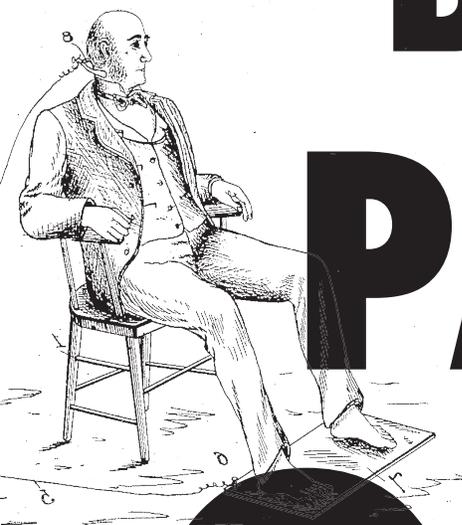


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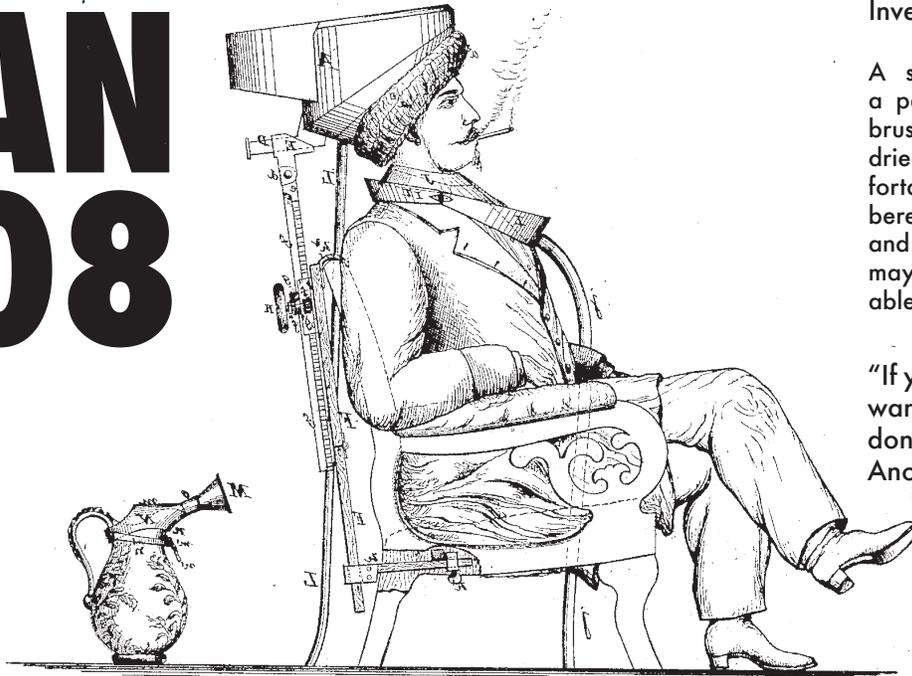
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# PATSCAN JAN '08



Shampooing Apparatus  
US121921 Dec. 12, 1871  
Inventor: Mark L. Winn

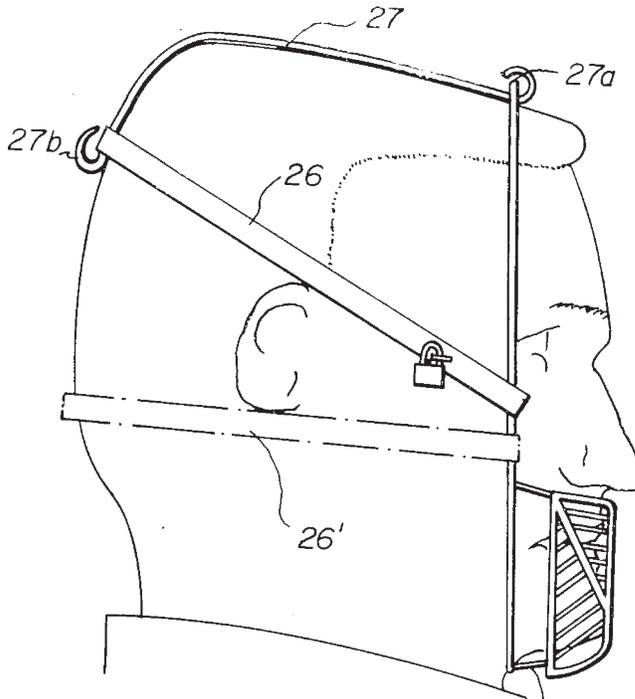
A shampooing apparatus by which a person may have his hair washed, brushed, showered with water and lastly dried while retaining an easy and comfortable sitting position, being encumbered by the weight of the apparatus and by which these several operations may be performed in the most agreeable, rapid and thorough manner.

