



An 18th century illustration of a planetarium

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Astronomy. Plate LXXXVII. Fig. 209. Trajectorium Lunare. Fig. 210 Planetarium by Jones.

Edinburgh, 1797. 230 x 190mm.

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Four diagrams of mechanical scientific instruments used in astronomy. Above is a 'trajectorium lunare', a device that delineates the paths of the earth and the moon through the year. Below is a table orrery, showing the motions of the planets and their moons, as built by William Jones of the London firm W. & S. Jones. The plate was engraved by Andrew Bell (1726-1809) for the Third Edition of the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica', which he had founded with Colin Macfarquhar.

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