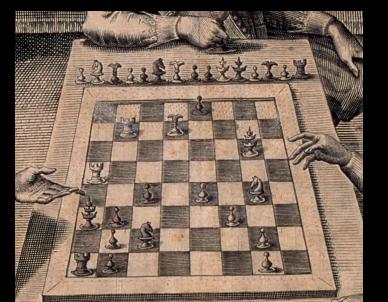




Of Growns and Fountains

How the SELENUS CHESS PIECES Got Their Shape

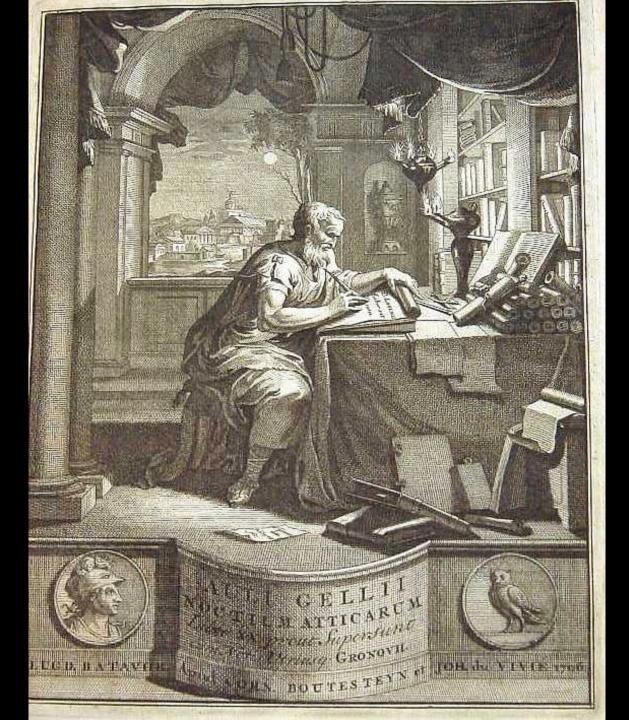


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INTRODUCTION

On The Importance of Original Sources



The Pleasures of the Study

Frontispiece from a 1706 Latin edition of *Attic Nights*, by Aulus Gellius



Wernigerode Town Square November 18, 2023

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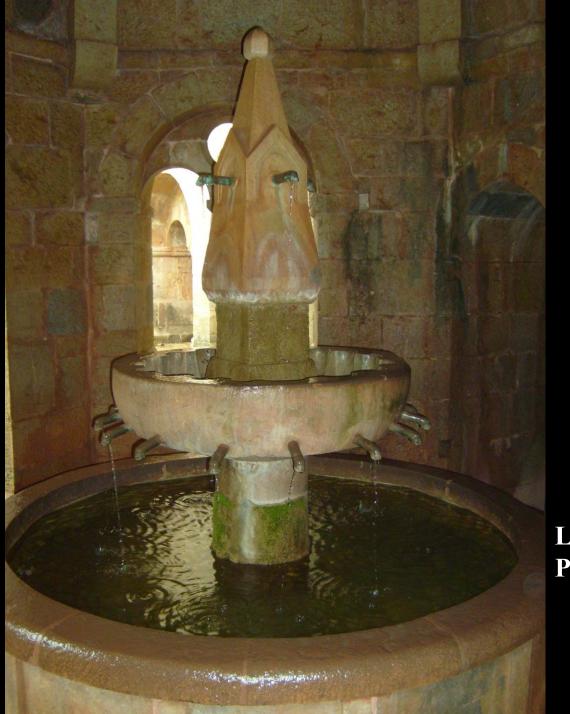
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Please Remember to Thank

Your King



The Fountain of Youth (Der Jungbrunnen), Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1546 (Gemäldegalerie, Berlin)



Lavabo at Le Thoronet Abbey Provence, (12th century)



The Fountain of Youth (Der Jungbrunnen), Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1546 (Gemäldegalerie, Berlin)





Old Germanic Kingship

(Image From: The Life and Accomplishments of Charlemagne, Cologne, 1521)



The Germanic king originally had three main functions:

To serve as a JUDGE during the popular assemblies

To serve as a PRIEST during the sacrifices

To serve as a MILITARY LEADER during wars

The Three Estates



Representation of the Three Estates under the lordship of Jesus Christ, labeled,

"Tu supplex ora" (you pray)

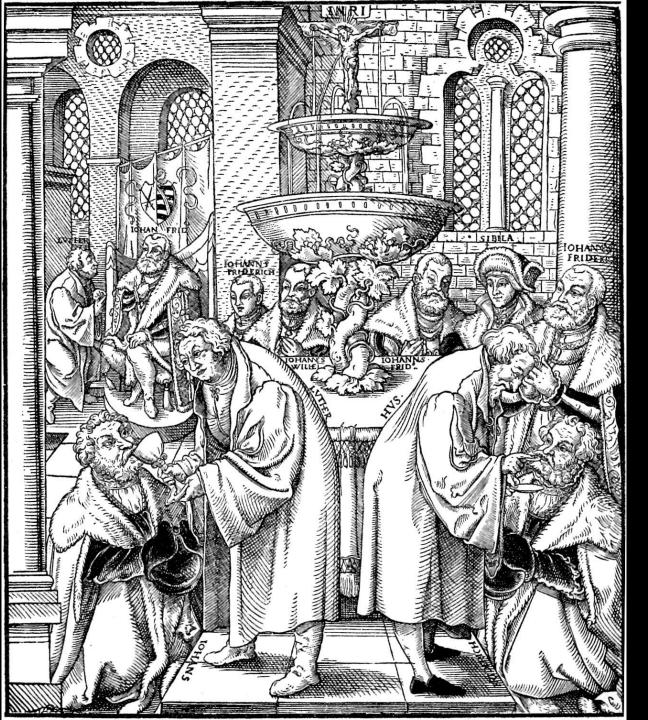
"Tu protege" (you protect)

