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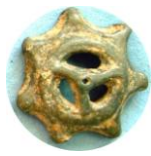
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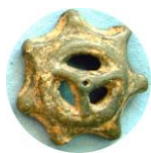
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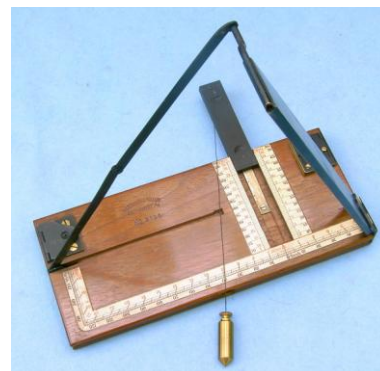
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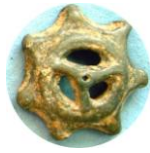
#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT PLUMB BOBS OF THE WORLD (11 pp)**

1. Why we need plumb bobs?
2. How long have plumb bobs been in use?
3. What trades use plumb bobs?
4. What are the basic shapes of plumb bobs?
5. Are different shapes of plumb bobs favored in different countries?
6. What materials are used to make plumb bobs?
7. Outside the English speaking world, what are plumb bobs called?
8. Are there many plumb bob collectors in the world?
9. How much plumb bobs do you have or how much plumb bob shapes exist?
10. How do you get information about plumb bobs?
11. Are there any museums or exhibitions with plumb bobs?
12. How heavy is the lightest and heaviest plumb bob?
13. How do you get plumb bobs?
14. How expensive are plumb bobs?
15. What is special about plumb bobs?
16. Are there any patented plumb bobs?
17. What things are called plumb bob?
18. Are plumb bobs still produced in our days?
19. Why do people collect plumb bobs?
20. Why do you collect also levels, inclinometers and chalk lines?





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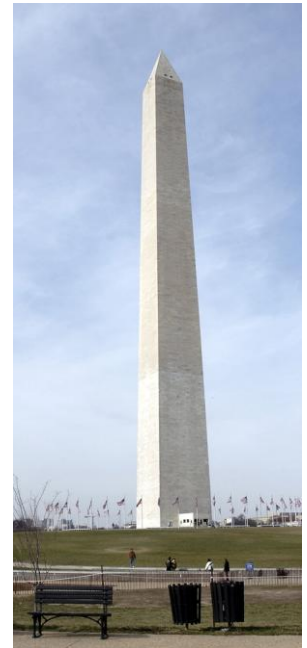
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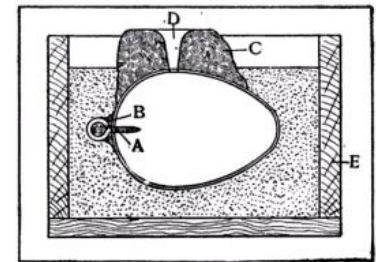


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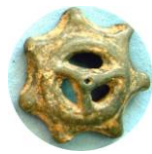
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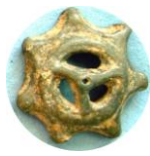
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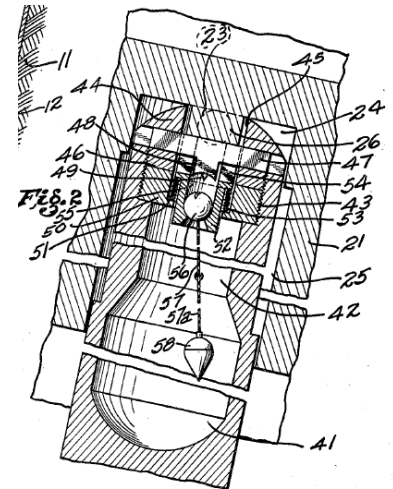


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and the **13 articles from 2008**.

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