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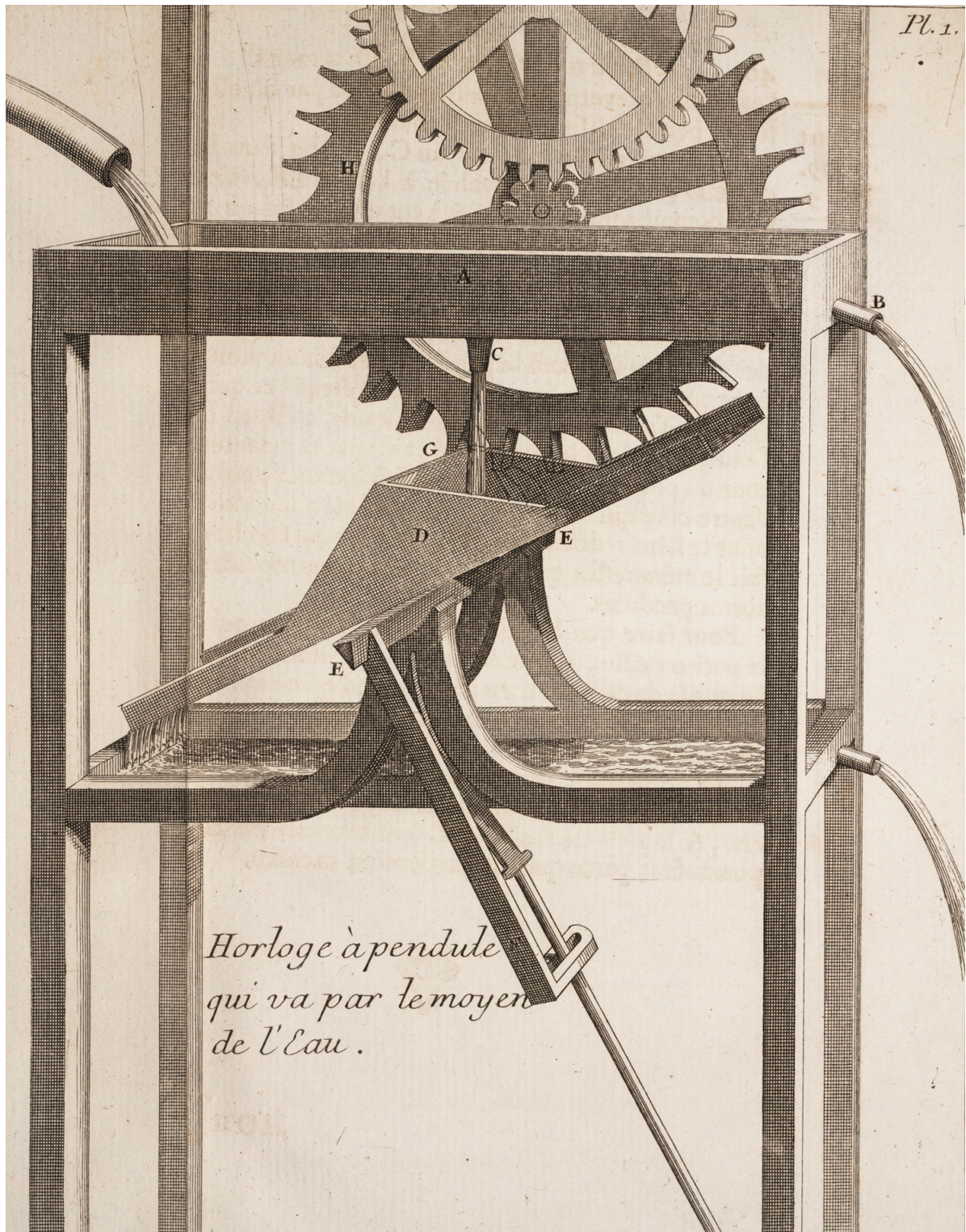
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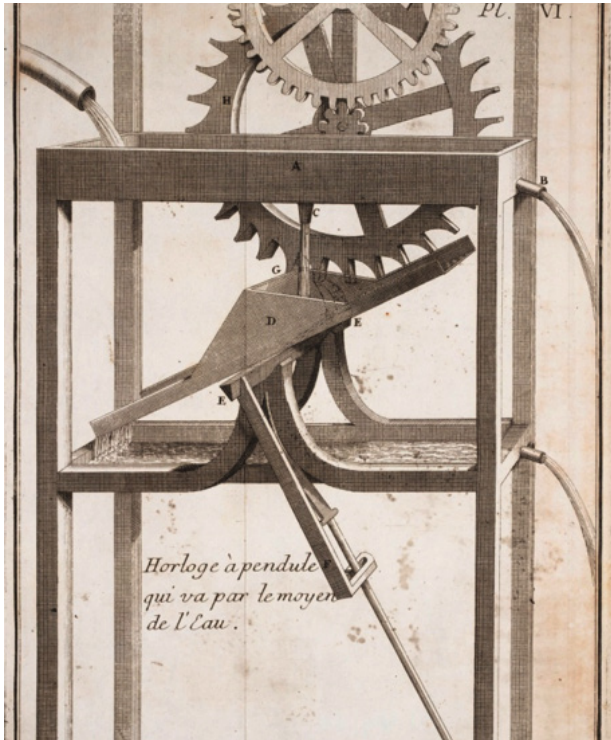


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Claude Perrault was a founding member of the Académie des Sciences in Paris who is best known as an anatomist. He worked on problems of mechanical engineering as well. A collection of his designs was posthumously published by his brother, the fairytale writer Charles Perrault in 1700, as *Recueil de plusieurs machines, de nouvelle*. It includes this design for a water-powered pendulum clock that dates to about 1669, when Perrault sent plans for the clock to Christiaan Huygens, who apparently never replied. It could have worked, but it would have served no practical purpose, given the comparative portability and other advantages of mechanical clocks driven by weights and springs. (Image and caption courtesy the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology.)

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