"Tuque labora" (and you work)

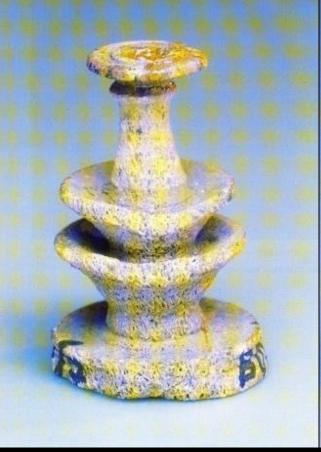


Pic from an antique shop in Trier





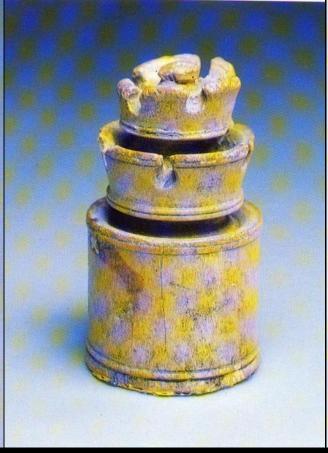
Allegoric representation of Sacramental Union, the Lutheran doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, after a woodcut by Lucas Cranach the Elder (c. 1550)



King. Drutsk. Twelfth century. Ivory. 3.3 cm Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum. Page 231.



King. Kiev. Thirteenth to fourteenth centuries.
Ivory. 4 cm
Ukrainian Historical Museum. Kiev.
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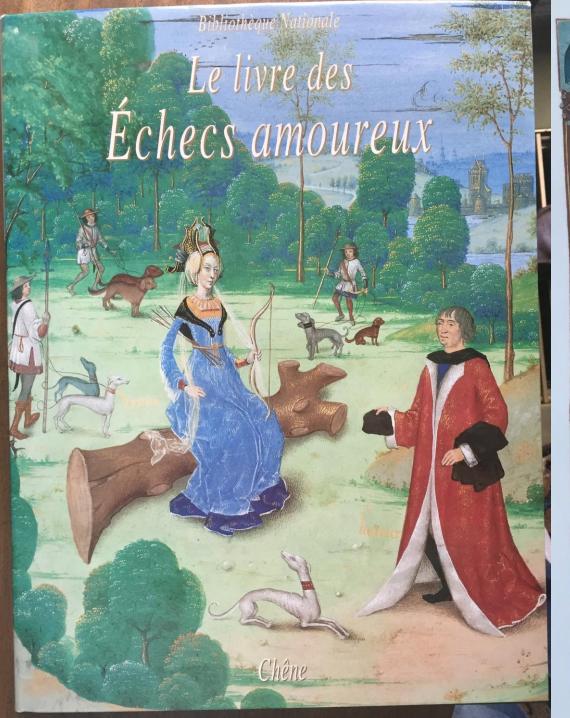


King. Kiev. Fourteenth to fifteenth centuries.
Ivory. 6.5 cm
Ukranian Historical Museum, Kiev.
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King. Novgorod. End of fourteenth, beginning of fifteenth century. Ivory. 4.7 cm
Novgorod Museum-Preserve of History and Art. Page 234.

From The Art of Chess Pieces, by Dr. Isaac M. Linder, Moscow, "H.G.S." publishers, 1994.







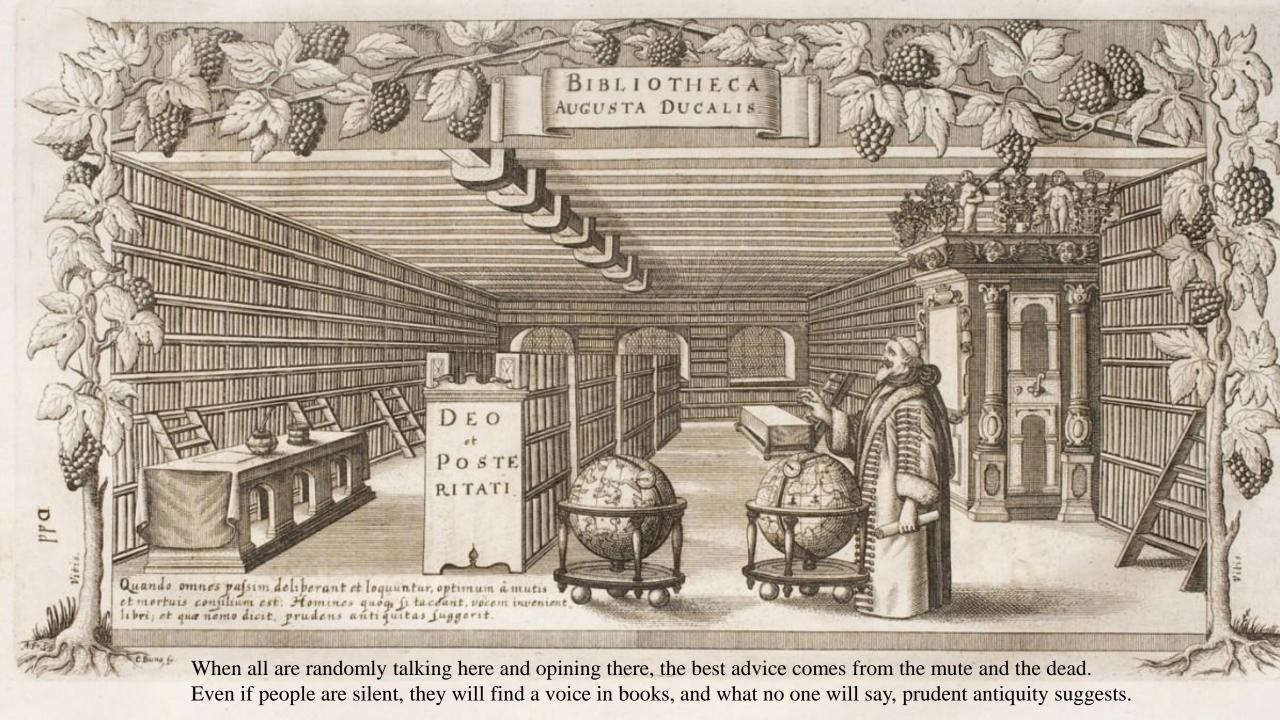
Chess pieces as illustrated in *Le livre des Échecs amoureux*, a Flemish illuminated medieval manuscript of the late 15th century. *Bibliothèque nationale de France*.

