

# PRESENTLY PUPPETS

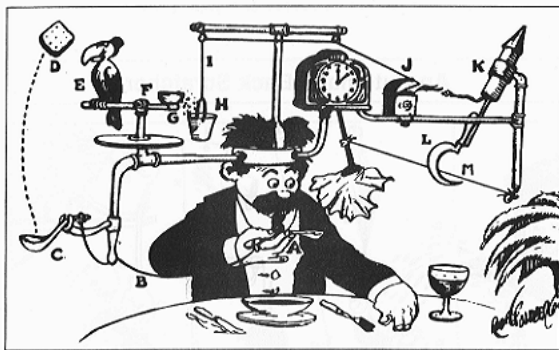
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## COOL CONTRAPTIONS

Happy Monday Readers!

This week we dive into the weird and wonderful contraptions inspired by American cartoonist, Rube Goldberg.

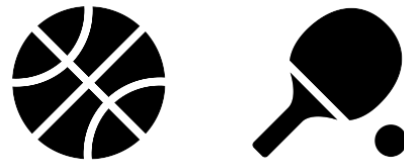
Self-Operating Napkin



Rube Goldberg machines are intentionally designed to perform a simple task in an overly complicated way. Initially Rube Goldberg machines were only drawn, and would have been near-impossible to create in reality. However, in recent years people have started crafting these machines for entertainment. There are even Rube Goldberg competitions! Sometimes they're used to complete simple chores:



Or to make that tricky shot:



And sometimes, it's just because:



You too can make a Rube Goldberg machine at home! All it takes is some things you've got lying around the house, and a whole lot of patience. The key to success is to keep trying, over and over again. Here are a couple videos to help you get started:



How many tries did it take you?  
Try, try, try again!

See you next week!