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A FINE OLD SWISS ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK RETURNS HOME

The Swiss National Museum recently purchased a fine astronomical clock of Swiss origin, which had for a long time formed part of British collections. It is a rare collector's piece, a little over 19 in. high, octagonal in shape, and with a wooden dial set with tortoise-shell and pewter. In the centre, a painted copper plate has a number of dials and windows in silver and brass indicating the hours and half-hours, the days of the week, the date, the phases and age of the moon, the planets, the signs of the zodiac, the length of the day and night. This extremely elegant clock with a richly worked brass movement was made about 1670 by Beat Jakob Brandenburg of Zug.

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