Duke August, his Life and Times And his Gibrary







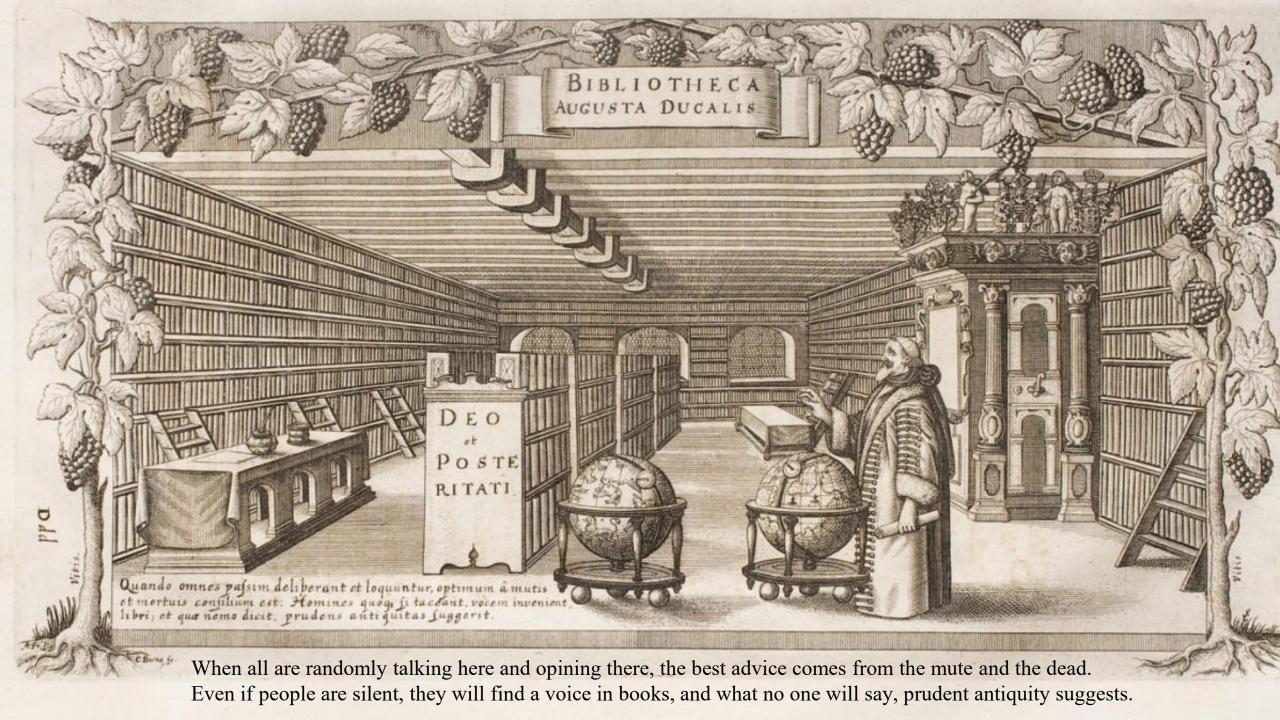




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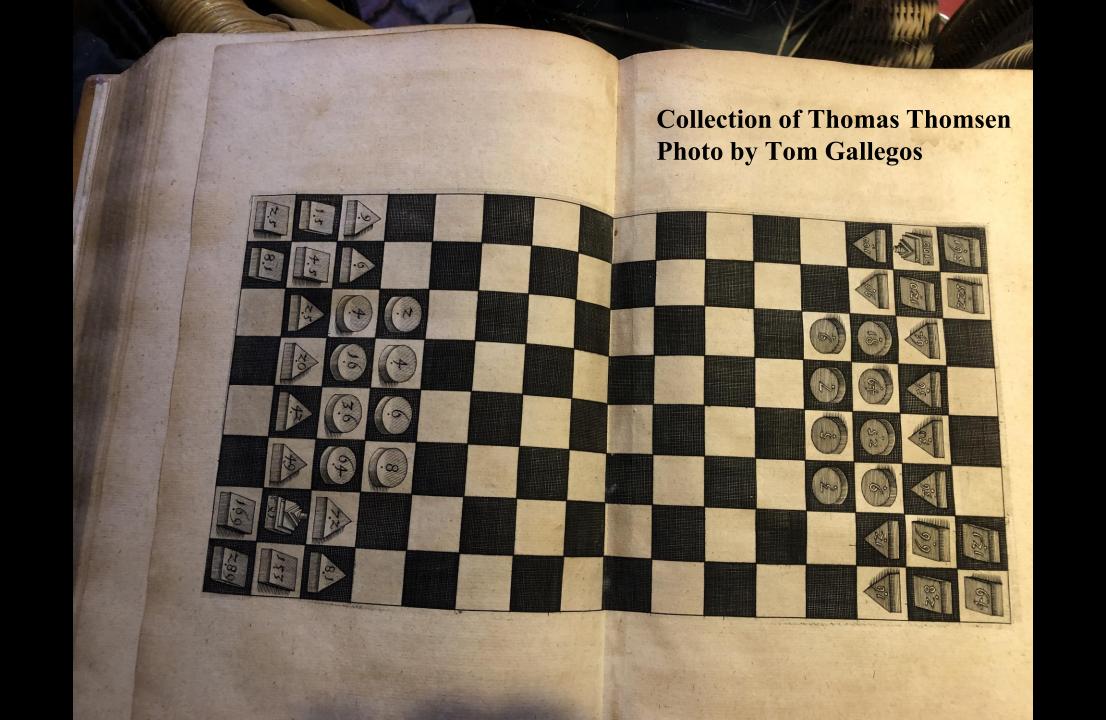
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Witch Trials of Trier, from a pamphlet of 1594





