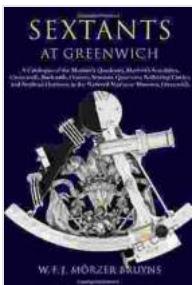


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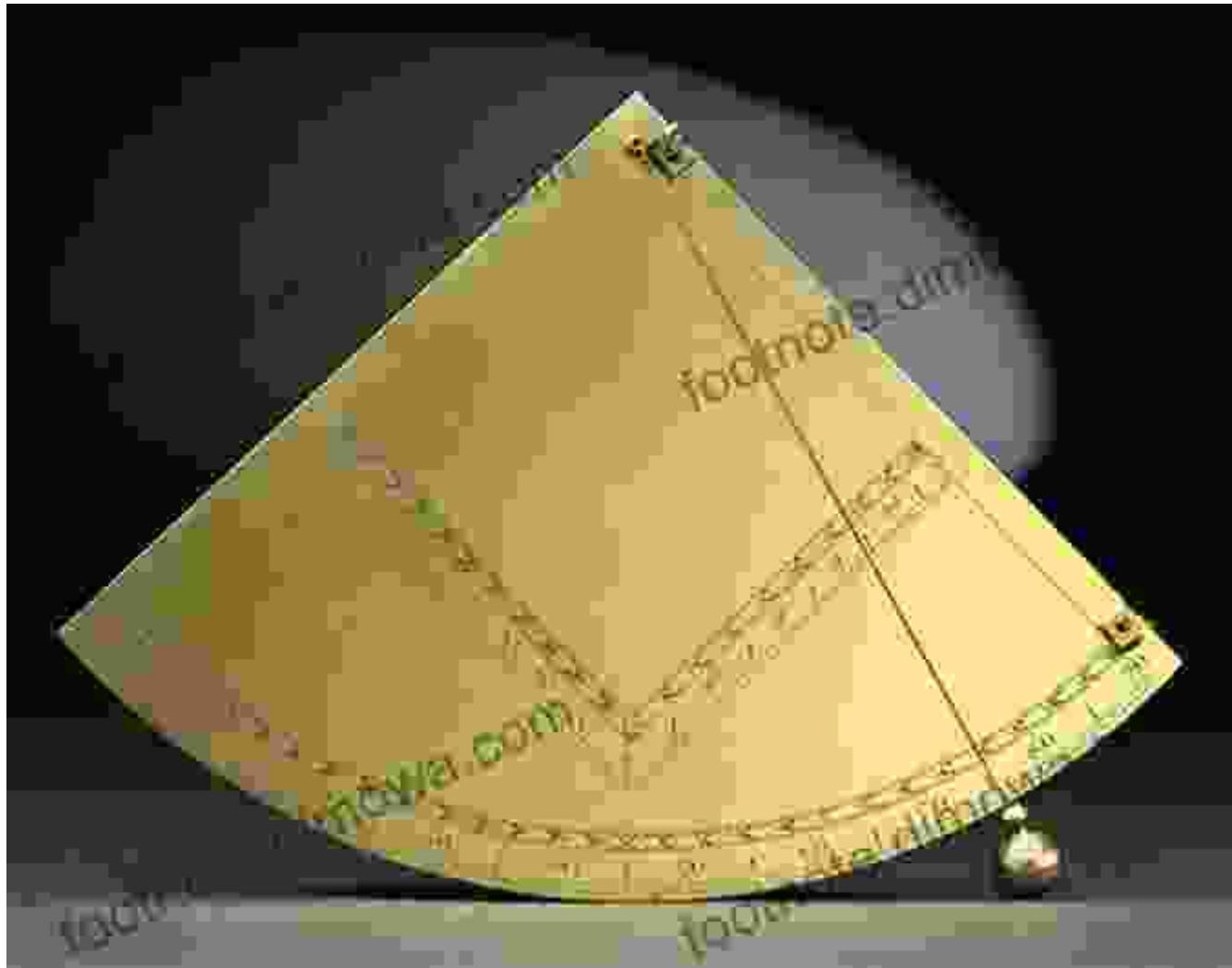
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## Mariner Quadrants: Precision Instruments for Latitude Measurement

