

1st. GEOMETRICALLY. Take any Point as P (Fig. 11.) for the centre, through P draw the meridian DE; at P make the angle DPR equal to the latitude. Draw a line parallel to DE, at a distance equal to the perpendicular height of the stile, cutting PR in F, so will FC be the height, and C the foot of the stile. Draw FG perpendicular to FP. Through G draw the contingent line AGB perpendicular to DE, which in this case represents the equinoctial. — Let Gg be the thickness of the stile, and draw dge parallel to DGE. From G take GF, the nearest distance to PR, and set from G to D, and from g to d; and from the centres G and g with any radius describe two quadrants, and divide each into six equal parts, or hours. Through the points of division draw lines from the centres D and d, intersecting AB in the hour points m, m; n, n, &c. then from the centres P and p draw lines through the points m, n, &c. and they will be the hour lines, which may be circumscribed either by a circle, square, or any other figure, at the pleasure of the artist. The 6 o'clock hour line is drawn parallel to AB, and the hours before and after 6 are had by producing the opposite hour lines through the centre. — Also PFC will be the form of the stile which may be longer at pleasure, by producing FP. — The stile must be placed perpendicular to the dial plane, one edge thereof being on PG, and the other on pg; so will the upper edge shew the shadow.

If no space is allowed for the thickness of the stile, the lines DP and dp, will coincide; D and d will be one point, as also P and p. The two quadrants will fall into one semicircle, and the hour lines will all issue from one point. But if the dial is thus constructed, the stile must be made either exceeding thin so as to occupy no sensible space, or the upper edge thereof must be made sharp, and the stile so fixed, that such edge may be exactly perpendicular to the substile.

Instead of the triangular gnomon PFC, there may be a perpendicular pin, as FC, and then the shade of the top F, will shew the hour; or the stile may be a plate of any form, with a hole in it, at F, perpendicular to C, for the sun to shine through.

If half hours, or quarters, or still smaller measures of time are to be shewn by the dial, then every hour in each quadrant must be divided into so many equal parts as are the number of such measures in an hour; and lines must be drawn from the centres D and d intersecting AB, and then lines drawn through such intersections from P and p as before. To save trouble, after the hour lines are drawn on one side of the dial, they may be transferred to the other side. The hours on the East side must be numbered 1, 2, 3, &c. from PD or XII, for the afternoon hours: and those on the West side must be numbered 11, 10, 9, &c. for the forenoon hours.

2d. BY CALCULATION OF THE PLAIN SCALE. — The Latitude of the place being given, the only requisites to be found are the hour angles, which are had by the following proportion. As radius : sine of latitude : : tangent of hour-arch : tangent of hour angle.

The hour arches are had by allowing 15° for each hour; 7½° for half an hour, 3° 45' for a quarter of an hour, &c. See DEFINITION XIV.

In the latitude of London = 51° 32', the hour angle answering to the space of 1 hour = 11° 51'; for two hours = 24° 19'; for 3 hours = 38° 4'; for four hours = 53° 36'; for 5 hours = 71° 6'; and for 6 hours (in all latitudes) 90°.

These being known, take any point P for the centre, and draw

PD for the meridian. Take Pp = to the thickness of the stile, and draw pd parallel to PD. Make the angles DP XI, and dp each = 11° 51', for the hour lines of XI. and I; the angles DPX, and dp XII, each = 24° 9', for the hour lines of X and II. The angles DP IX, and dp III = 38° 4', for the hour lines of IX and III, and so for the rest. — Also the angles for the half hours, and quarters of hours, must be found by the foregoing proportion, and then laid down as above. — If smaller divisions than quarters of hours are required, it will generally be near enough, after the quarters are drawn, to divide them into as many equal parts as you please, without further trouble of calculation.

Lastly, make the angle DPR = to the latitude for the stile or gnomon.

I have been the more copious in explaining this Dial, that what follows may be the clearer understood.

SECT. VI.

DIALS PERPENDICULAR TO THE HORIZON.

Under this description are all dials, whose planes are vertical. — These may be distinguished into two kinds, viz. *direct*, and *declining*. — A direct dial is one that is drawn on a plane, facing either the East, West, North, or South; and such a dial is accordingly named, an East Dial, a West Dial, a North Dial, or a South Dial.

