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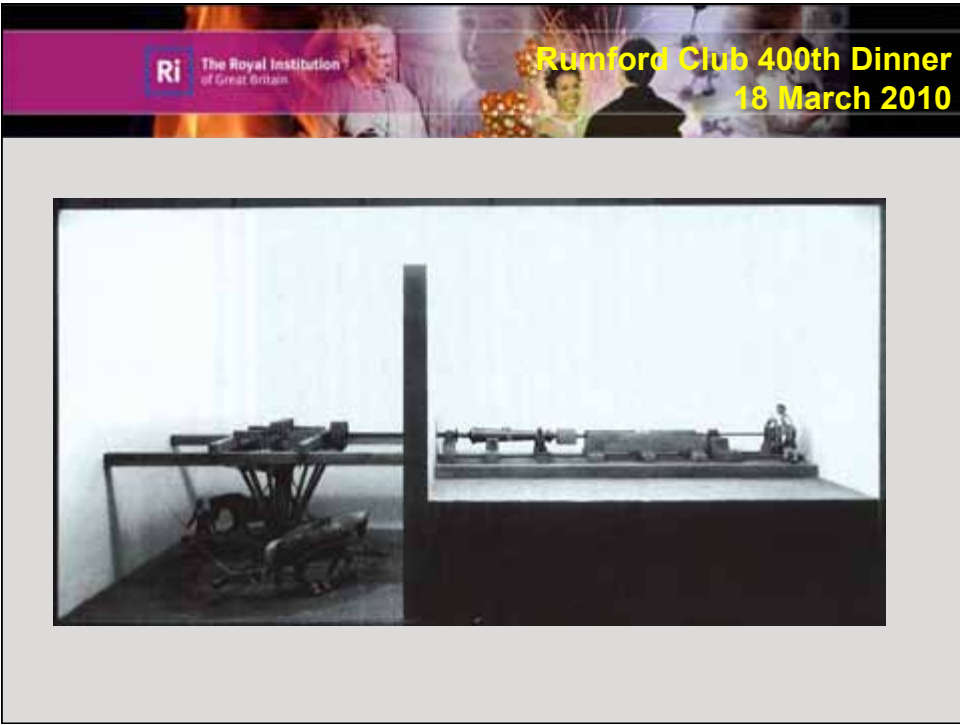
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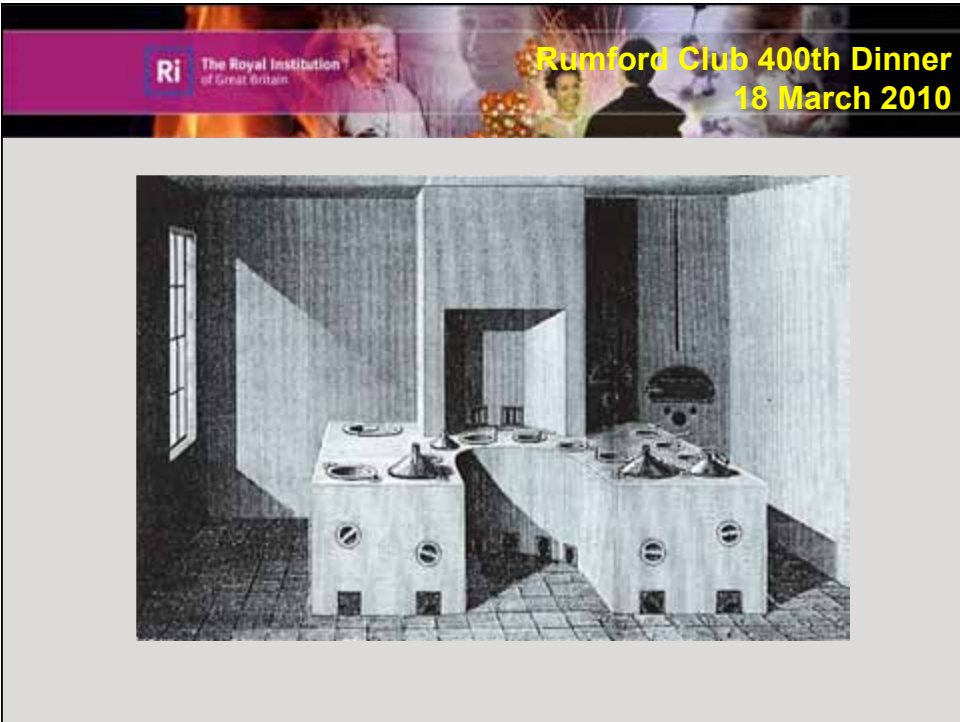


