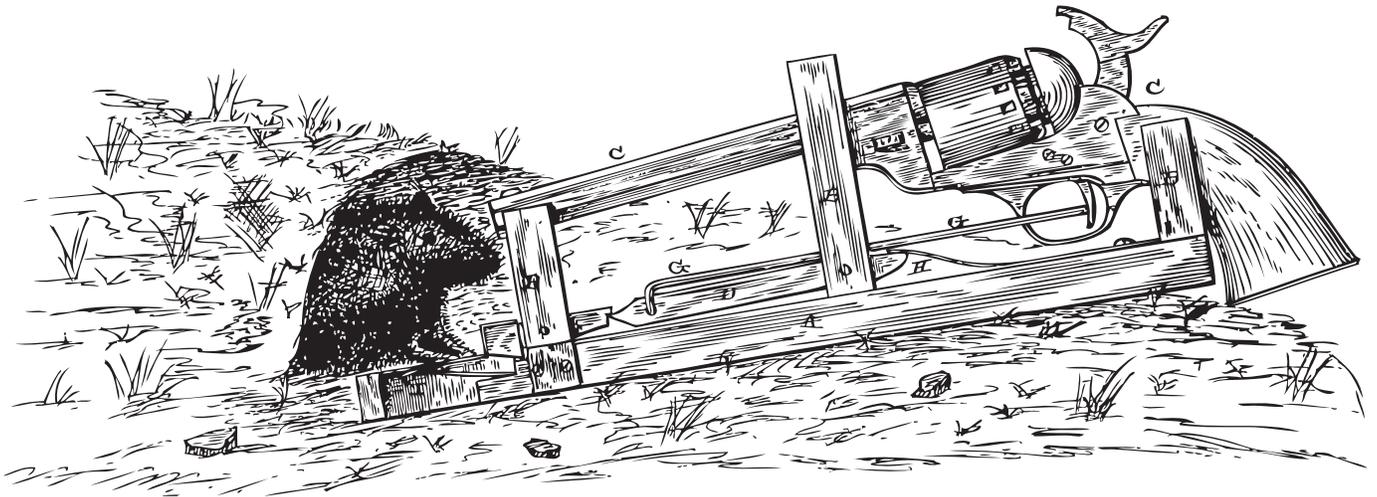


PATSCAN'S 2010 CALENDAR of Bizarre Patents



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To start off the New Year, the traditional PATSCAN calendar of bizarre patents presents some of the world's most interesting inventions, celebrating the human creativity that began when the first hominids banged rocks together to make tools.

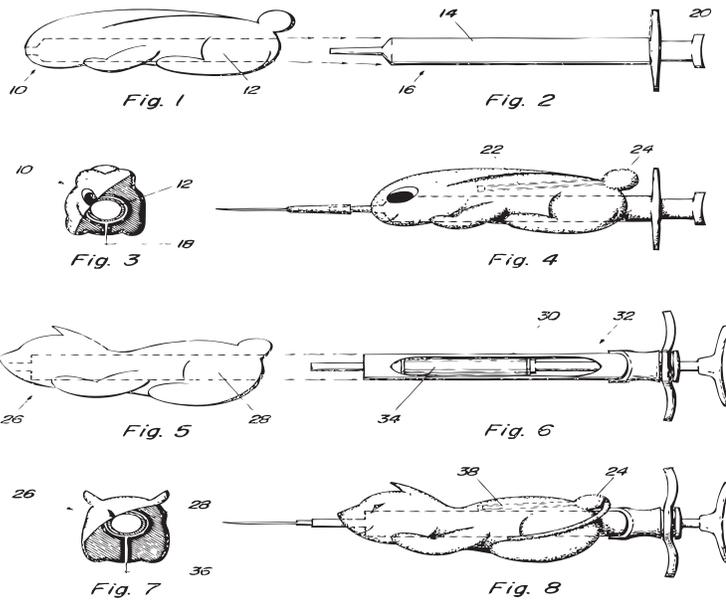
From the Stone Age to the Nuclear Age, some of the greatest advances in technology were weapons of war; possibly in this millennium we may see sustainable technologies turned towards the survival of the planet and the human race.

Successful technologies are rare: even scientists in the great research corporations base a small percentage of successful inventions on a large number of failures. Often the most profitable inventions were accidents, such as "Post-It" notes.

I salute the inventors of the world who have had the courage to hitch their wagon to a star.