The East and West Dials are parallel to, or in the plane of the meridian, and the North and South Dials are parallel to or in the plane of the prime vertical.

A Declining Dial is one that faces none of the cardinal points, but declines towards the East or West. — They come under these our denominations, viz. A South-east Decliner, a South-west Decliner, a North-east Decliner, and a North-west Decliner.

ART. XI. *To construct Dials perpendicular to the Horizon.*

CASE I. *To draw a direct Dial, as for Instance, an erect direct South Dial.*

1st. GEOMETRICALLY, Take the Point P (Fig. 12.) near the top of the plane for the centre of the dial; through P, draw the meridian PE; at P make the angle EPR equal to the complement of the latitude. Take any point G in the line PE, and draw GF perpendicular to PR; and FC perpendicular to GP, and C will be the foot of the stile. Through G, draw the contingent line AB, perpendicular to PE, representing the equinoctial. — Take Gg equal to the thickness of the stile, and draw pgq parallel to PGE. — Make GD and gq = GF, and from the centres D and q with any radius describe two quadrants LG and Mg. Divide each quadrant into six equal parts or hours. From the centres D q draw lines through the points of division, cutting AB in the hour points m, m; and n, n, &c. Then lines drawn through the centres P and p, through all the points m, n, &c. will be the hour lines. The half hours, &c. are drawn in the same manner. A perpendicular pin FC, or, which is better, the triangle RPG will be the stile, which must be set perpendicular upon the hour lines of XII, PG, and pg; the stile PR pointing downwards towards the South pole.

When the lines do not intersect within the plane, as at the first division towards L and M, bisect the line qg in v, and draw vc parallel to AB, cutting qc in c; through c draw ca parallel to pg, and set off ba = half gp drawing pa for the hour line.

N. B. The forenoon hours are on the left hand, the afternoon hours on the right.

2d. BY CALCULATION AND THE SCALE. — The proportion for finding the hour angle in this case is. As radius : cosine of latitude : : tangent of hour arch : tangent of hour angle. — In the latitude of London the hour angles for 11 and 1 is 9° 28'; for 10 and 2 = 19° 45'; for 9 and 3 = 31° 53'; for 8 and 4 = 47° 8'; for 7 and 5 = 66° 42', and for 6 (as usual) = 90°. Also for the half hour, before and past 12 = 4° 41'; for half past 10, and half past 1 = 14° 27'; for half past 9 and half past 3 = 25° 31' &c. — These being known:

Take any point P near the top of the plane for the centre of the dial; draw the meridian or 12 o'clock line PE, and pe parallel to it at a distance equal to the thickness of the stile. With the radius of 60° from a line of chords describe two quadrants from the centres P and p; set off the several hour angles, both ways from the lines PE and pe, upon the quadrants, viz. 9° 28' for 11 and 1; 19° 45' for 10 and 2, &c. Through the points thus given draw lines from the centres P p, for the hour lines.

Lastly, Make the angle EPR = the complement of the latitude for the stile to be set upright upon the hour 12.

CASE II. *To construct a Direct North Dial.*

The north plane lying in the same azimuth with the south, but with its face the opposite way, will have the same hour angles as a south plane, only the meridian in this will represent the midnight hour instead of noon; and the hours about it, 11, 10, 9, and 8, 2, 3, are quite useless, because the sun in his greatest north declination rises but about a quarter before 4 and sets at a quarter past 8. — Also the sun cannot shine upon this plane longer than 21 minutes past 7 in the morning, nor sooner than 21 minutes before 5 at night.

To make this dial, is but to turn the south dial upside down, and leave out all the superfluous hours between 5 and 7, and 4 and

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and 8; and the dial will be complete. There is no reason therefore why this should be deemed a different kind of dial to the former, seeing that they both agree in the height of the stile and hour angles.

N. B. Those hours to the west are the morning hours, and those to the east the evening hours.

CASE III. To draw a direct East Dial. (Fig. 13.)

A direct east dial is drawn upon the plane of the meridian facing the east. The sun only shines on this plane from his rising till noon.

