

# Origin of the Disclosure

## Controversy

- The origin of the debate about disclosing insecurities pre-dates software security.
- It can be traced back to locksmiths and lock-picking in England in the 1850s.
- In his book “ The rudimentary Treatise on the Construction of locks” , locksmith Alfred C. Hobbes argued that the public would be better off if knowledge about weakness was spread.
- ..it is to the interest of *honest* persons to know this fact, because the *dishonest* are tolerably certain to apply the knowledge practically

# THE BRAMAH PRECISION LOCK FOR A BOX. (1784)

