

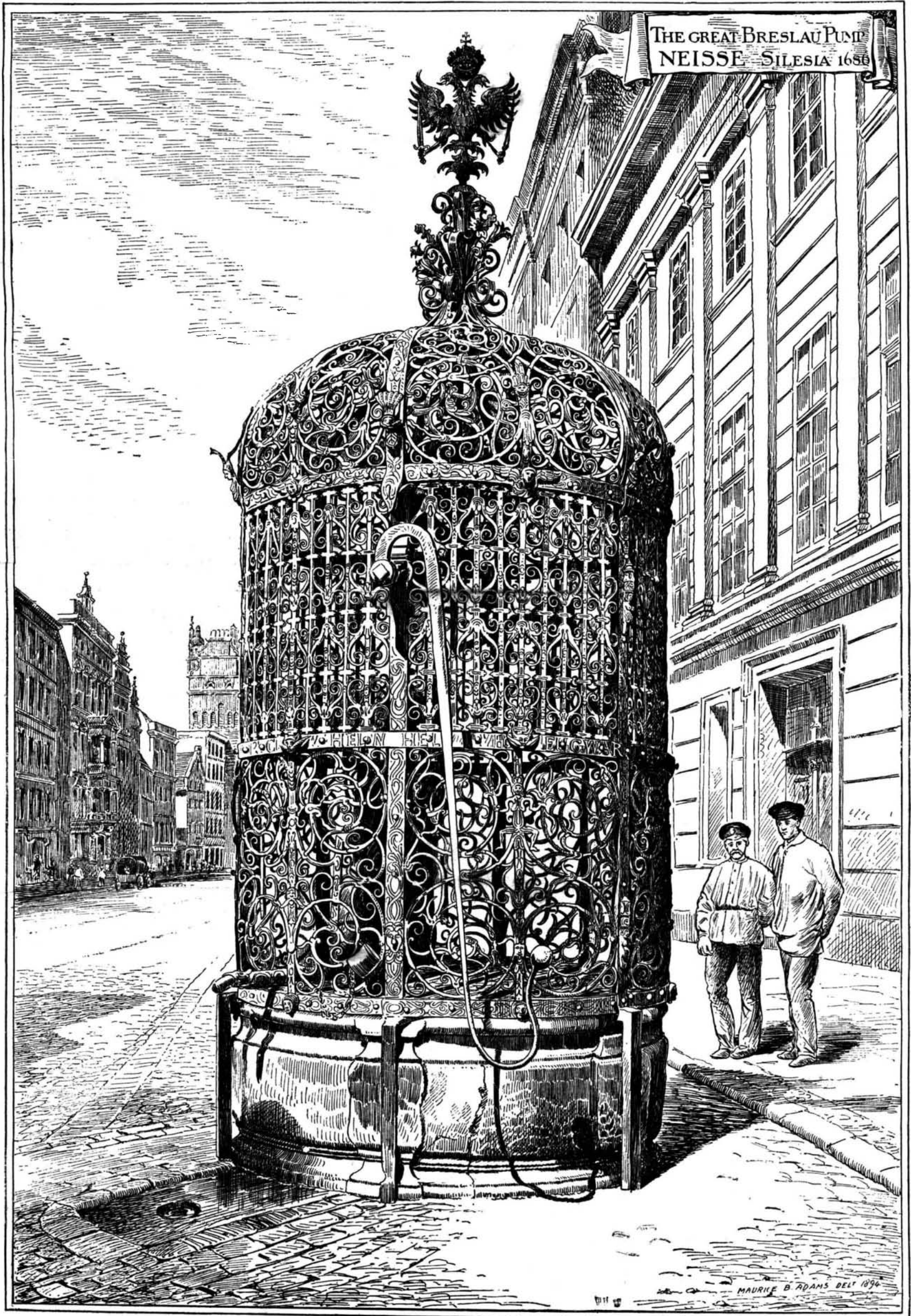
**THE GREAT Breslau PUMP, NEISSE, SILESIA.**

There are few instances of the smith's craft, even in Germany, which will compare with this Silesian pump case, standing in the Breslau Grand Strasse, at Neisse. Although dated late in the seventeenth century, it is a thoroughly traditional piece of work, and in some ways may be said to be even mediæval in the spirit of its design. The quaint freedom adopted by the smith as he introduced the many little grotesque conceits

which enliven the foliations of the scroll work exhibit a gayety and delight on the part of the artificer which distinctly adds to the individuality of his production. An inscription is carried round the central band of the structure, just above the level of the head. The imperial eagle, surmounted by a crown, serves as a finial to the composition, and rises in an effective manner over the bunched-up scrolls, into which the inclosing framework of the domical roof lines of the cage

are developed. The curves throughout the design are graceful and well distributed, with a due regard to scale.

The drawing which we publish is reproduced from Mr. Ernest Wasmuth's "Denkmaler Deutscher Renaissance," a work of artistic thoroughness and utility to which we have on more than one occasion made favorable references. The base of the pump at Neisse is constructed of stone.—The Building News.



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