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US3299891

Robert L. Smelton, Twentynine Palms, CA

Dec. 9, 1963

As physicians and dentists well know, it is important to prevent fear of injection by hypodermic syringes on the part of children. Preventing such fear or apprehension will elevate the standards and quality of work of the medical and dental fields, thereby improving the overall health standards of our nation. My invention involves redesigning a hypodermic syringe by forming the casing or barrel of the syringe into the shape and appearance of an attractive object or animal pleasing to children.

"Its all fun and games until you lose an eye." -Old Canadian saying

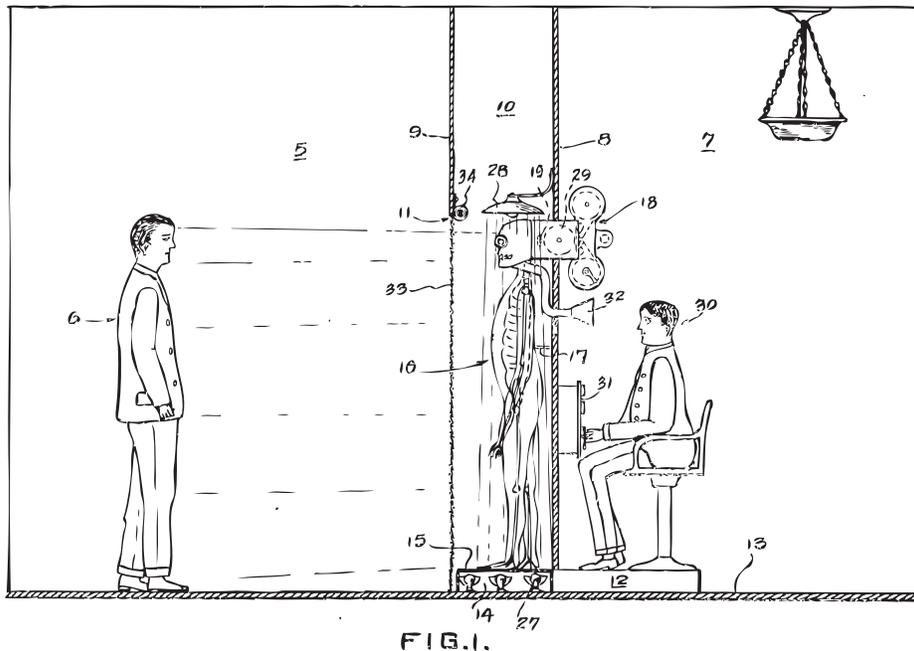
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US1749090

Helene A. Shelby, Oakland CA.

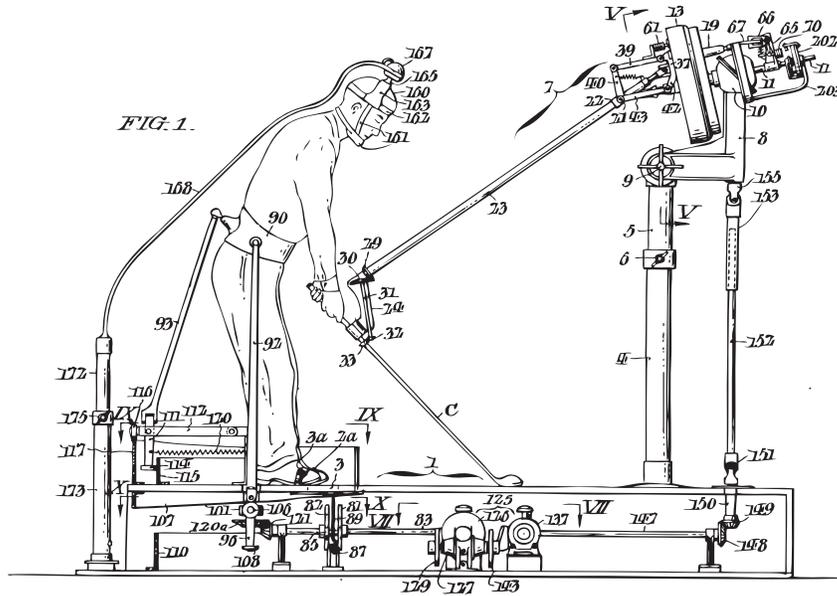
Aug. 19, 1927

The primary object of my invention is the provision of an apparatus for the creation of illusory effects calculated to impress the culprit with their being of a supernatural character and to so work upon his imagination as to enable an inquisitor operating in conjunction with the recording system to obtain confessions and graphically record them...