Woodcut from an early edition of History of the Natural World, by Pliny the Younger









From the Permanent Exhibition

Photos Courtesy of the Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum, Braunschweig

Close-ups from an Exhibition Catalogue



Abb. 3 Figuren des Schachspiels der Spielesammlung für Herzog August d. J. von Braunschweig-Lüneburg, Braunschweig, Herzog Anton Ulrich-Museum



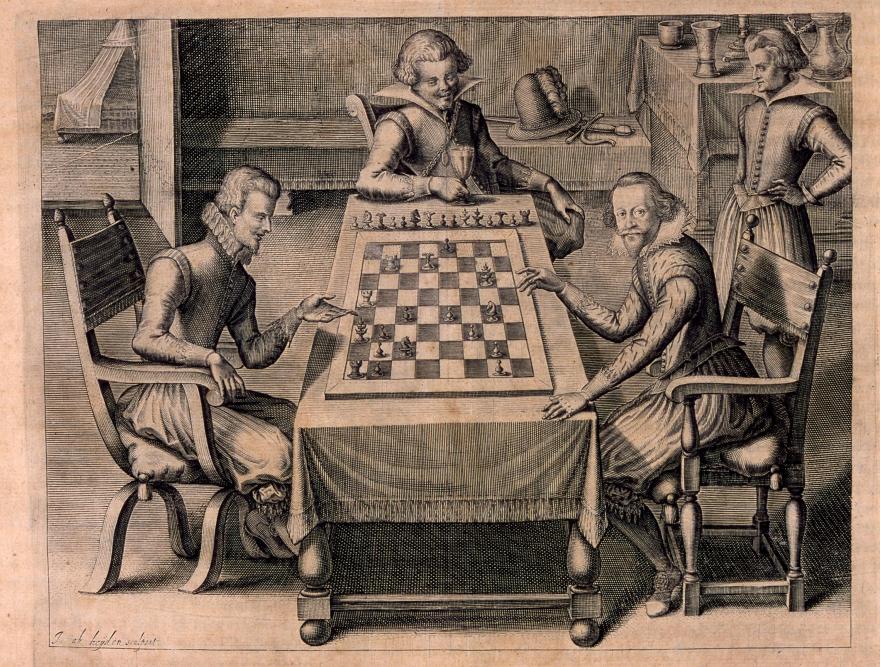


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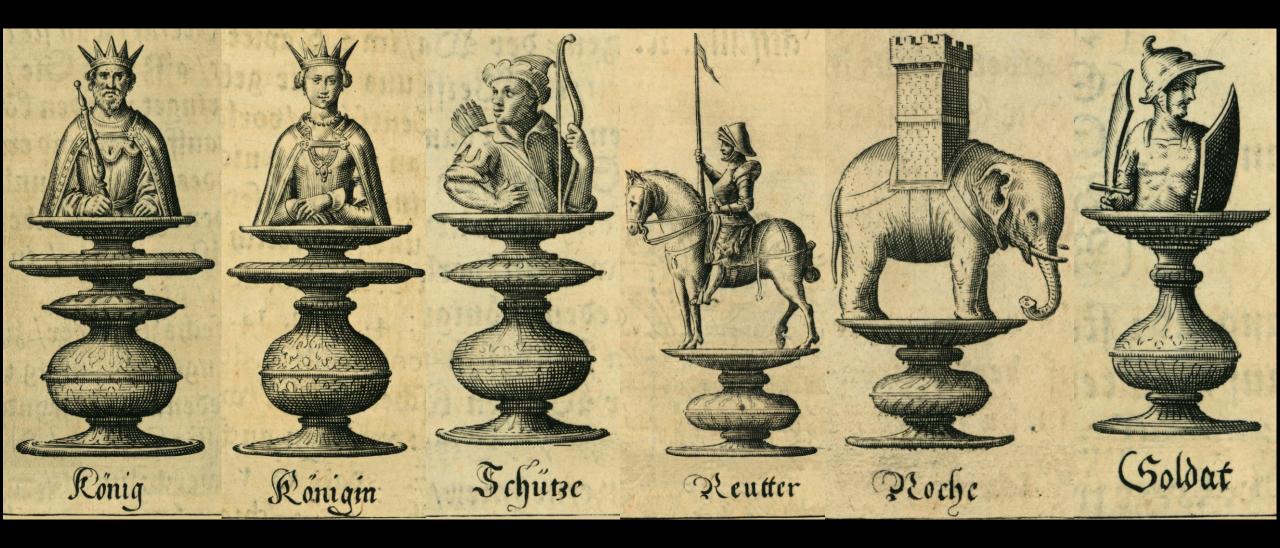


