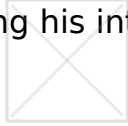


Memoir of Fleeming Jenkin

Memoir of Fleeming Jenkin by Robert Louis Stevenson is a heartfelt biography that honors the life and achievements of the Scottish engineer and inventor Fleeming Jenkin, highlighting his intellectual contributions and close friendship with Stevenson.



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Jenkin impressed Thomson with his detailed attention and analytical approach, characteristics that would define his career. Their early conversations, initially focused on cable conductivity and insulation, soon evolved into broader discussions about physics and engineering theory. This intellectual partnership extended beyond casual exchange, becoming a consistent and thoughtful correspondence. Their collaboration reflected a deeper purpose: understanding how to measure and manage signal strength through long submarine cables effectively. Together, they explored the variables that influenced electrical resistance and signal delay, setting the stage for standardized approaches in cable telegraphy.

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