"Good ideas are a dime a dozen, bad ones are free." -Doug Horton

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		Groundhog Day				
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					Lincolns' Birthday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
St. Valentine's Day Chinese New Year	Presidents' Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						
Purim						



US2737432

George M. Troutman Jenks, St. Petersburg, FLA.

Jan. 28, 1949

In order to teach an ideal golf swing by restricting the movements of a golfer's body, I have found that it is necessary to treat the whole body as a unit... an object of this invention is to provide a golf practice apparatus for holding various parts of a golfer's body in definitely spaced relationship during successive stages of the golf swing...

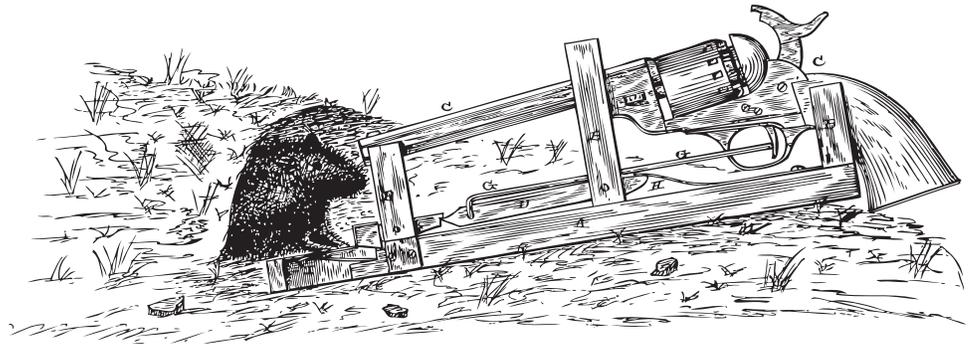
"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely fool-proof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."

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Daylight Savings			St. Patrick's Day			Vernal equinox
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
		Passover				

US269766

James A. Williams, Freedonia, TX.

Aug. 21, 1882



My invention relates to an improvement in animal traps consisting of a frame upon which a revolver is secured, a treadle, spring and levers by which the firearm is discharged when the animal steps on it. This invention may also be used in a door or window so as to kill any person or thing opening the door or window.

“You can get much further with a kind word and a gun that you can with a kind word alone.” -Al Capone

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4	5	6	7	8 April Fool's Day	9 Good Friday	10
Easter						
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				Earth Day		
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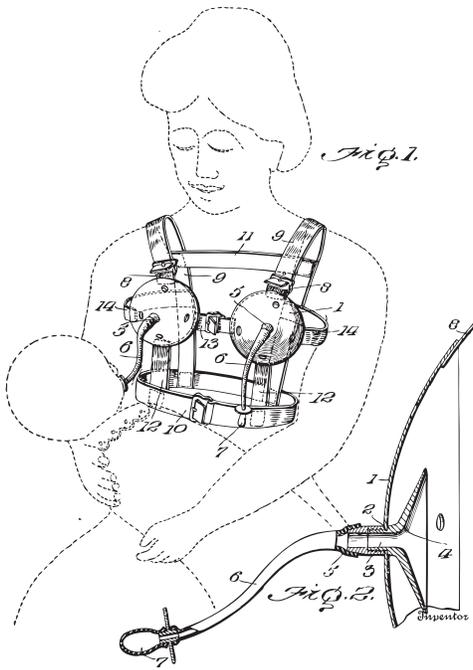
Benjamin B. Oppenheimer, Trenton, TN.

March 26, 1879

This invention relates to an improved fire escape by which a person may safely jump out of the window of a burning building from any height, and land without injury and without the least damage on the ground; and it consists of a parachute attached, in suitable manner, to the upper part of the body, in combination with overshoes having elastic bottom pads of suitable thickness to take up the concussion with the ground.

“For every problem there is one solution, which is simple, neat, and wrong.” -H.L. Mencken

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day (Canada)	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



US949414

Hugh B. Cunningham, Arnot, PA.

Sept. 7 1909

The primary object of this invention is an improved construction of device for use by mothers with nursing infants designed particularly to avoid unpleasant and embarrassing situations in public places by the necessary exposure of the breast in suckling the child. The invention consists essentially in a nursing attachment arranged for the detachable connection thereof of the nipple on a tube of any desired length...

"Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped." -Elbert Green

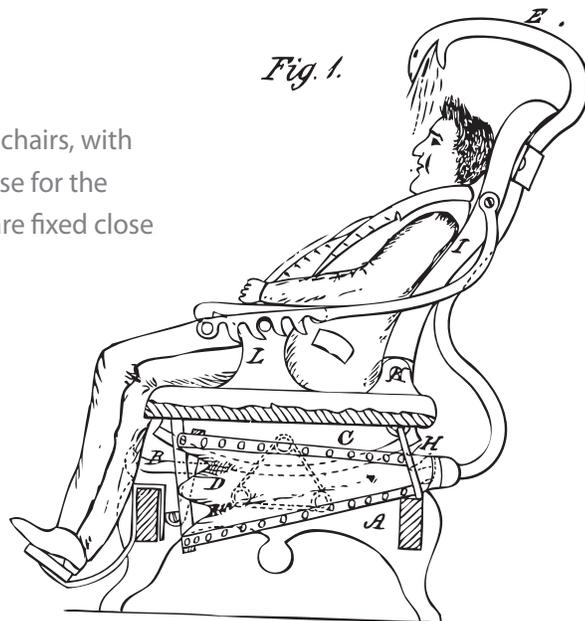
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day	June Solstice					
27	28	29	30			

This invention relates to improvements in the construction of rocking-chairs, with air-blowing attachments, having for its object to provide a stand or base for the support of a bellows, with tracks or rails, on which the rockers, which are fixed close to the seat, may work, instead of on the floor.

US92379

Charles Singer, South Bend, Indiana.

July 6, 1869t



“We all have mental problems – it’s just that some of use choose to show them.” -Nathaniel Huddleson

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				Canada Day		
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Independance Day (US)						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Parent’s Day						

This invention relates to life saving apparatus and its object is to provide means whereby the life of a person dropping from an aeroplane or airship either over land or water, may be saved. I attain my object by means of an outfit consisting of a life jacket, lined with air tight inflatable cushions, a spring helmet attached to the jacket, and a parachute fastened to the body adapted to be opened and shut at the will of the wearer.

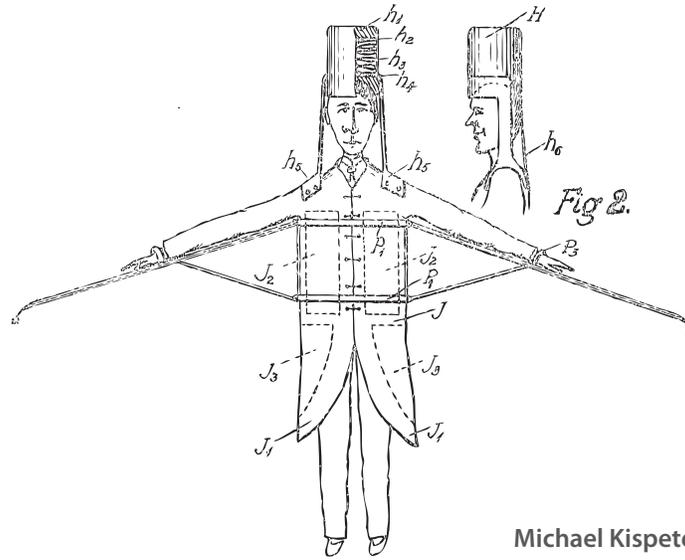


Fig. 1.

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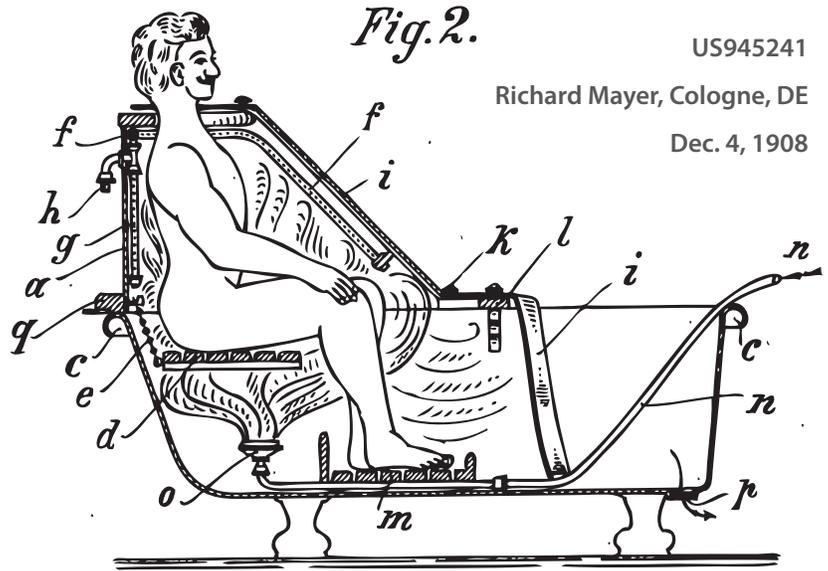
Michael Kispeter, New York, NY