On the eastern side of the plane of the meridian draw a right line AB parallel to the horizon, and to this join AK, making with it an angle KAB, equal to the elevation of the equator: then, with the radius DE, describe a circle, and through the centre D draw EC perpendicular to AK, by which means the circle will be divided into four quadrants: Each of these quadrants subdivide into six equal parts. And from the centre D through the several divisions draw the right lines D IV, D V, D VI, D VII, D VIII, D IX, D X, D XI. Lastly, in D erect a stile equal to the radius DE, perpendicular to the plane; or, on two little pieces perpendicularly fixed in EC, and equal to the same radius DE, fit an iron rod, parallel to EC.

Thus will each index at the several hours project a shadow to the respective hour lines IV IV, V V, VI VI, &c.

By Calculation and the Scale.

First find the distance of the hour lines from 6 o'clock, by this proportion. As radius is to the height of the stile in inches, so is the tangent of the hour arch from 6, to the distance of such hour from the 6 o'clock line.

N. B. If you would have the dial plate just to include the 11 o'clock hour, then the height of the stile must be found by this proportion. As radius is to the length XI E, so is the tangent of 15° to the height of the stile.

Suppose the length of the stile to be three inches, then the hour distances from VI will be as follow, viz. The distance of V and VII, $\frac{2}{3}$ inch; of IV and VIII, 1.73 inches; of III and IX = 3 inches, the height of the stile; of X, 5.2 inches; of XI, 11.2 inches.

These being known, and AB and AK being drawn as before, and DC for the 6 o'clock hour line, set off the several distances above specified, and they will give the hour lines; also DC is the height of the stile, which may either be a perpendicular pin or a parallelogram of that height.

N. B. The stile must either be made exceeding thin on the top part, or a space must be left for the thickness thereof as has been before shewn, and this observation is applicable to any other dial.

CASE IV. To draw a direct West Dial.

A direct west dial, is one described on the western side of the meridian. The construction of this dial is perfectly the same as that of an east dial, only that its situation is inverted. If you look on the back side of the paper on which an east dial is drawn, and hold it to the light, you will see the true figure of a west dial through the paper.

ART. XII. To draw erect declining Dials.

CASE I. To draw an erect South declining Dial.

GEOMETRICALLY. Let the dial decline to the west 36°, and let the latitude of the place be 54° $\frac{1}{2}$.

Take the point C, (Figure 14.) about the middle of the plane for the foot of the stile, through which draw the horizontal line AB, and make CF perpendicular to it, and equal to the perpendicular height of the stile. Make the angle CFZ equal to the declination (36°) to the right hand if it decline east; or to the left if west, as in this case, cutting the horizontal line in Z. Through Z draw PZE perpendicular to AB for the meridian. Take ZF and set it from Z to X, in the line AB. Make $\angle ZXP =$ latitude (54 $\frac{1}{2}$) cutting the meridian in P, the centre of the dial. Through C and P draw PCD for the substile. Also through C draw QQ perpendicular to PD, cutting the meridian in N, for the contingent line. In CQ make CT equal to CF, and draw PT. Take the nearest distance from C to PT, and set it from C to D, in the line PD, and draw DN. With the centre D and any radius as DC, describe the semicircle SCW. Divide the semicircle into parts of 15° for hours. Through these points draw lines from the centre D intersecting the equinoctial QQ in the hour points XI, XII, I, II, III. From P, the centre of the dial, draw lines through the hour points, as P XI, P XII, P I, P II, P III, &c. for the hour lines. The stile may be either the perpendicular pin FC, or the triangle PCT set upright on the substile PC.

By Calculation and the Scale.

Here there are given the latitude = 54 $\frac{1}{2}$, and the declination of the plane = 36°, to find first the substile's distance, from XII; 2d, the height of the pole above the plane; and 3d, the plane's difference of longitude.

I. For the distance of the substile, the proportion is, as radius : sin. declination (36°) :: cotangent latitude (54 $\frac{1}{2}$) : tangent of substile's distance, which in this case = 22° 45'.

II. For the poles height. As radius : cosine of declination ::

cosine of latitude : sine of the height of the pole, = 28° 1' = stile's height.