"If you haven't got all the things you want, be grateful for the things you don't have that you wouldn't want."  
Anon.



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# PATSCAN FEB '08



Anti-eating Face Mask  
US4344424, Aug. 17, 1982  
Inventor: Lucy L. Barmby

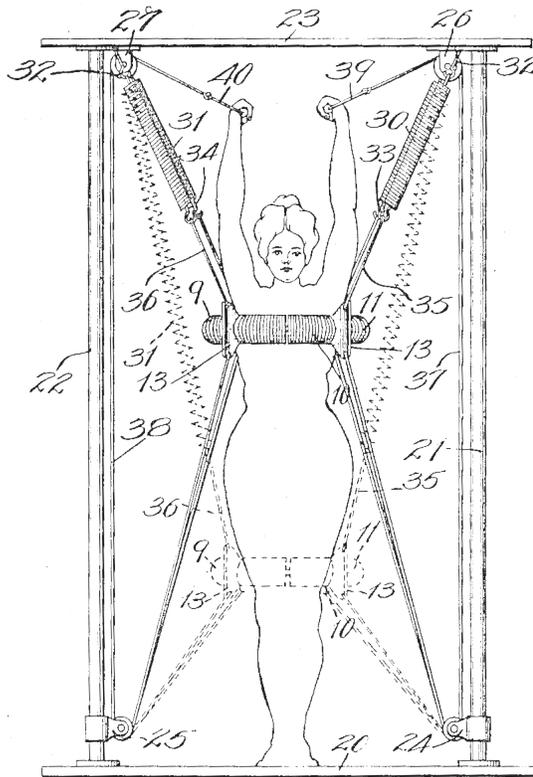
An anti-eating face mask which includes a cup-shaped member conforming to the shape of the mouth and chin area of the user, together with a hoop member and straps detachably engageable with a user's head for mounting the cup-shaped member in overlying relationship with the user's mouth and chin area under the nose thereby preventing the ingestion of food by the user.

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



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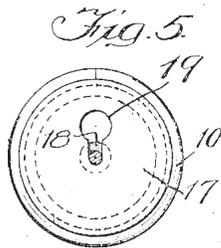
**PATSCAN**  
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**Massage Apparatus**  
**US1175513 March 14, 1916**  
**Inventor: Louis W.G. Flynt**

The principal object of my invention is to devise a tool which will mechanically simulate the rubbing or kneading action of a hand massage for the purpose of reducing flesh and accomplishing other remedial effects... I have devised an apparatus for manually effecting vertical reciprocation of the tool whereby the user is not only benefited by the action of the tool itself, but by the exercise in connection with the operation of the tool as well.