Jan. 16, 1915

“Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.” -Gil Stern

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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8	9 BC Day	10	11	12 Ramadan Begins	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

The object of this invention is to provide a device of this character in the form of a hood adapted to fit around the edges of the tub. A further object is to so construct this hood that a seat carried thereby and upon which the bather sits, permits the maintenance of a perfect joint between the edges of the tub and hood and thereby prevents displacements of the hood



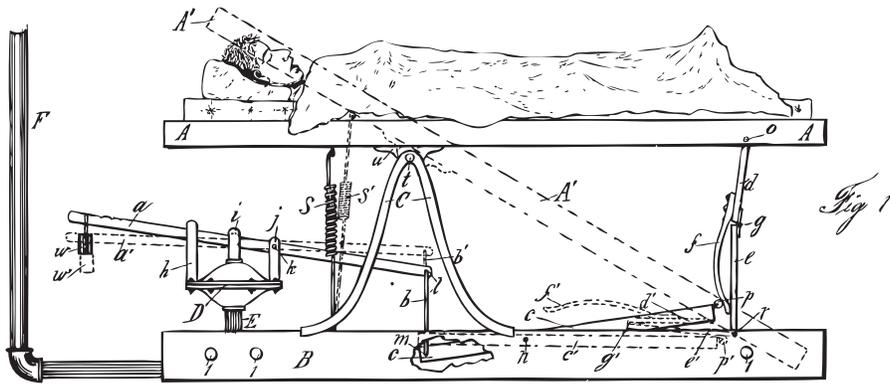
US945241

Richard Mayer, Cologne, DE

Dec. 4, 1908

"It may be that your sole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others." -Howard Aiken

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labour Day			Rosh Hashanah		Patriot Day (US)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Grandparents Day						Yom Kippur
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Autumnal equinox		
26	27	28	29	30		



US643789
Ludwig Ederer, Omaha, NB
May 13, 1899

This invention has relation to an improvement in alarm-beds. The object of my invention is to provide a bed to be used more particularly in connection with hothouses and conservatories and is arranged in such a manner that should the steam in the heating pipes fall below a certain pressure it will tilt the bed to awaken the sleeper in charge of the heating plant.

“Just because something doesn’t do what you planned it to do doesn’t mean it’s useless.” -Thomas Edison

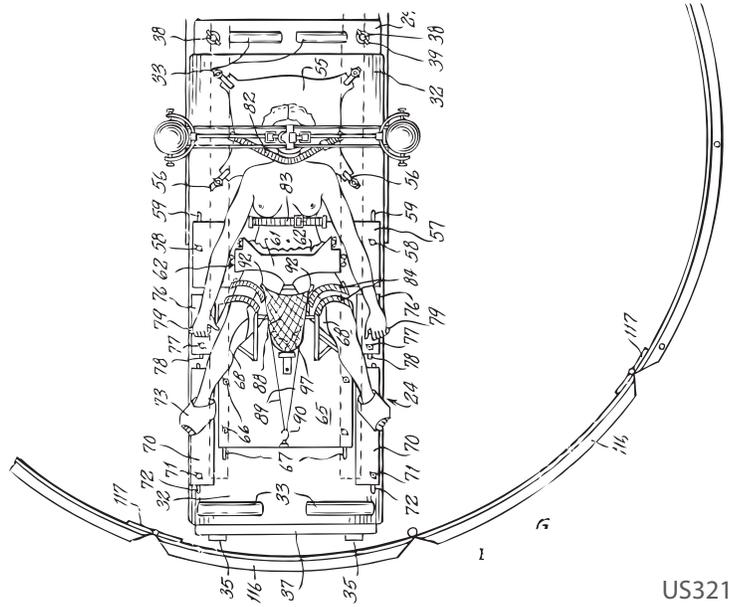
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10	11 Thanksgiving (Canada) Columbus Day (US)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						

