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fl. c. 1379

German clockmaker who created the first mechanical clock for which a complete description exists. The first known public clock that struck the hours appeared in Milan in 1335, and others made their debut around Europe in the years that followed. De Vick's, built in 1379, was regulated by a balance, and used a verge or crown-wheel escapement.