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



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# PATSCAN APR '08

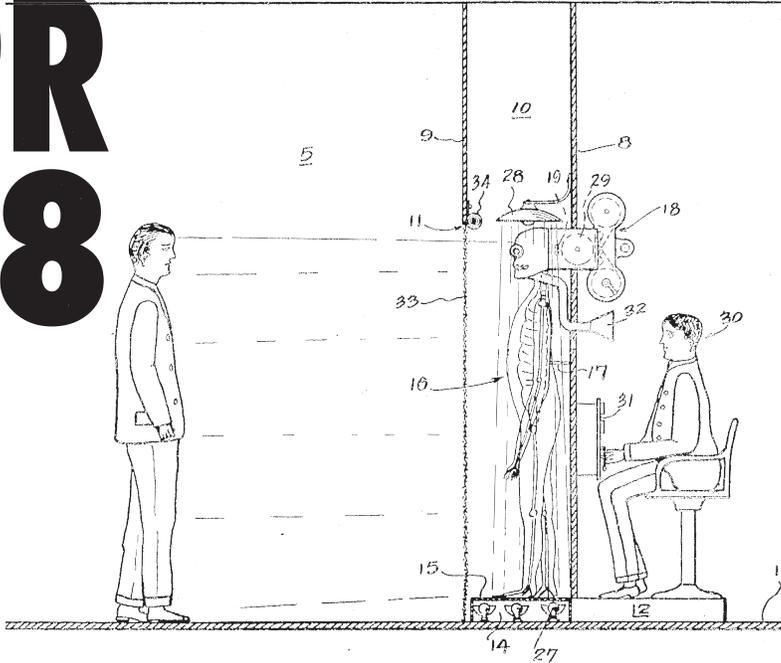


FIG. 1.

Apparatus for Obtaining Criminal Confessions and Photographically Recording them

US1749090 March 4, 1930

Inventor: Helene Adelaide.

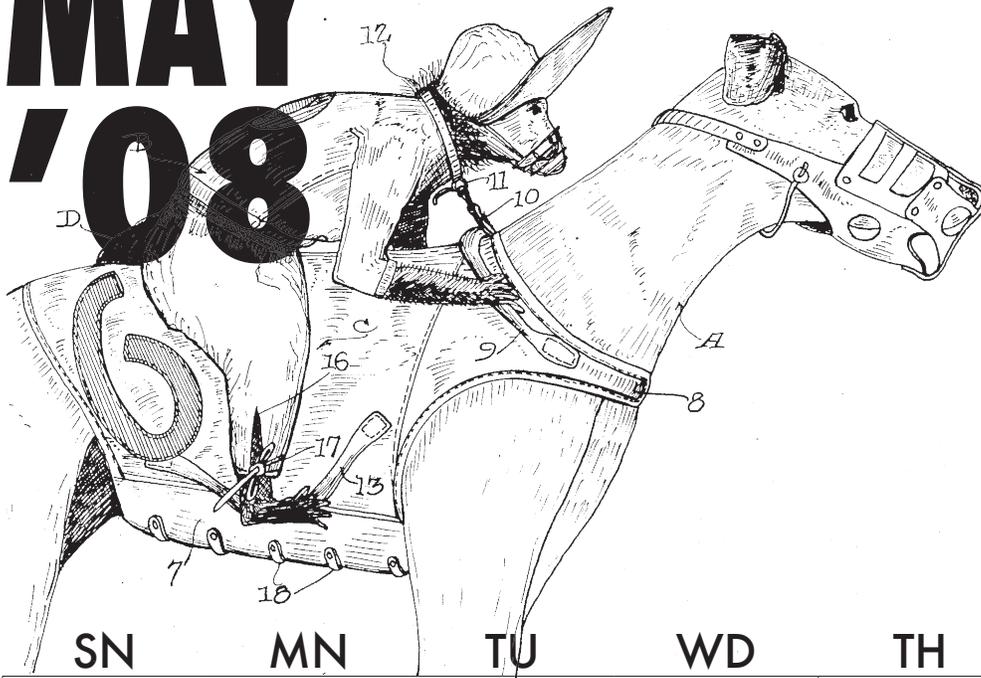
The primary object of my invention is the provision of an apparatus for the creation of illusory effects calculated to impress the subject with their being of a supernatural character and to so work upon his imagination as to enable an inquisitor operating in conjunction with the recording system to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

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



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# PATSCAN MAY '08



Combined Racing Greyhound  
Harness and Rider Support-  
ing means  
US1926420 Sept 12, 1933  
Inventor: Rennie Renfro

The principal object of the invention to provide a novel and unique harness construction that will provide a comfortable dog fitting apparatus and a cooperating monkey rider support that will safely retain the monkey jockey on the back of the greyhound. The intention is a safe, humane, unique and most efficient means for retaining the simian jockey on the racing charge.