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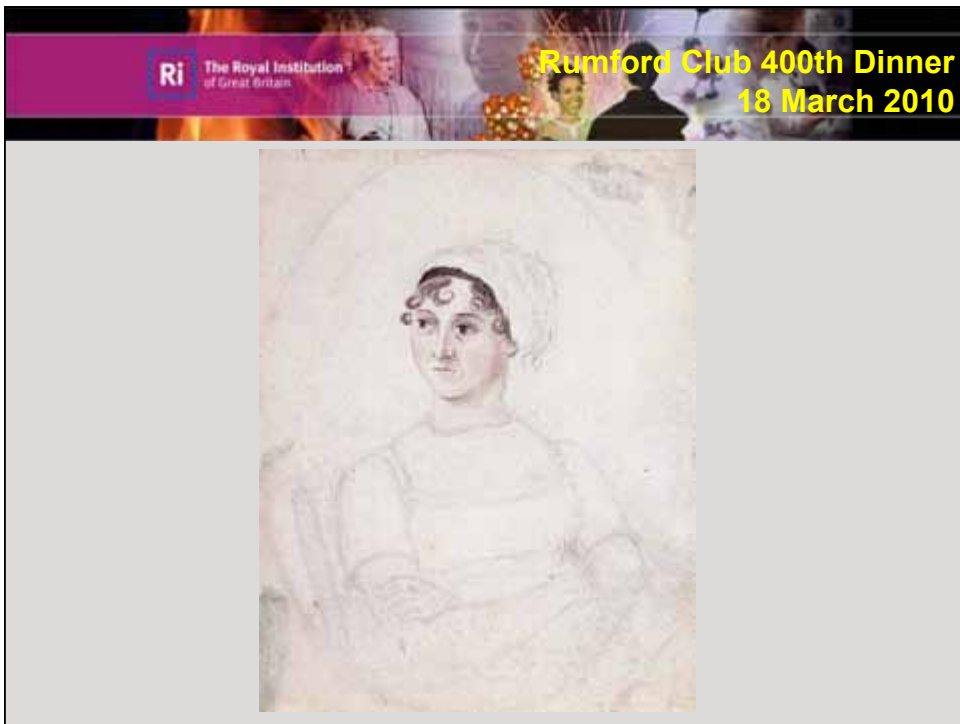
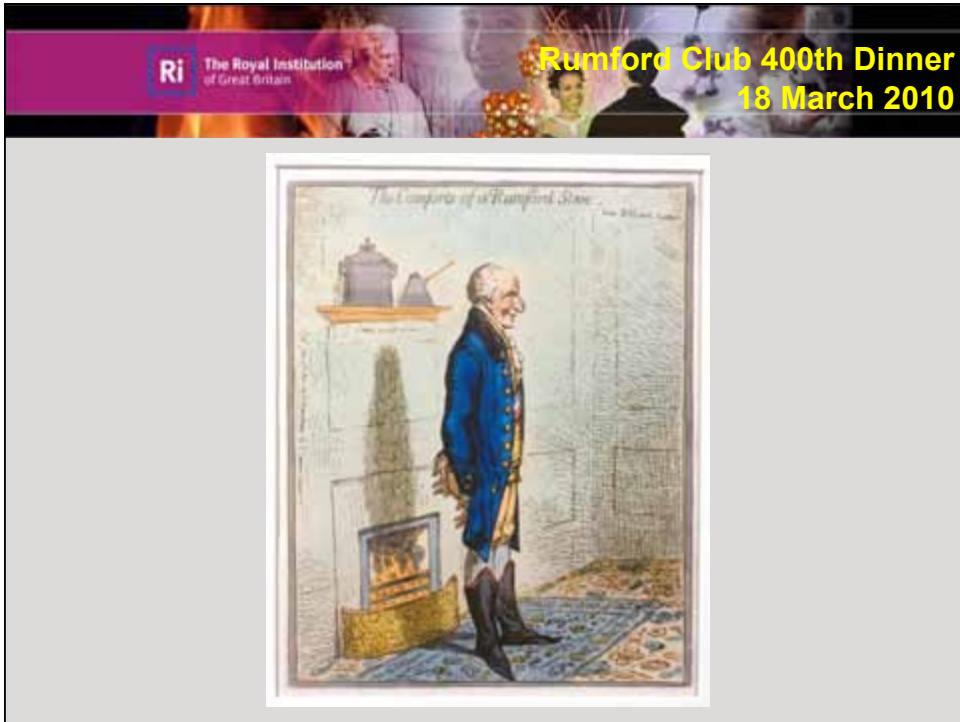
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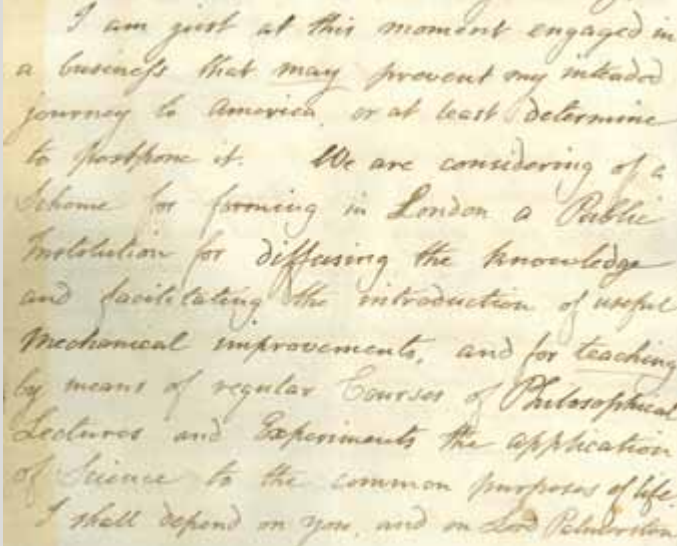






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I am just at this moment engaged in a business that may prevent my intended journey to America, or at least determine to postpone it. We are considering of a Scheme for forming in London a Public Institution for diffusing the knowledge and facilitating the introduction of useful Mechanical improvements, and for teaching by means of regular Courses of Philosophical Lectures and Experiments the Application of Science to the common purposes of life. I shall depend on you, and on God's Blessing.

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Engraving titled "An Experiment in PHILOSOPHY" showing a lecture at the Royal Institution. The scene depicts a large audience seated in a lecture hall, gathered around a central table where a lecturer is performing an experiment. The room is filled with people, some holding books, and the atmosphere is one of intense intellectual activity.