November

Apparatus for facilitating the birth of a child by centrifugal force

2010
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It is known that due to natural anatomical conditions, the fetus needs the application of considerable propelling force to enable it to push aside the constricting vaginal wall and overcome the friction of the uteral and vaginal surfaces...It is the primary purpose the present invention to provide an apparatus which will assist the under equipped modern woman by creating a gentle, evenly distributed properly directed, precision-controlled force that acts in unison with her own efforts. In accordance with the invention there is provided a rotatable apparatus capable of subjecting the mother and fetus to a centrifugal force directed to assist and supplement the efforts of the mother in overcoming resisting forces to deliver the child into a net bag.



US3216423

George & Charlotte Blonsky, New York, NY

Jan, 15m 1963

"Anything worth doing is worth doing in excess." -Susan Baber

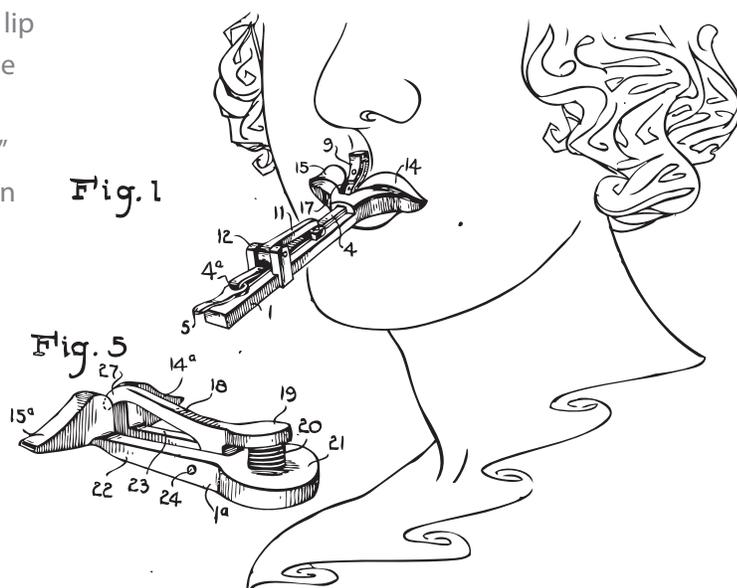
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	All Saints Day					
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Daylight Savings				Remembrance Day (Canada) Veterans Day (US)		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Veterans Day (US)		
28	29	30				

This invention relates to devices for reshaping the upper lip of a person and has for its object the provision of a simple and easily applied device to re-shape the upper lip of a person to conform to what is known as the "Cupid's Bow" whereby it is unnecessary to resort to a surgical operation to produce this effect.

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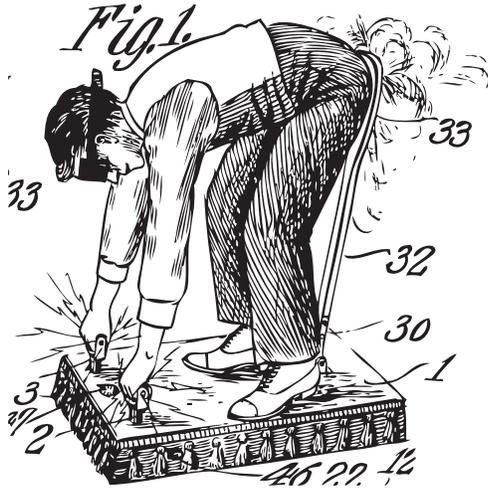
Hazel M. Montealegre, Iola, KS

March 25, 1922



"Sex appeal is fifty percent what you've got and fifty percent what people think you've got" -Sophia Loren

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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				Chanukkah		
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kwanzaa Begins		Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30		
Boxing Day						
31						
New Year's Eve						



US920837

Ulysses S. Du Moulin, Greenville, IL.

Sept., 2, 1908

The object of this invention is to provide a trick initiation device used ostensibly as a weight lifting machine but which when actuated operates to release a spring actuated electro-generator and a spring actuated paddle, the current of electricity being directed into the person actuating the machine while the paddle at the same time strikes him.

"Honesty is the best policy but insanity is the best defense."

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Martin Luther King Day	25	26	27	28	29
23	24					
30	31					