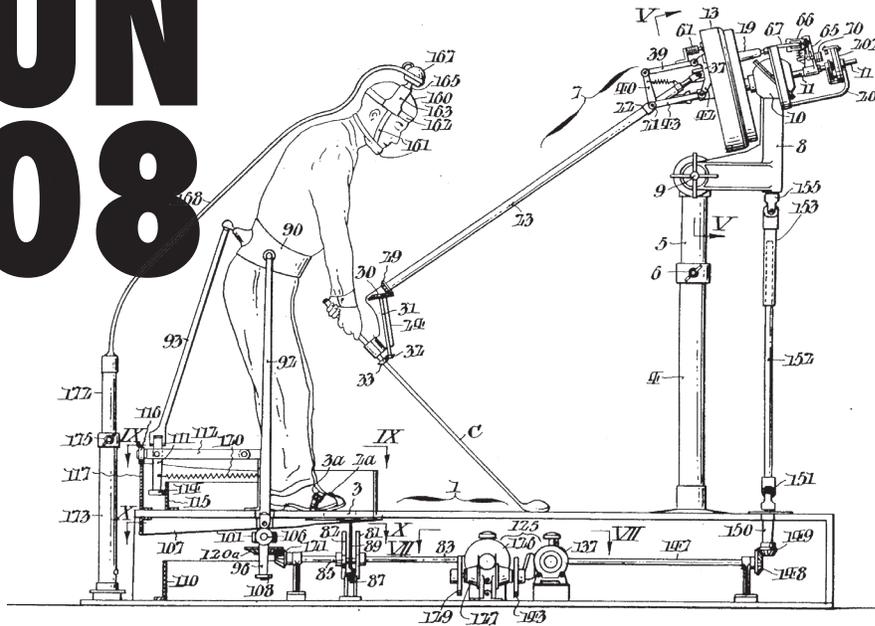
"Anything worth doing is worth doing in excess."  
Susan Baber.



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18 Victoria Day (Canada)	19	20 Buddha Day	21	22	23 Declaration of the Bab	24
25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Ascension of the Baha'u'llah	30	31

# PATSCAN JUN '08

Golf Practice Apparatus  
US2737432 March 6, 1956  
Inventor: George M. Troutman  
Jenks



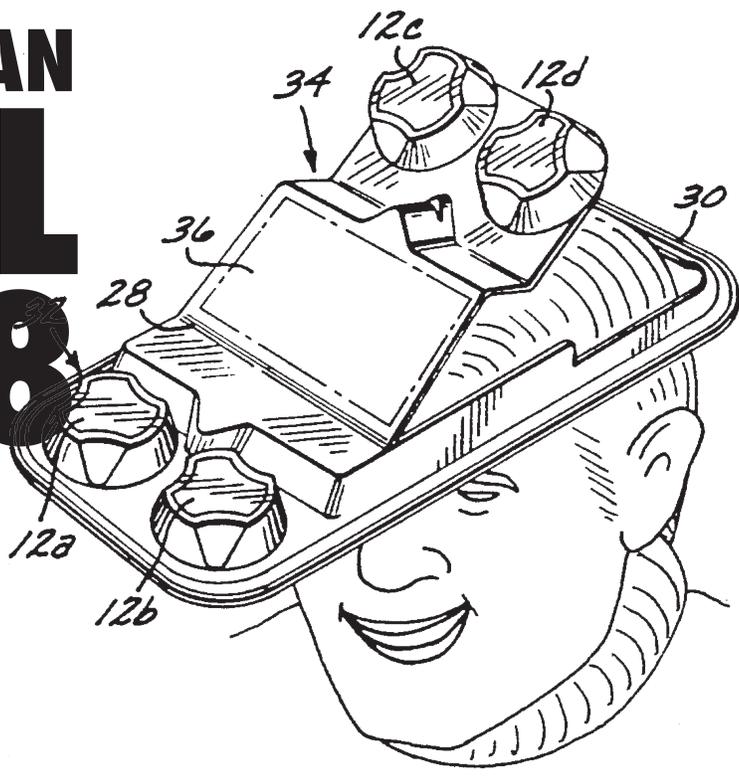
An object of the invention is to provide a mechanism for correlating the motions of the golfer's hands, wrists, arms, head, shoulders, hips, knees and feet into one integrated motion. A still further object is to provide a golf practice apparatus for holding various parts of a golfer's body in definitely spaced relationship during successive stage of the golf swing.

"Just because a thing doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless."  
Thomas Edison.



