

BRILLIANT MINDS SOLUTION  
HAND POWER VEHICLE.

No. 296,937 Patented Apr. 15, 1884.  
The patent that was ruled invalid in 1883 because the design had been copied from earlier drawings by William Sawyer is patent # 223899, Thomas Edison's lightbulb patent.

1. Patent # 223899 - Edison's lightbulb patent

"Bright idea." refers to the lightbulb and the invention.

The date on this patent is January 27, 1880 = patent # 1271880

2. Patent # 1271880 - Tire patent

"A Fish story." refers to the inventor, G. F. Fisher.

Multiply all numbers (no letters) in Fig. 1 =  $10 \times 11 \times 12$  = patent # 1320

3. Patent # 1320 - Plow patent

"162 years later." The date on the diagram is Sept. 11, 1839, 162 years before 9/11/2001.

Go to Front Page. Multiply the day of the month by the patent number:

The date on the front page is Sept. 10, 1839, so  $10 \times 1320$  = patent # 13200

4. Patent # 13200 - Cork Machine patent

"Stopping power." refers to both the cork and the inventor, J. Power.

Use the four letters of the type of machine: CORK = patent # 3151811

5. Patent # 3151811 - Water Fountain patent

"HHOHHOHHO" refers to lots of water.

Add all numbers in Fig. 3:  $20 + 21 + 55 + 22 + 71 + 62 + 61 + 64$  = 376

Multiply this number by the number directly under #71:  $376 \times 62$  = patent # 23312

6. Patent # 23312 - Heel patent

"Kick me." refers to the heel

Reverse this patent number: 21332

Multiply this number by the number of Figs. on this page:  $21332 \times 7$  = patent # 149324

7. Patent # 149324 - Safety Match patent

"In a new town." refers to Newtown CT, the home of the inventor.

Pg. 2, Table III, No. 5, Rainwater  $\times 3$ :  $25 \times 3$  = 75

Subtract the answer from the patent number:  $149324 - 75$  = patent # 149249

8. Patent # 149249 - Apparatus for Teaching the Art of Swimming

"Red fern." refers to the inventor, W. Redfearn, who had too much time on his hands!

Using to Fig. 1, follow these instructions:

1. Assign a number value to the letter found in the gray boxes: F = 6

2. Multiply this number by how many times this letter appears in Fig. 1:  $6 \times 4$  = 24

3. Multiply the resulting number by the number of G's found in Fig. 1:  $24 \times 2$  = 48

4. Subtract the resulting number from the year:  $1874 - 48$  = patent # 1826

Patented Apr. 15, 1884.

## 9. Patent # 1826 - Buoyant Life-Preserving Hat

"From the top down." refers to a hat with a balloon that would probably drown you if inflated!

Go to Front Page. Then use the following:

25-5-1: line 25, word 5, letter 1 = **By** = B = 260-6-10: line 60, word 6, letter 10 = waterproof**F** = F = 650-4-1: line 50, word 4, letter 1 = **In** = I = 930-1-9: line 30, word 1, letter 9 = renderin**G** = G = 751-5-3: line 51, word 5, letter 3 = su**F**ficiently = F = 621-1-5: line 21, word 1, letter 5 = proo**F** = F = 6

= patent # 269766

## 10. Patent #269766 - Animal Trap (or the definition of overkill!)

"A sideways idea." refers to both the invention and the diagram, which is sideways.

Use the date: December 26, 1882 = 1 2 2 6 1 8 8 2

Placement: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Then select the following:

#1+#5: 1 + 1 = 2

#7- #3: 8 - 2 = 6

#1+#4+#5: 1 + 6 + 1 = 8

#2+#3+#8: 2 + 2 + 2 = 6

#5+#7: 1 + 8 = 9

#3+#5: 2 + 1 = 3

= patent # 268693

## 11. Patent # 268693 - Device for Indicating Life in Buried Persons

"I've got you covered" refers to being buried, but with an out if it turns out you are still alive!

From the title: DEVI**C**E **F**OR INDIC**A**TING **L**IFE IN BURIED PERSONS#5: **C** = 3#15: **A** = 1#19: **G** = 7#22: **F** = 6#15: **A** = 1#7: **F** = 6

= patent # 317616

## 12. Patent # 317616 - Station Train Indicator

"1:52" refers to the time shown on the clock.

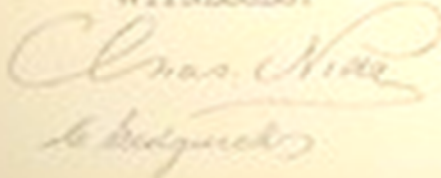
Fig. 1: The name that belongs on the line marked 'x':

On Fig 2 you can read the name, which is upside down and backwards: BRATTLEBORO

BRATTLEBORO is the solution to the hunt.

- I hope you had fun with this journey through a few patents and some crazy inventions!

WITNESSES:



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