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The earliest mention of fire-extinguishing apparatus of any kind is found in the building accounts of the City of Augsburg, Germany, for the year 1518. In these they are denominated "instruments for fires" and "water syringes useful at fires." Anthony Blatner, a goldsmith at Friedburg is credited with being the inventor and manafacturer, he having at that time become a citizen of Augsburg.

These syringes must have been of considerable size, as they are described as being mounted on wheels and worked by levers. Caspar Schott, a noted Jesuit, gives an account of one built at Nuremberg in 1667, the largest squirting engine of which there is any record. It was mounted on a sledge ten teet long, four feet in width and drawn by two horses. It had two working cylinders placed horizontally in the cistern, which was eight feet long, four feet high

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what—a trine, a notaning; and yet it grew to a great thing in my mind and his. We had a quarrel, a little lovers' tiff, it seemed. I wept; he was like ice in his great dignity. And some one who wished to part us took advantage of the fact. All how could anyone wish to make two young souls sufer so? And at that time there was trouble in the land.

"In sixty-one the war begun; in sixty-four the war was o'er."

"asys the rude rhyme that keeps the time in mind.

There was a chance for any one who was in despair to fling his life away. I said the bitter word he could not bear. I took his ring from my finger and tossed it to him as though it were a thing that had no walue in my eyes; and he left me in wrath. The next day they told me he had ealisted, and I beard them speak of his patriotism as great, and praise him for casting away prospects such as his for the sake of this country. But I—I knew that patriolword have left me for the sake of any old him, and stole a lew moments to the war was o'er."

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