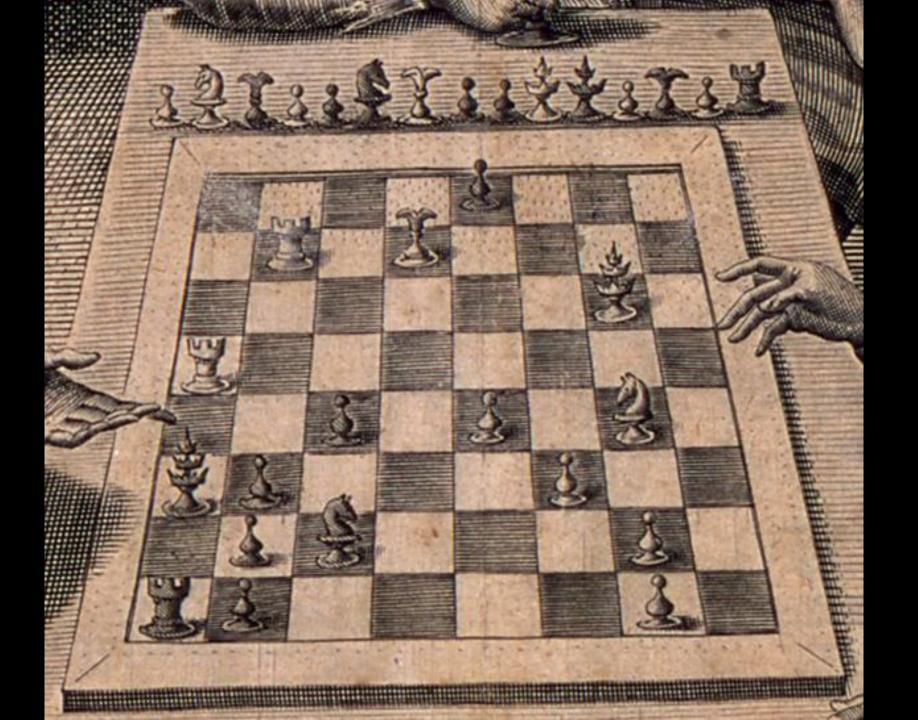
Another View of the Board





From: Das Schach, oder Königspiel, by Gustavo Seleno, Leipzig, 1616



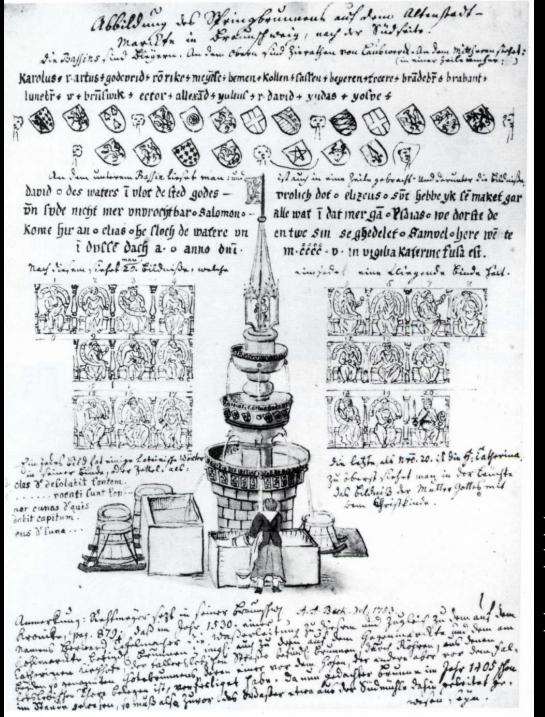




And his Fountains ...



Braunschweig Fountain, or Marienbrunnen. Erected 1408.



