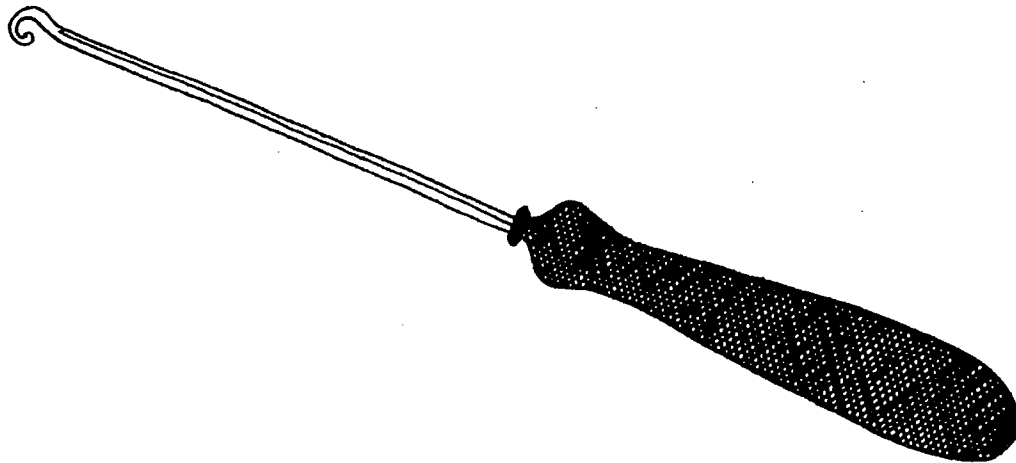


WHAT IS THIS THING?



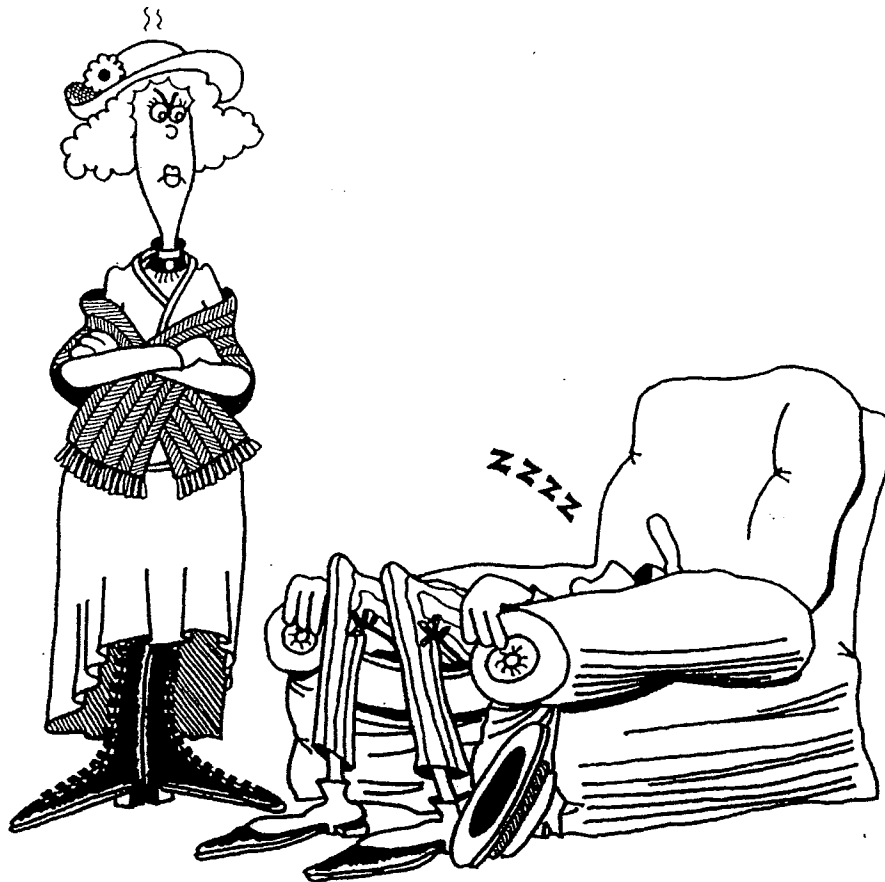
- A. A hook for high button shoes
- B. A meat skewer to cook meat over a fire
- C. A pickle stabber to get big pickles out of a jar