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		St. Jean Baptiste Day				
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**PATSCAN**  
**JUL**  
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Combination Beverage Tray  
 and Sun Visor  
 US5094343, March 10,  
 1992  
 Inventor: Harry Brown

A combination beverage tray and sun visor comprised of a beverage tray having raised side walls and including a pre-formed perforation along a portion of the junction of the base of said tray and the side walls wherein the base may be separated from the sidewalls thereby forming an opening which allows the beverage tray to be converted into a sun visor and worn upon one's head.

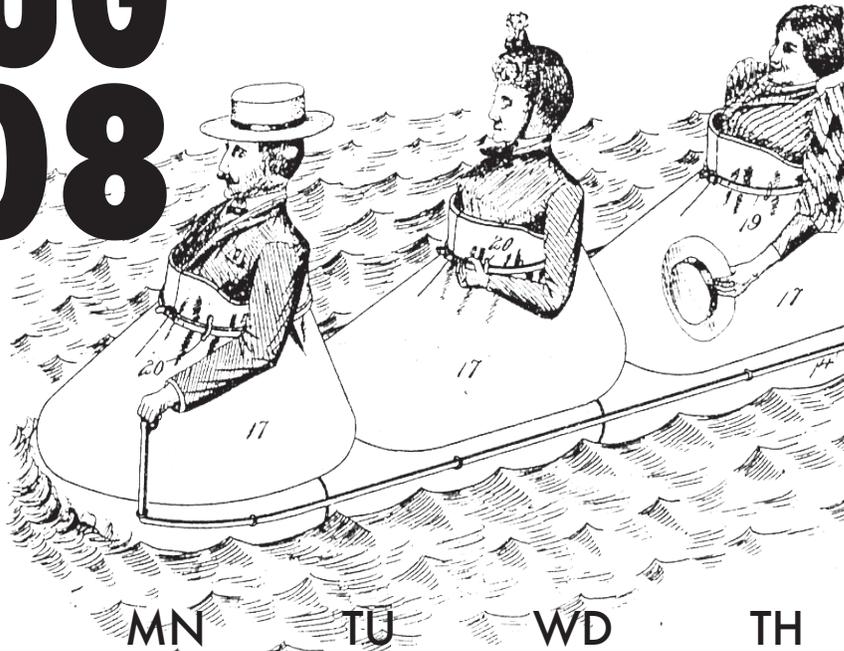
"Growing old may be mandatory, but growing up is strictly optional."  
 Claudia Slate.



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# PATSCAN AUG '08

Improvements in Portable  
Boats  
GB346 Feb 16th, 1895  
Inventor: Hiram Douglas Layman



This invention relates to portable boats, and it has for its object to provide a new and useful boat of this character that can be folded up or collapsed into a small compass for being easily carried. Water tight leggings or boots extended from and below the bottom piece are perfectly flexible in order to allow the person in the boat the free use the legs to provide for the propulsion of the boat, and to secure this result each legging or boot is provided on opposite sides and near the foot thereof with the opposite feathering paddles.

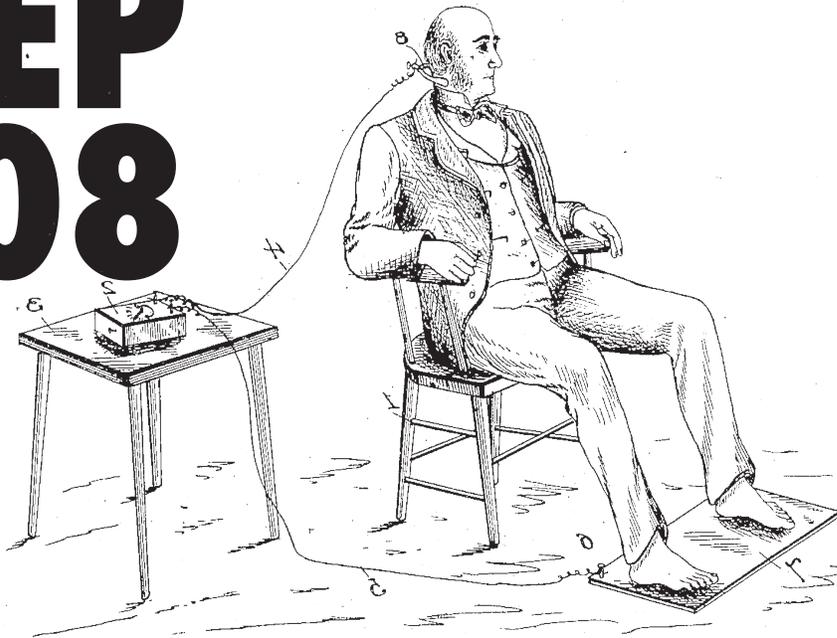
"Reality is nothing  
but a collective  
hunch."  
Lily Tomlin.