Braunschweig Marienbrunnen

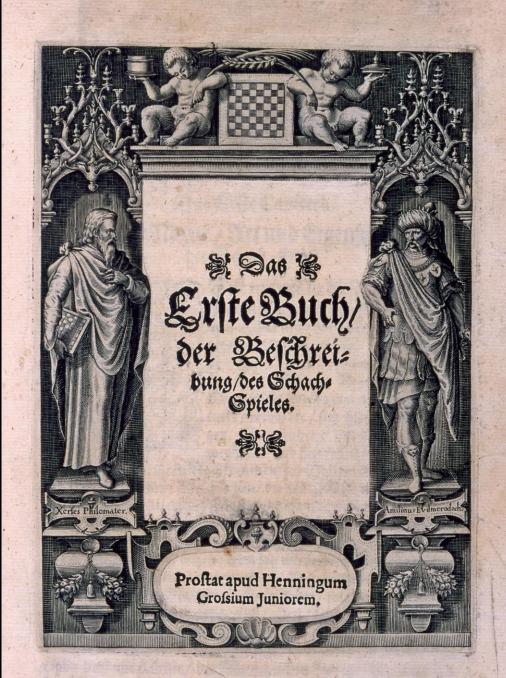
Drawing by A.A. Beck, 1753





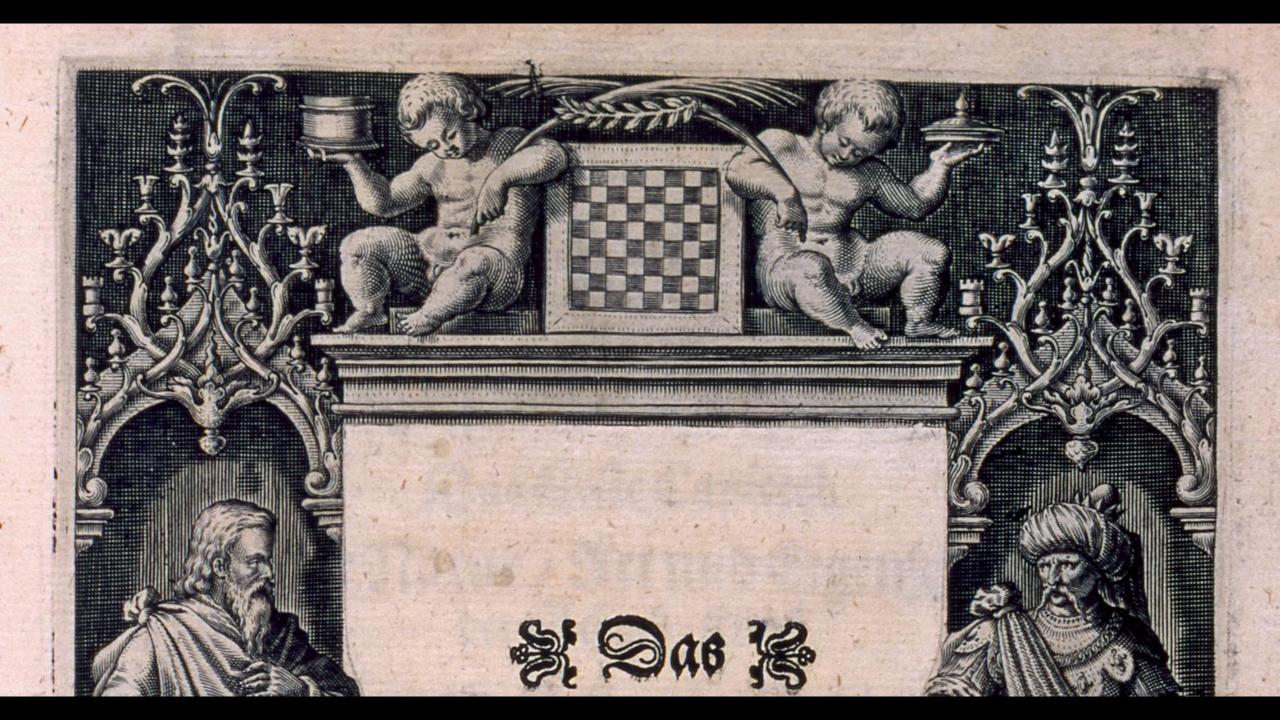


