

# Weird Inventions

**Can you guess what those inventions were made for?  
Which problem were they supposed to solve?  
Use the passive structure for your hypotheses.**



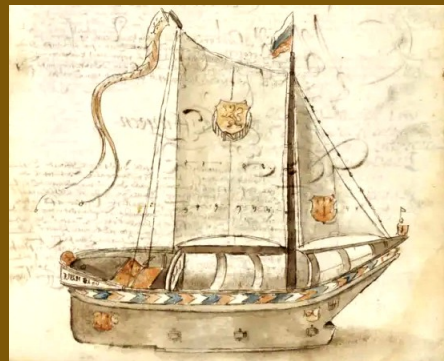
**Manual dredger:** Workers operated the so-called bucket dredger with their arms and legs using stepper boards.



**Amphibious bicycle:** This land-and-water bike can carry a load of 120 pounds; Paris, 1932



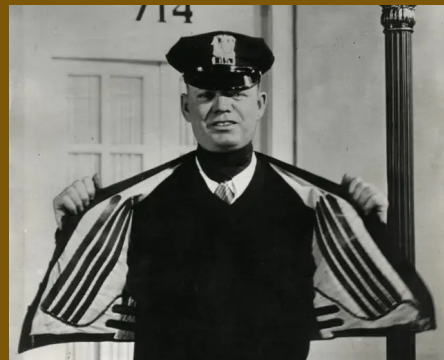
**All-terrain car:** This all-terrain car can descend slopes up to 65 degrees; England, 1936.



**Ice sailboat:** In the 17th century, it was so cold that meteorologists spoke of a Little Ice Age. The ice sailboat addressed the challenge of transporting goods over frozen lakes and rivers. Designed by A. Terrier, January 17, 1600



**Hamblin glasses for reading in bed:** A pair of spectacles especially designed for reading in bed; England, 1936



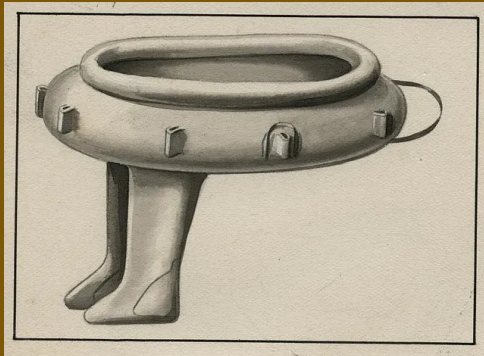
**Electrically heated jacket:** Electrically heated vest, developed for the traffic police in the United States, 1932. The power is supplied by electric contacts in the street.



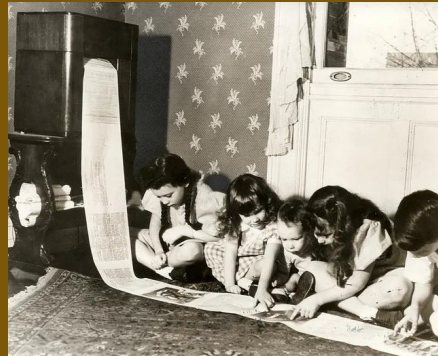
**Car with shovel for pedestrians:** Invented for the purpose of 'reducing the number of casualties among pedestrians;' Paris, 1924



**Folding bridge for emergencies:** The emergency bridge can easily be transported on a handcart; invented by L. Deth. The Netherlands, 1926



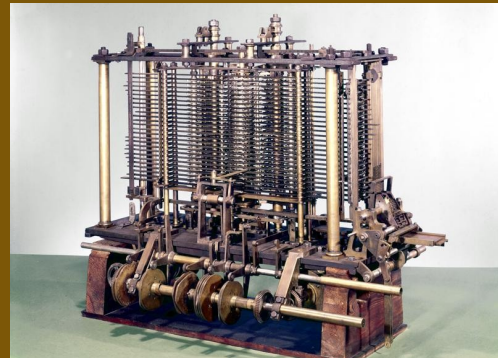
**Booted rubber boat:** Drawing of a 'pneumatic sports- fish and hunt boat,' an inflatable boat for one person with boots attached; The Netherlands, 1915



**Faxed newspaper:** In 1938, the world's first wireless newspaper was sent from WOR radio station in New York City. In this photo, children are reading the children's page of a Missouri paper.



**Snowstorm mask:** Plastic face protection from snowstorms. Canada, Montreal, 1939



This **analytical engine**, the first fully-automatic calculating machine, was constructed by British computing pioneer Charles Babbage (1791-1871), who first conceived the idea of an advanced calculating machine to calculate and print mathematical tables in 1812.



**An early chainsaw, known as Osteotome, from 1780.** The chainsaw as we know it appears to have begun life as a medical instrument – one used to assist in childbirth.



**Mechanical tree**, by Klaus Lackner, Professor in the School of Sustainable Engineering at Arizona State University. It shows that machines can be built to directly capture Carbon from the atmosphere.