





### **Astronomical Compendium**

Roch Pacquellet, Laon, France, ca. 1567

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The pocket-sized astronomical compendium instrument was the Renaissance equivalent of the smartphone. It has devices for finding time by the sun, moon, and stars; for knowing the phases of the moon, tides, compass direction, and weather forecast; as well as a surveying quadrant, gazetteer, and perpetual calendars. This oval astronomical compendium with sundial detail is made of gilt brass, steel and glass. It has five leaves held together with a clasp and eyelet suspension ring.

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