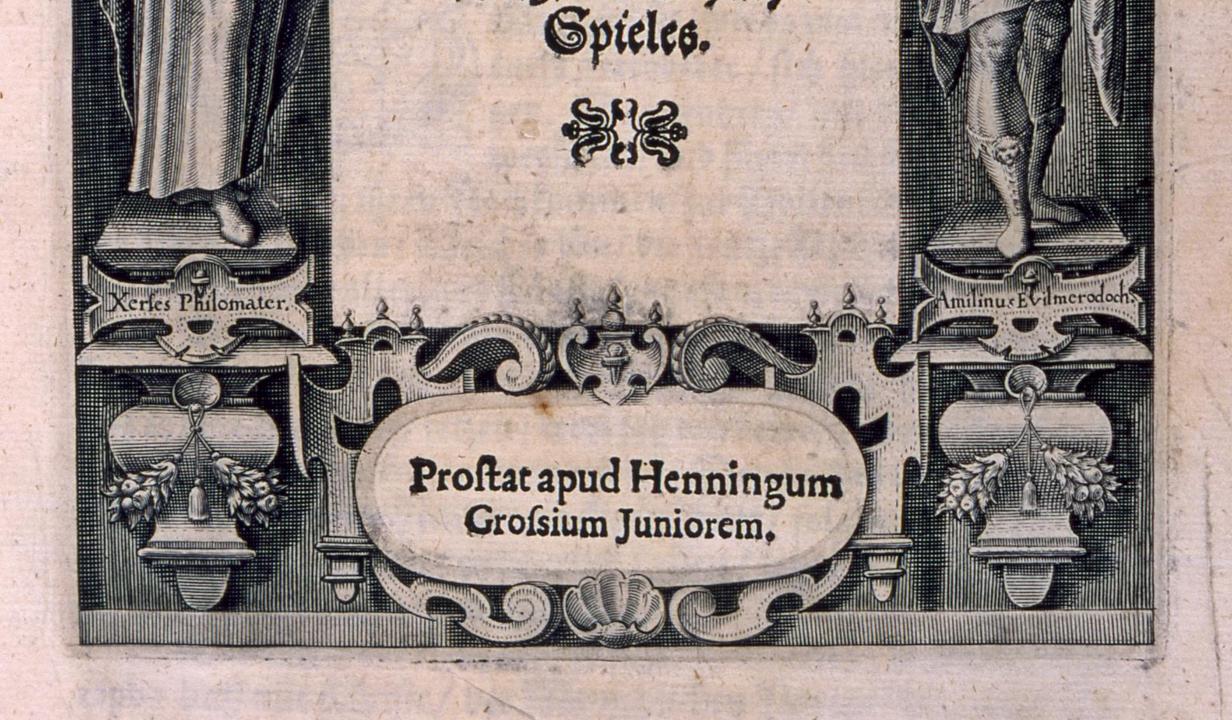
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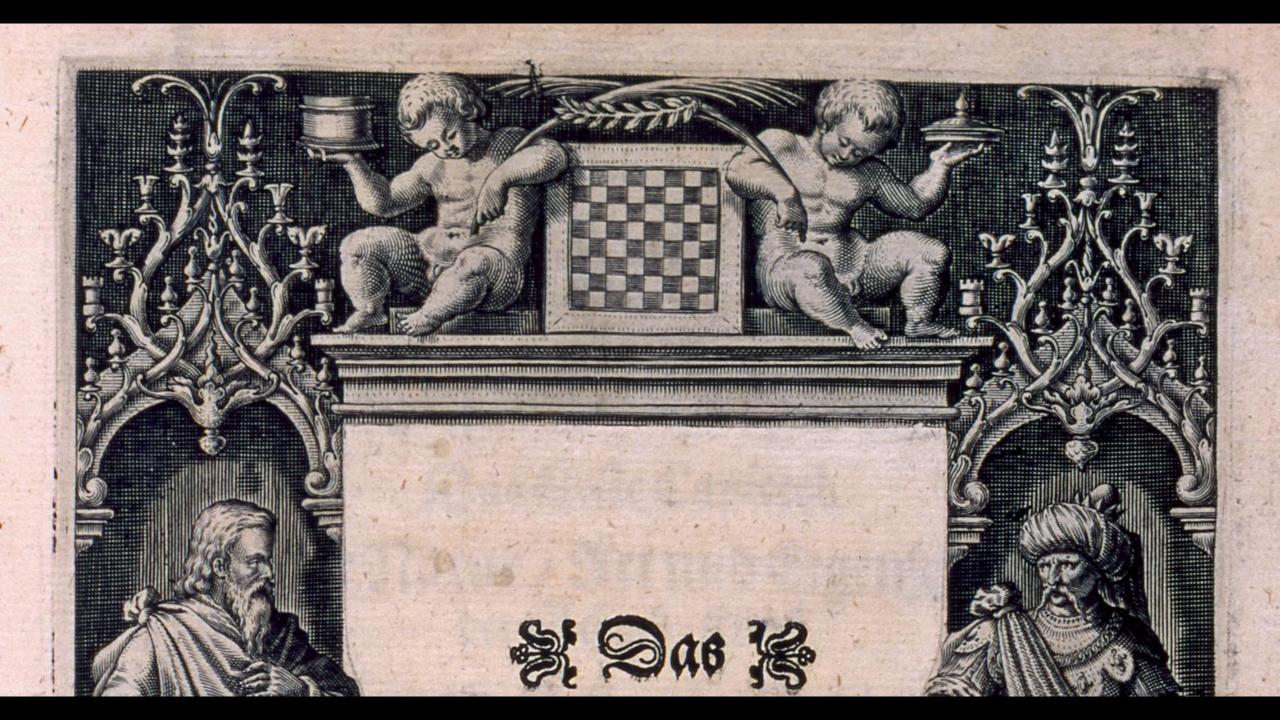


