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symbolizes the sun) were derived from the name and heraldic insignia of the  
Duke of Orsini, who sponsored the work. Astronomer-bear in upper chamber  
projects an image of the sun and sunspots on a card, illustrating Schei- 
ner’s invention of the helioscope. Drawings of the sun made in this way  
allow a modern reconstruction of the 17th century rotation rate of the sun.  
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