III. For the plane's difference of longitude. As sine latitude : radius :: tangent of declination : tangent of difference of longitude = 41° 45'

Now the hour arches before 12 are found by adding continually 15 to 41° 45', the difference of longitude; but after 12, by continually subtracting 15°, till you come to the substile; beyond which 15° must be continually added to the remainder of the hour in which the substile falls.

If you calculate for quarters, you must add and subtract 3° 45' continually. The hour arches being thus determined, the hour angles are had by the following analogy.

As radius : sine of stile's height :: tangent of hour arch : tangent of hour angle. The hour arches and angles in this case are as under:

Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles	Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles
IX	86° 45'	83° 6'	Substile	0	0
X	71 45	54 55	III	3 15	1 32
XI	56 45	35 37	IV	18 15	8 49
XII	41 45	22 45	V	33 15	17 7
I	26 45	13 19	VI	48 15	27 45
II	11 45	5 35	VII	63 15	42 59
Substile			VIII	78 15	66 7

The above requisites being found, take P near the top for the centre of the dial, and draw the meridian PE. Make the angle EPC = 22° 45', the substile's distance, on the right hand, the declination being west; and draw the substile line PCD. Make the hour angles from the substile, according to the distances in the table, viz. CP IX = 83° 6'; CP X = 54° 55'; CP XI = 35, 37, &c. And thus the hour lines will be formed. Then make the angle CPN = 28° 1' for the stile.

SCHOLIUM. The construction would be equally easy if the dial declined as much eastward; only the forenoon hours, as here described, would become the afternoon hours on the opposite side of the dial, and vice versa; and the substile which is now placed 3° 15' before the afternoon hour line of 3, would in that case be placed 3° 15' before the morning hour line of 9. Also in finding the hour arches, instead of adding or subtracting as in the last example, the process must here be reversed, using subtraction in lieu of addition, and addition in the room of subtraction.

CASE II. To draw an erect North declining Dial.

This is done by making a south declining dial, whose declination is the same and lies the same way; for this turned upside down will be a north declining dial, provided the hours be numbered the contrary way. Thus for a north east decliner make a south east decliner; for a north west decliner make a south west decliner. The hours before sun rise, and sun set must be left out. And in drawing the dial the centre H must be taken about the middle of the plane, because some hours are required here that are not in the south decliner, but these will be had by producing the other hour lines through the centre.

SECT. VII.

DIALS INCLINING TO THE HORIZON.

Under this description are all dials whose planes are neither horizontal nor vertical, but make with the horizon oblique angles. If the plane of the dial lean forward it is usually called an incliner; if backward, a recliner. Also of each of these there are two kinds, viz. direct incliners or recliners; and declining incliners or recliners.

ART. XIII. To draw a direct inclining or reclining Dial.

CASE I. To draw a Dial on a plane Parallel to the Equinoctial, or what is usually called an Equinoctial Dial.

The plane of this dial reclines from the zenith towards the north in an angle equal to the latitude of the place, and at the poles it becomes an horizontal dial. Wherefore it is only making an horizontal dial by ARTICLE I. for the latitude of 90°. In this dial however the hour arches, being equal to the hour angles, which are each = 15°; the dial will be constructed by dividing a circle into 24 equal parts, for hour lines, and placing a perpendicular stile of any length in the centre.

The stile must either be a circular pin, of an exceeding small diameter; or otherwise an allowance must be made for the diameter, by describing a small concentric circle of like radius, and drawing a tangent thereto parallel to the meridian of the plane, for the 12 o'clock hour line, and then the outer circle being divided into parts of 15° each, commencing from the hour line of 12, lines must be drawn from each part, to the outer edge of the concentric circle, so as to form tangents thereto inclining on each side to the 12 o'clock hour line, and to one another, which will be the hour lines required.

N. B. If the dial is constructed on the south side of the plane, there must be hour lines from 6 to 6; but if it is drawn on the north side, there need be only the morning and evening hour lines,

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lines, viz. from the time of sun rise (on the longest day) till 6; and and from 6 till the time of the sun's setting. The sun never shines on this side of the plane, but when he is in north declination.

