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**BRILLIANT MINDS  
INSTRUCTIONS & RULES  
FORGOTTEN HISTORY HUNT**

This is a simple journey through patent history, with some brilliant ideas and some not so much. Enjoy the creativity of past inventors as you follow the instructions for each patent.

You will find all necessary information at the US Patent Search. Scroll down to the heading: **'Searching PDF Image Patents (since 1790)'**, then click on the link: **'View Patent Full-Page Image'**

You can then enter the patent numbers as you find them to complete each clue.

Use only this site as there are other ways to search for patents, but this is the only way you can be sure you have the right one for each step of the hunt. You can use Google to find the first patent number to start the hunt.

Following the instructions on each patent will lead you to the next one on the list. The 'title' of the next patent will confirm you are on the right track. If the title does not seem to match the patent you find, your answer may be incorrect, so go back to the previous patent and double check that you didn't miss a step of the instructions.

The instructions for each patent are for that patent only. Once you have moved on from a patent, you will not go back to it.

Please do not ask me to verify every step of the puzzle. If you become stuck on one and feel the instructions are not clear or incorrect, let me know and I will post a clarification on the thread. I have done my best to check for and correct any errors, but sometimes they still sneak through, and instructions that seem clear to me may not be as clear to others.

The solution to this hunt is the solution to question #12:  
Fig. 1, the name that belongs on the line marked 'x'.

To win a prize you only need to submit the one-word answer to questions #12, but feel free to send in a complete list of patents if you want.

You can submit a solution as many times as you want, but you can only win once.

There will be six prizes awarded for the first six correct submissions and the hunt will remain open until I have received six correct submissions.

All winners must have a U.S. address.

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*Have fun and Good Luck!*

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