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版权页：插图： Upon his death in 1887, he bequeathed much of his fortune for the people of Manchester, with the Whitworth Art Gallery and Christie Hospital partly funded by Whitworth's money. Whitworth Street and Whitworth Hall in Manchester are named in his honour. Whitworth was born in Stockport, the son of Charles Whitworth, a teacher and Congregational minister, and at an early age developed an interest in machinery. He was educated at Idle, near Leeds; his aptitude for mechanics became apparent when he began work for his uncle. After leaving school Whitworth became an indentured apprentice to an uncle who was a cotton spinner in Derbyshire. This was for a four-year term after which he worked for another four years as a mechanic in a factory in Manchester. He then moved to London where he found employment working for Henry Maudslay, the inventor of the screw-cutting lathe, alongside such people as James Nasmyth (inventor of the steam hammer) and Richard Roberts. Whitworth developed great skill as a mechanic while working for Maudslay, developing various precision machine tools and also introducing a box casting scheme for the iron frames of machine tools that simultaneously increased their rigidity and reduced their weight. Whitworth also worked for Holtzapffel & Co. (makers of ornamental lathes) and Joseph Clement. While at Clement's workshop he helped with the manufacture of Charles Babbage's calculating machine, the Difference engine. He returned to Openshaw, Manchester, in 1833 to start his own business manufacturing lathes and other machine tools, which became renowned for their high standard of workmanship. Whitworth is attributed with the introduction of the thou in 1844. (2) In 1853, along with his lifelong friend, artist and art educator George Wallis (1811—1891), he was appointed a British commissioner for the New-York International Exhibition. They toured around industrial sites of several American States, and the result of their journey was a report *The Industry of the United States in Machinery, Manufactures and Useful and Applied Arts*, compiled from the Official Reports of Messrs Whitworth and Wallis, London, 1854. In 1850, architect Edward Walters was commissioned to build *The Firs* for Whitworth. It was a grand mansion at Fallowfield, Manchester, which still stands today, function Chancellors Hotel & Conference Centre. Whitworth popularized a method of producing accurate flat surfaces (see *Surface* during the 1830s, using engineer's blue and scraping techniques on three trial surfaces. U his introduction of the scraping technique, the same three plate method was employed polishing techniques, giving less accurate results. This led to an explosion of developm precision instruments using these flat surface generation techniques as a basis for construction of precise shapes.

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