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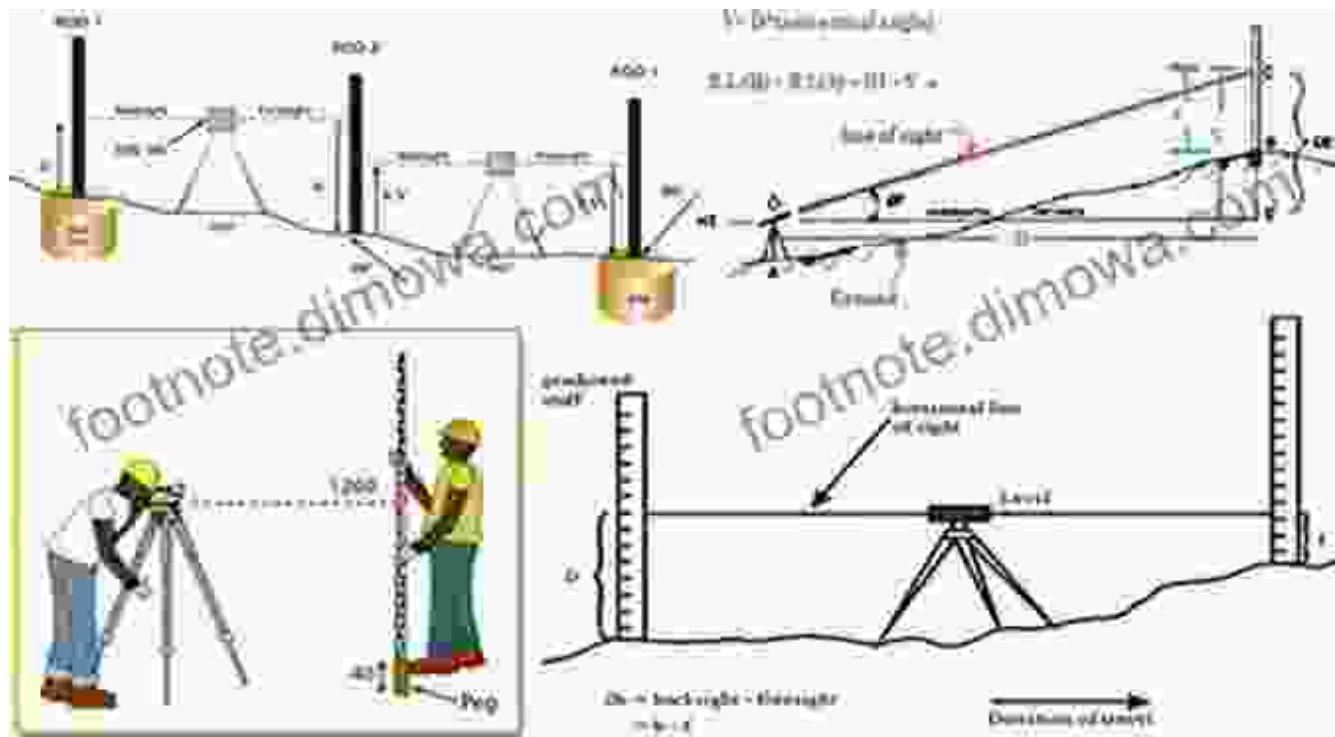
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an astrolabe. Witness the intricate network of circles and scales engraved upon their brass surfaces, each meticulously calibrated for precise celestial measurements.