CASE II. To draw a Dial for any Latitude on a Plane, passing through the Poles of the World, and through the East and West Points of the Horizon, or which is the same, an horizontal Dial under the Equinoctial, usually called a Polar Dial.

By ART. X. draw an horizontal dial for 0° latitude; or by ART. XI. an erect south dial for the latitude of 90° ; or, as the directions in those articles are not so well adapted to the present case, proceed as follows:

By Calculation and the Scale.—As radius is to the stile's height, so is the tangent of the hour arch, viz. $15^\circ, 30^\circ, 40^\circ$, &c. to the distance of the hour from the 12 o'clock line. Then those distances set off on both sides (Fig. 15.) from XII, and C, on the lines AB, and DE, drawn parallel to each other and perpendicular to XII, will give the hour points, and joining 1, 1; II, 2; III, 3; &c. and XI, 11; X, 10; IX, 9; &c. they will be the hour lines required; the former being the evening hours, and the latter the morning hours.

N. B. This dial reclines from the zenith towards the north in an angle, equal to the co-latitude.

CASE III. To draw a Dial upon a direct South reclining Plane; or upon a direct North inclining one; whatever may be the Reclination or Inclination.

1st. If it reclines, and the reclination is less than the co-latitude, add the reclination to the latitude, and the sum will be the latitude, where the said dial will become an erect South dial, which may therefore be constructed by ARTICLE II.

2d. If the reclination be greater than the co-latitude, subtract the co-latitude from the reclination, and the remainder will be the latitude, where the dial will be horizontal, which may be made by ARTICLE I.

3d. For a North inclining dial, make a dial for the South reclining circle of the plane; then the same turned up-side down, will be a dial for the North inclining plane; observing to number the hours the contrary way from the 12 o'clock hour line.

CASE IV. To make a direct North reclining Dial, or a direct South inclining one, whatever may be the Reclination or Inclination.

1st. If the plane reclines, and the reclination is less than the latitude, subtract the reclination from the latitude, and the remainder will be the latitude where it will become a direct south dial, to be constructed by ART. XI. or add the reclination to the colatitude, and the sum will be the latitude, where it will be an horizontal dial, to be made by ARTICLE X.

2d. If the reclination is greater than the latitude, add the complement thereof to the latitude, and the sum is the latitude for which an horizontal dial must be made by ARTICLE X.

3d. In south inclining planes, (by ART. XI.) make a direct south dial, for a latitude which is equal to the difference between the given latitude and proclination. If the proclination be greater than the latitude, the dial will belong to south latitude, and must be made by ART. X. but the angle of the stile will lie the contrary way upon the meridian. A north reclining dial, becomes a south inclining one when turned upside down.

CASE V. To make an Inclining or Reclining East Dial.

By CALCULATION AND THE SCALE.—The requisites to be found are, 1st. The height of the pole above the plane. 2d. The substile's distance from 12 o'clock. 3d. The plane's difference of longitude, for which we have the following proportions.—1st. As radius : cosine of reclination (or proclination) :: tangent of latitude : tangent of the substile's distance from 12 o'clock, running upwards towards the north, or downwards towards the south.—2d. As radius : sine of latitude :: sine of reclination (or proclination) : sine of stile's height.—3d. As radius : cosine of latitude :: tangent of reclination, &c. : cotangent of the plane's difference of longitude. To find the hour angles, the analogy is as radius : sine of stile's height :: tangent of the hour arch from the substile : tangent of the hour angle. The hour arches are found by continually adding and subtracting 15° to and from the plane's difference of longitude; the said difference of longitude being one of the hour arches.

Let the lat. be $54^\circ 1'$, and the reclination 21° , then the substile's distance will be $52^\circ 37'$; the stile's height $16^\circ 58'$; and the plane's difference of longitude $77^\circ 26'$. Also the hour arches and hour angles are as below.

Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles	Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles
3	57° 34'	24° 40'	8	17° 26'	5° 14'
4	42 34	15 0	9	32 26	10 30
5	27 34	8 40	10	47 26	17 37
6	12 34	3 43	11	62 26	29 12
	Substile		12	77 26	52 37
7	2 26	0 43			

The requisites being found, draw PI (Fig. 16.) parallel to the horizon at the bottom of the plane, for the 12 o'clock line; or at the top of the plane if it inclines, in which take any point, as P, for the centre of the dial, toward the left hand. Make the angle IPV on the right hand = substile's distance from the meridian ($= 52^\circ 37'$) and draw the substile PV. Make the angle VPT = stile's height $= 16^\circ 58'$, and draw the stile PT. Make the hour angles on each side of the substile according to their proper quantities, as found above, and the several lines will be the hour lines required.

CASE VI. To make an inclining or reclining West Dial.

This is made as is the east incliner, &c. only the angle PGH, which is equal to the co-latitude must be taken on the right hand for a west recliner, but to the left hand for an east recliner; and the meridian PI will be at the bottom of the plane, if it reclines; but at the top if it inclines. The hours also must be reckoned the contrary way in a west recliner. N. B. The back side of an east incliner, &c. makes a west recliner, &c.

ART. XIV. To draw a Declining, Inclining, or Reclining Dial.

CASE I. Let it be required to draw a South declining reclining Dial, viz. one whose plane declines westward 25° , and reclines 15° , in latitude $54^\circ \frac{1}{2}$.

By CALCULATION AND THE SCALE.—The requisites to be found, are 1st, the height of the meridian; 2d, the height of the pole above the plane; 3d, the distance of the substile from the hour line of 12; and 4th, the plane's difference of longitude.

1st. As sine of reclination : radius :: cotangent declination : tangent of height of the meridian. 2d. As radius : cosine declination :: cotangent of the reclination : tangent of an arch, A; take the difference between A, and the latitude, which call B. If A is less than the latitude, your pole is elevated; if greater, the opposite pole is elevated.—Then as the cotangent of B : cosine of reclination :: sine of declination : tangent of the substile's distance from 12. N. B. The substile runs upwards towards the north in reclining South plane; and their opposite incliners. 3d. As cosine of substile's distance : cosine of B :: radius : sine of stile's height; and 4th, As sine of B : radius :: sine of substile's distance : sine of plane's difference of longitude. The plane's difference of longitude will be the hour arch of 12, and the rest of the hour arches will be had by adding thereto and subtracting therefrom $15^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ$, &c. and then the hour angles will be found thus. As radius : sine of stile's height :: tangent of hour arch : tangent of hour angle.

In this example the height of the meridian is $83^\circ, 9'$; the substile's distance $8^\circ, 1'$; the stile's height $17^\circ, 19'$, and the plane's difference of longitude, $25^\circ, 19'$. The hour arches and angles also are as under.

Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles	Hours	Hour Arches	Hour Angles
7	79° 41'	58° 33'		Substile	0
6	64 41	32 11	1	10 19	3 7
5	49 41	19 20	12	25 19	8 1
4	34 41	11 38	11	40 19	14 11
3	19 41	6 5	10	55 19	23 16
2	4 41	1 29	9	70 19	39 46
	Substile		8	85 19	74 37

These being known, the construction is as follows, draw the horizontal line bH (Fig. 17.) near the bottom of the plane, in which take a point H, to the right, if the declination be west, but to the left if the declination be east. Draw the line ZH, making the angle bHZ $= 83^\circ$, the height of the meridian for the 12 o'clock line. Take any point P near the top, when A is greater than the latitude, otherwise near the bottom, and draw the substile PV (to the right for west declination) making the angle IPV $= 8^\circ 1'$, the substile's distance. From P draw the hour lines, making angles with the substile at P, according to the respective hour angle as above found, for the several hour lines required. Also draw PT, making the angle VPT $= 17^\circ 9'$, the stile's height, so will PTC be the stile or gnomon.

CASE II. To draw a North declining, reclining, or inclining Dial.

North declining reclining dials may be made, as described in the last case; for a south-west recliner turned upside down becomes a north-west incliner; and a south-east recliner turned upside down, becomes a north-east incliner, and vice versa; the quantities of the declination and inclination remaining the same; but the hours must be numbered the contrary way.

Also if a dial be turned upside, the backside thereof (supposing the hour lines, &c. to appear through the plane) will be its opposite incliner.