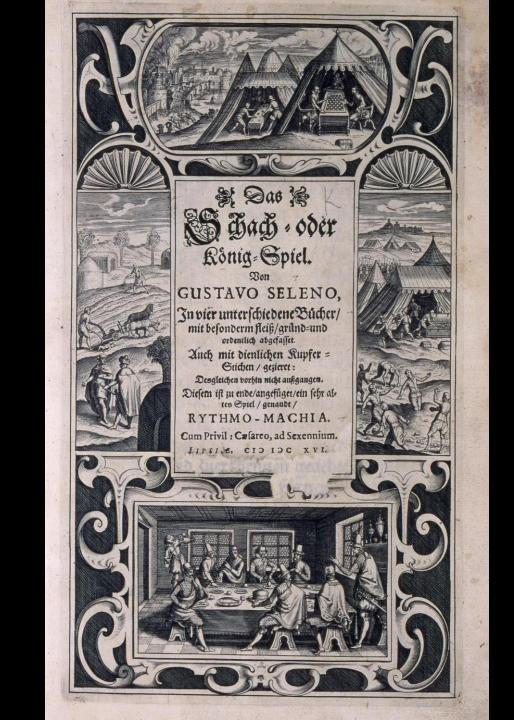




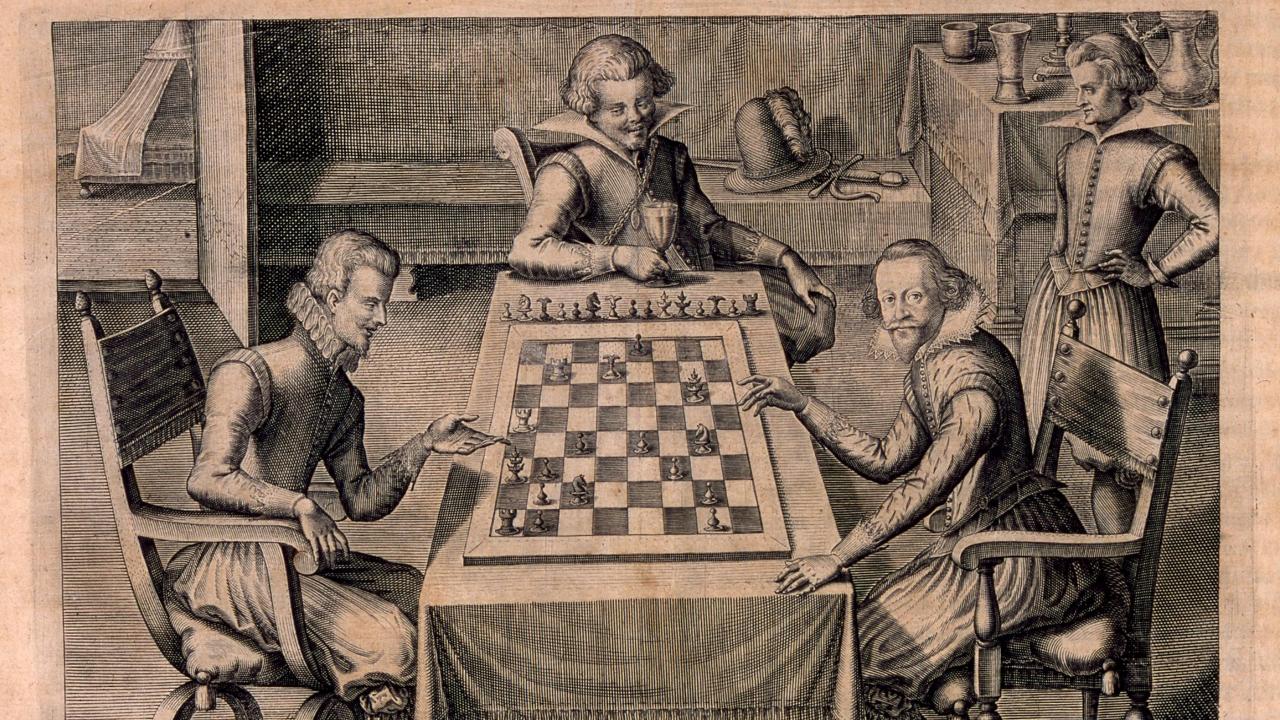






























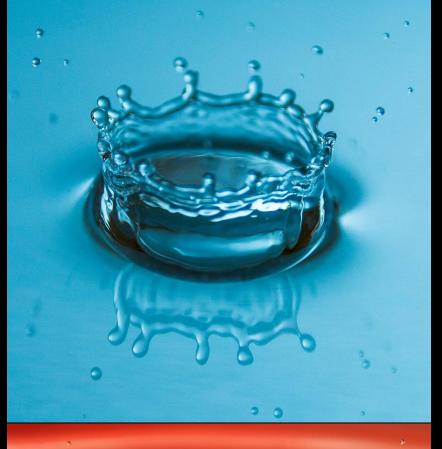


Sperm Whale, Image from Duke August's Collection

Mater, Mater

Everywhere























Selenus Set, Bone Collection of Tom Gallegos



Selenus Set, German, Late 17th – Early 18th Century

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Fountain of Games



Stained Glass Roundel Workshop of Veit Hirschvogel (1461-1525) Nürnberg, circa 1500. Diameter 30.5 cm.

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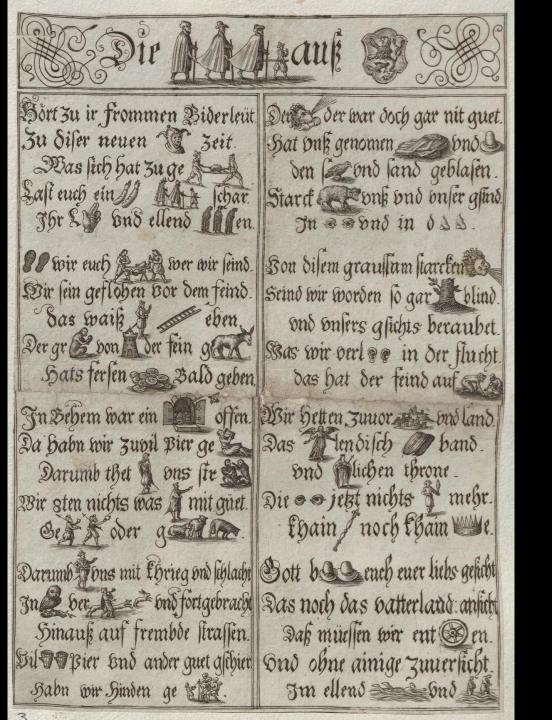
Nürnberg, Schöner Brunnen built by Heinrich Beheim, 1385-96



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Rebus by Arolsen Klebeband German, 1620

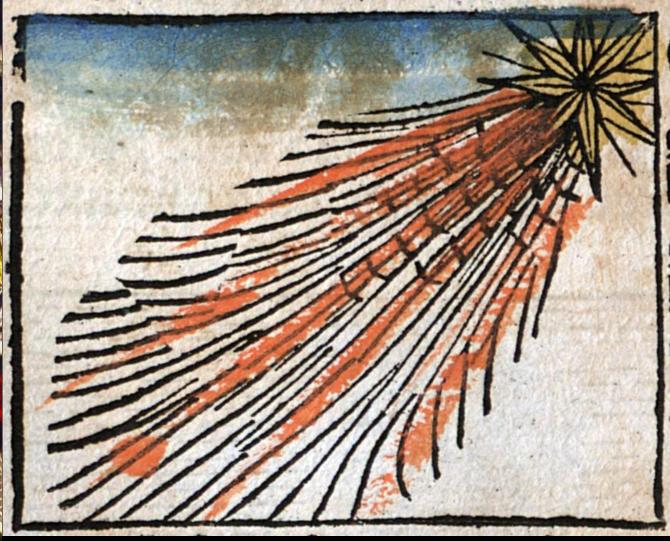


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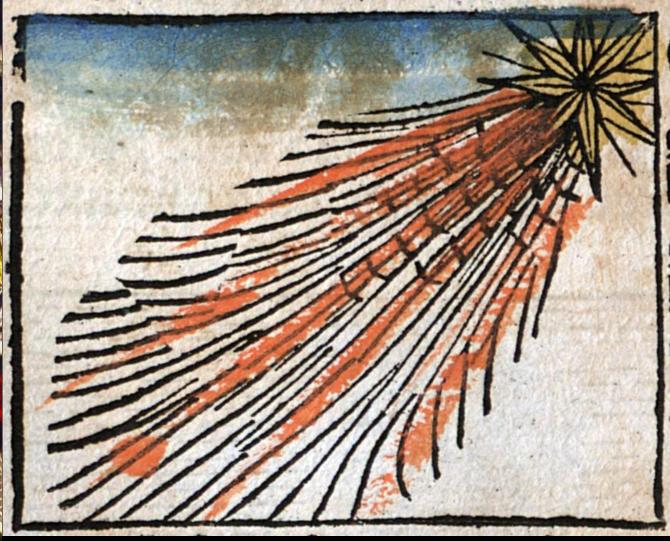




The Comet of 1472 as depicted in the Nürnberg Chronical







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CONCLUSION

The Enlightenment, the Encyclopédie, and the Forgetting of the Old Mays



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Diderot's *Encyclopédie* (1751-1780), along with an *Encyclopédie* chess set as depicted therein. Collection of Tom Gallegos.

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The Roundel Fountain at Blenheim Palace, May 16, 2024

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