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# PATSCAN SEP '08

Electric Extraction of Poisons  
US606887 July 5, 1898  
Inventor: John Bunyan Campbell



A device used to extract mineral or vegetable or animal poisons from a human incorporating battery connected to a copper plate attached to the patient's feet and a positive electrode to the back of the patient's neck. When the current is turned on it will run down from the neck through the patient's body and will pull out the poison at the negative pole and deposit it on the copper plate receiver. For animal poisons I use an animal receiver such as raw meat.

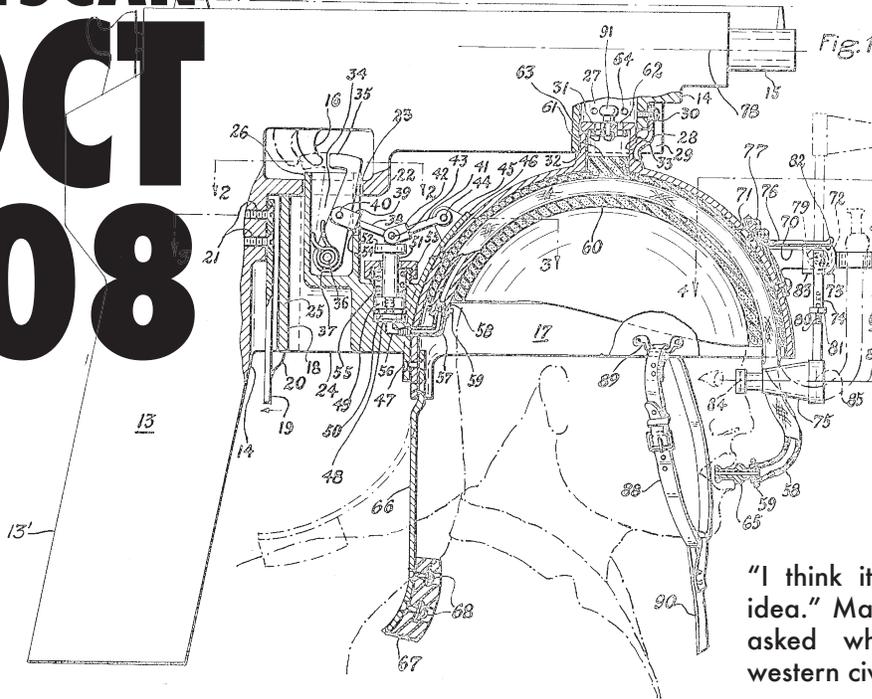
"A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep."  
Saul Bellow.



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# PATSCAN OCT '08

Helmet Mounted Pistol  
US2651872 Sept. 15, 1953  
Inventor: Albert B. De Salardi



Modern warfare requires activities and skills demanding full exercise of the coordinated mental and physical abilities of fighting men. In close combat the hand and arms of the fighter are occupied with the handling of the rifle, hence not available for other activities... I achieve these and other objects by mounting a semi automatic or automatic firearm such a self loading pistol upon the head gear providing the combination with reaction taking means for absorbing and distributing the reaction forces of the explosions in the gun to the bone and muscle structure of the wearer.