Having treated on all the various kinds of dials that come under a methodical description of dial planes, I shall add some useful Articles, with another case or two of Dialling, not properly coming under the foregoing heads.

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SECT. VIII.

USEFUL ARTICLES, &c.

ART. XV. *Having the Situation of any direct South inclining Dial Plane, to find the Hour of the Day when the Sun leaves the North Side to shine on the South Side thereof.*

Say, as radius : tangent of sun's declination :: tangent of the height of the pole above the plane : cosine of the hour angle at the pole from noon which reduced into time (by allowing 15° to an hour) shews how long before or after noon, the sun begins to shine on the South side.

ART. XVI. *To find the Hour of the Day when the Sun leaves one Side of a Vertical declining Plane to shine on the other.*

Find the time from noon (by the last Article) when the sun leaves one side of a direct north or south plane to shine on the other; then, if the plane declines east, to the time so found, add the plane's difference of longitude in time, and the sum will be the distance of time before noon, when the sun leaves the north side. Also subtract the plane's difference of longitude from the time found, and you will have the time of leaving the South side.—But if the plane declines west, the said difference will shew the distance of time before noon, when the sun begins to shine on the south side; and the sum will be the time when he leaves the south side.

ART. XVII. *To find the Hour of the Day when the Sun goes off the East Side of an East reclining Dial to shine on the West Side.*

Say, as radius : tangent of the sun's declination :: tangent of the poles height above the plane, to the cosine of the hour angle from 12, at the pole, which will be greater than 90° , when the sun's declination is North. Then subtract the plane's difference of longitude from this angle, and the remaining angle, converted into time, gives the hour after 12 at noon, when the sun leaves the East side.

ART. XVIII. *To find the Hour on a given Day, when the Sun comes on or goes off the South Side of a South reclining Plane, declining also East or West.*

Find the height of the pole above the plane, and the plane's difference of longitude; and also the hour angle, as if it was a direct South plane, by Article XV. to which add the plane's difference of longitude, and it will give the hour angle from noon when the sun comes upon the given plane, if an East decliner; also from the hour angle subtract the plane's difference of longitude for the time of his leaving the plane; the reverse of these cases will give the hour angles from noon for an East decliner.

ART. XIX. *Having a North reclining Dial Plane, declining East or West, to find the Hour of any Day when the Sun goes upon the North Side.*

The hour angle being found, as in the last Article, the difference between it and the plane's longitude reduced to time, will shew the distance of time from noon, when the sun comes upon the north side of a west decliner, which is before noon, when the plane's longitude is the greater, otherwise after noon. The direct contrary of this obtains in an East decliner.

ART. XX. *To find what Latitude a Dial is made for.*

Measure the angle between 12 and any hour line; take the hour arch belonging to it, and say, As the tangent of the hour arch : tangent of the hour angle :: radius : sine of latitude in an horizontal dial, or the cosine of latitude for a direct south or north dial.

ART. XXI. *To find the Hour of the Night by the Moon's shining upon a Sun-Dial.*

From an ephemeris, or almanack, take the time of the moon's southing. Observe how many hours and minutes the shadow of the dial wants of 12 o'clock, and subtract them from the time of southing for the hour of the night. But if the shadow be after 12, add the said hours and minutes to the time of her southing; rejecting 12, if it exceed, and you will have the hour of the night.

SCHOLIUM. In fixing any dial, the three following directions must be observed. 1st. That the horizontal line be placed parallel to the horizon. 2d. That it be placed so as to have its proper declination; and 3d. That it may also have its proper degree of reclamation or proclination.

ART. XXII. *To draw all the Primary Dials, on the same Block or Pest.*

1. Let the plane ABCD (Fig. 18.) in the proper position of the block, be supposed horizontal; and thereon describe a horizontal dial.

2. Draw the right lines EM and FL parallel to DC, which, accordingly, in the proper position of the block, will be parallel to the horizon: then let the plane BNMC make an angle with EM, equal to the elevation of the pole CME; and thereon describe an upper polar dial.

3. Let the opposite plane, ADE, make with EM an angle DEM, equal to the elevation of the equator; and on this draw an upper equinoctial dial,

4. Let the plane, KLHI, make with FL an angle HLF, equal to the elevation of the equator; and on this inscribe a lower equinoctial dial.

