



Since 1847, when a German devised one for a horse and buggy, women have cast a jaundiced eye at taxi meters.

IT'S EARLIER THAN YOU THINK

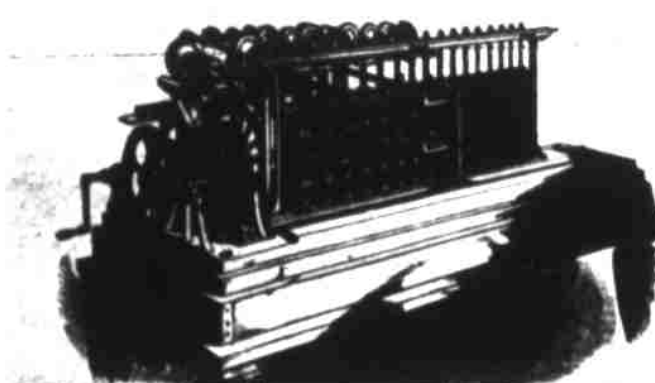
THE KREMLIN, which claims that almost every invention was invented much earlier by a Russian, is half right. Some things actually were invented much earlier than supposed, but alas, poor Khrushchev, there isn't a comrade inventor in the crowd. In 1858, for instance, long before Mickey Mouse "Professor Smiley" was delighting 19th-century children

with his animated cartoons, Univac may trace its history back to a calculating machine patented in 1855 in Sweden. Tom Edison, who gets the credit, was years behind an electric light demonstrated in London in 1848. And in 1829, long before Henry Ford drove up, an Englishman put a horseless carriage on the road. Your move, Moscow.

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Jack, the Bugs Bunny of his day, "makes fast to Commissioner Yeh's pigtail" in 19th-century cartoon show.



Resembling meat grinder the size of a grand piano, this early calculator was accurate to "15 places."



Demonstration of an electric light took place 30 years before Edison, using battery to burn pieces of charcoal.



Dr. Beebe's bathysphere was nearly a century behind this diving bell which held inventor under water 4 hours.



Steam-operated autobus huffed and puffed successfully from London to Beth in 1829, later made regular trips.



Madison Avenue denizens have nothing as flamboyant as elephant which "blew" leaflets to Parisians in 1880s.