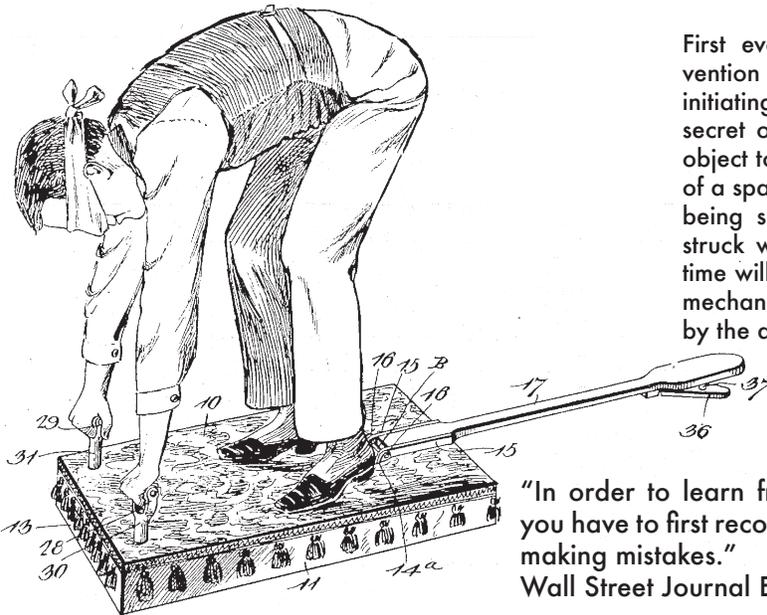
"I think it would be a good idea." Mahatma Gandhi when asked what he thought of western civilization.



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# PATSCAN NOV '08

Initiation Device  
US654611 July 31, 1900  
Inventors: Edmund de Moulin and  
Ulysses S. de Moulin



First ever spanking machine! This invention relates to devices employed in initiating applicants for membership in secret organizations, and it has for its object to provide a device in the nature of a spanking machine, the construction being such that the applicant will be struck with a paddle and at the same time will be given an electric shock, the mechanism being thrown into operation by the applicant himself.

"In order to learn from mistakes, you have to first recognize you are making mistakes."  
Wall Street Journal Editor.



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9	10	11 Remembrance Day Veteran's Day	12	13 Birthday of Guru Navak Dev Sahib	14	15
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23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving (United States)	28	29

# PATSCAN DEC '08

Collar Apparatus Enabling  
Secure Handling of a Snake  
by Tether  
US6490999 Dec., 10, 2001  
Inventor: Donald R.M. Boys

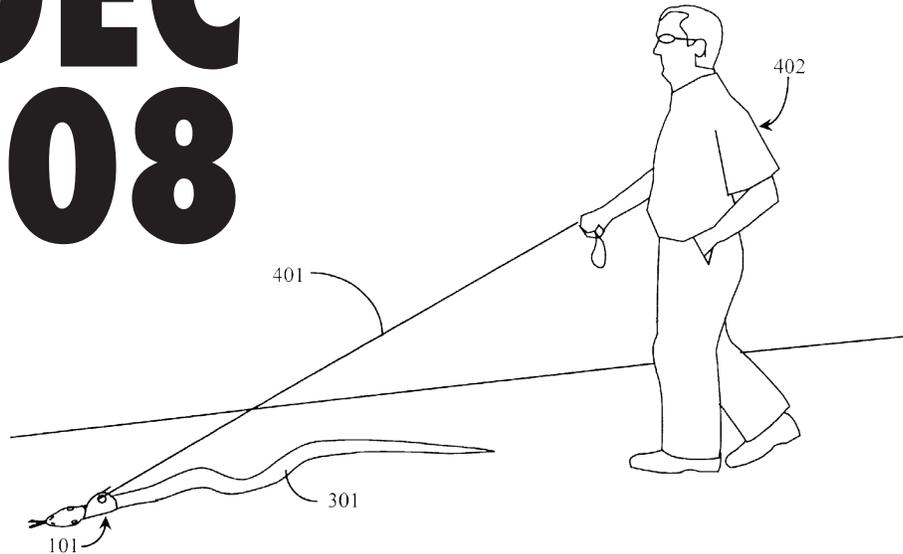


Fig. 4

A collar for collaring a snake has an elongated collar section forming a physical collar when wrapped around the body portion of the snake. The collar further has a support section for supporting an attachment mechanism for accepting attachment of a tether and a connector system comprising at least two components affixed to strategic portions of the collar section for securing the collar in place around the body portion of the snake providing an adjustable interface containing separate components of the connector system whereby mating the connector components together.

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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Hanukkah Ends	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	<p>"You've got to be careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there." Yogi Berra.</p> 		