5. Let the opposite plane, FG, make with FL an angle, GFL, equal to the elevation of the pole; and here draw a lower polar dial.

6. Let the plane MNKL, and the opposite one EF, be perpendicular to FL; and on that draw a south dial, and on this a north dial.

7. On the plane EMLF describe a west dial; and on the opposite plane an east dial.

If, then, the block be so placed, as that the plane, MNLK, looks to the south, and the plane of the meridian bisect it in the line of 12 o'clock in the horizontal dial ABCD, and south dial MNKL, all the hours of the day will be indicated by several planes at once.

ART. XXIII. *To describe an Universal Equinoctial Dial, (Fig. 19.)*

Join two metal, or ivory planes, ABCD, and CDEF, so as to be moveable at the joint. On the upper surface of the plane AECD, describe an upper equinoctial dial, and upon the lower a lower, as already directed; and through the centre I drive a stile. In the plane DEFC cut a box, and put a magnetical needle G therein: fit on the same plane a brass quadrant nicely graduated, and passing through a hole cut in the plane ABCD. Now, since this may be so placed, by means of the needle, as that the line I 12 shall be in the plane of the meridian; and, by means of the quadrant, may be so raised, as that the angle BCF shall be equal to the elevation of the equator; it will serve as a dial in any part of the world. When the sun is in the equator, these dials can be of no use.

ART. XXIV. *To make a Dial on the Surface of a Sphere. (Fig. 20.)*

Let AEBQ be a sphere. Mark two opposite points therein for the poles, of which P is one. At an equal distance from the poles describe the equinoctial EQ, which divide into 24 equal parts for hours. Then let the point which is on the meridian PB be marked with 6; and the other hour points as in the figure. Those placed above the equinoctial are the forenoon hours; and those below the equinoctial the afternoon hours. The globe must be fixed so in the sun that the pole P may be elevated above the horizon, so that its axis may point directly to the pole, and the point 6 must be on the top, so that the circle P 6 B may be in the meridian. Then as the sun constantly illuminates half the globe, the circle, terminating the enlightened part, will shew the hour of the day. And 12 o'clock will be shewn at two places, namely, at E and Q.

ART. XXV. *To draw a Dial upon the Ceiling of a Room, that will shew the Hour by Reflection.*

Place a small piece of a looking glass exactly horizontal in a window, on which the sun shines, measure the perpendicular distance of the glass from the ceiling, for the height of the stile, and where the perpendicular cuts the ceiling is the foot of the stile. Then having the height of the stile and its foot, make an horizontal dial thereto upon the ceiling by ART. X. and it is done.

N. B. Instead of a glass you may use a little water, which, if a glass is not perfectly horizontal, will be more correct; for water of itself will have its surface horizontal; also water being always in motion by the agitation of the air, will cause the point of reflection on the ceiling to be the more easily distinguished. When a glass is used, the error, if any, in its horizontal position, will be doubled by reflection.

ART. XXVI. *To draw Meridian Lines in a Dial, to shew when it is Noon, at any particular Places on the Earth. (Fig. 21.)*

The meridian of any place is easily drawn in a dial, if the longitude thereof be known. Thus reduce the difference of longitude between that place and the place for which the dial is made into time, and reckon so many hours and minutes from 12 upon your dial towards the west, if the place lies east; or towards the east if the place is west: then from the point to which they reach, draw a line to the center; and when the shadow falls upon such line, the sun is in the meridian of the said place; or having the difference of longitude, or the hour arch, the hour angle may be found, as has been before shewn.

In digesting this Treatise, I have selected, from the most approved authors, every thing that appeared valuable; and notwithstanding I have studied brevity, have fully enlarged where the subject required. And as a necessary introduction, have treated amply on the Gnomonic Projection. In this Treatise I have consulted various Authors on the subject, particularly Emerson; nor have I omitted any thing that could illustrate the art. I have also been studious to select the best constructions and modes of calculation, and given copious descriptions of those Dials which are of most general use; so that I have brought into this compass a complete Practical System.

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