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“Watches are such perfect machines; there’s no room for _____ parts or over-engineering. And then, to see such a tiny machine operate under its own power—it amazes me every time.”

When asked about his thoughts on the mass production techniques of modern watches, Knight revealed his _____ belief that Old World skills made watches much more valuable.

“Oh, yes, the new watches are inexpensive and readily available, which fills the practical need, but they lack the sentiment and the many hours of craftsmanship that should go into a fine piece of jewelry.”

“These watches,” he says as he points to a sparkling display cabinet, “have character.”

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