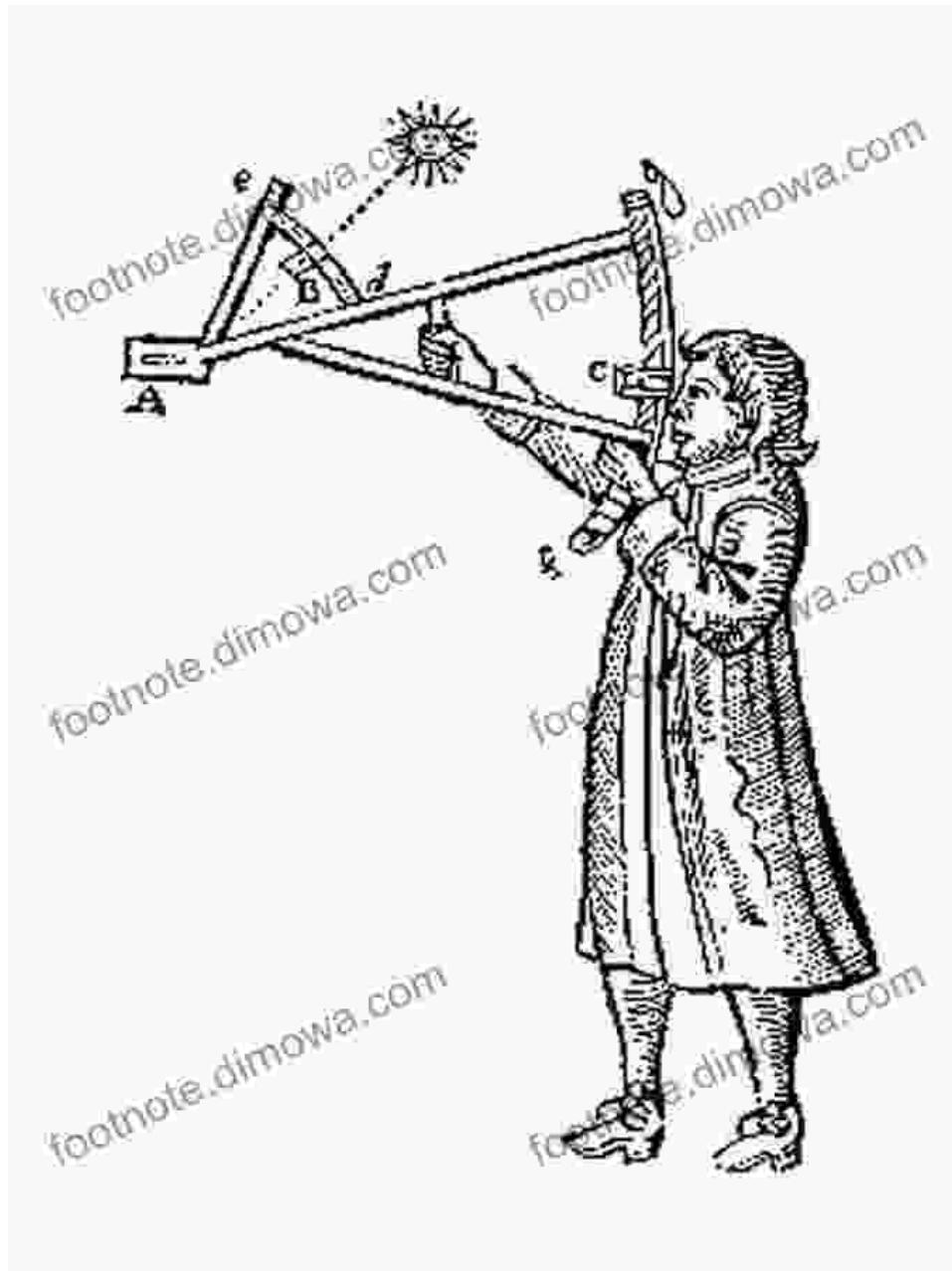
Learn how mariners leveraged the astrolabe's capabilities to solve complex navigational problems, determining their position at sea, calculating the time, and even predicting the positions of celestial bodies. Explore the fascinating techniques they employed to extract a wealth of information from the celestial sphere.



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An enchanting depiction of a backstaff, showcasing its innovative design for enhanced accuracy.

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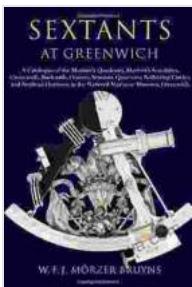
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