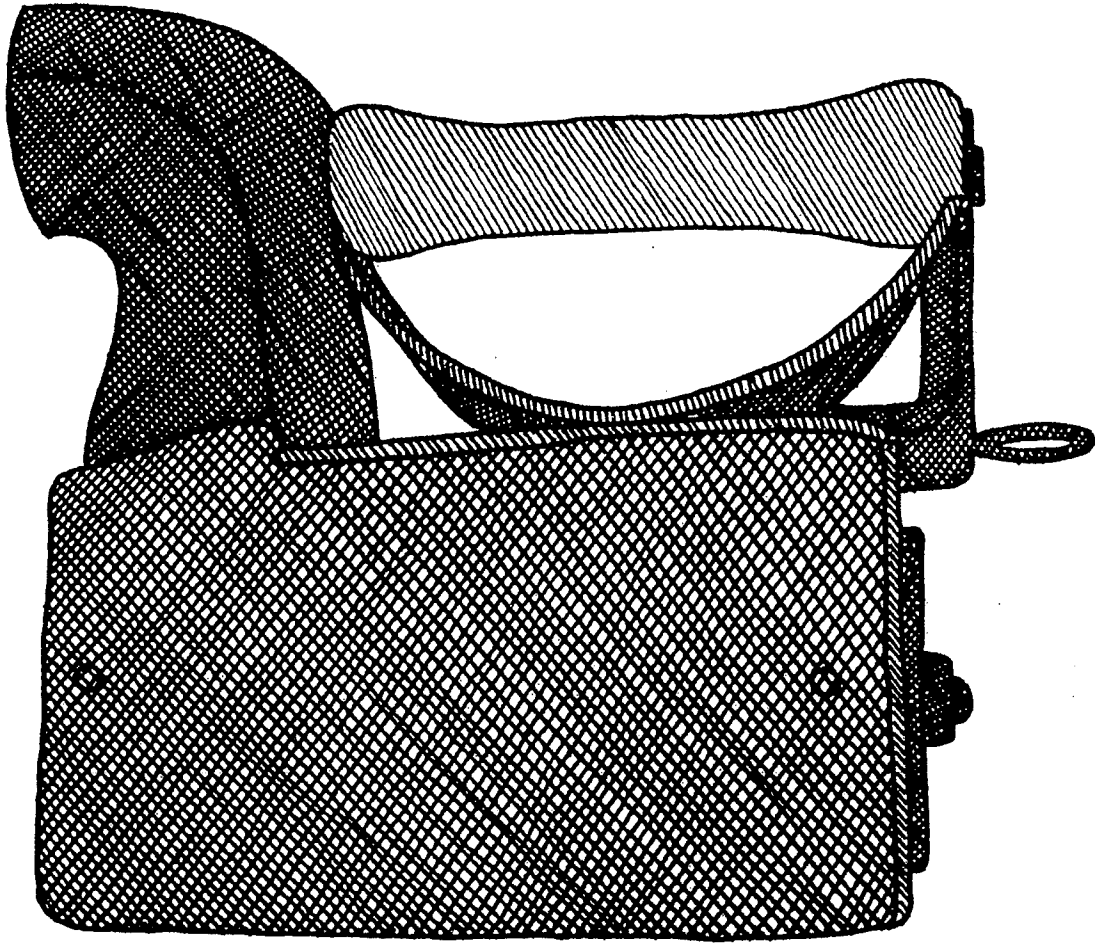
A. A HOOK FOR HIGH BUTTON SHOES

A young lady of the 1880s could shock everyone by showing her ankles. Yet, pretty, slim ankles could be shown wearing delicate satin boots with rows and rows of buttons.

To fasten each button was difficult unless one used a button hook. Still, it took so much time that the young man who called was probably asleep when the young lady was ready for an evening out!



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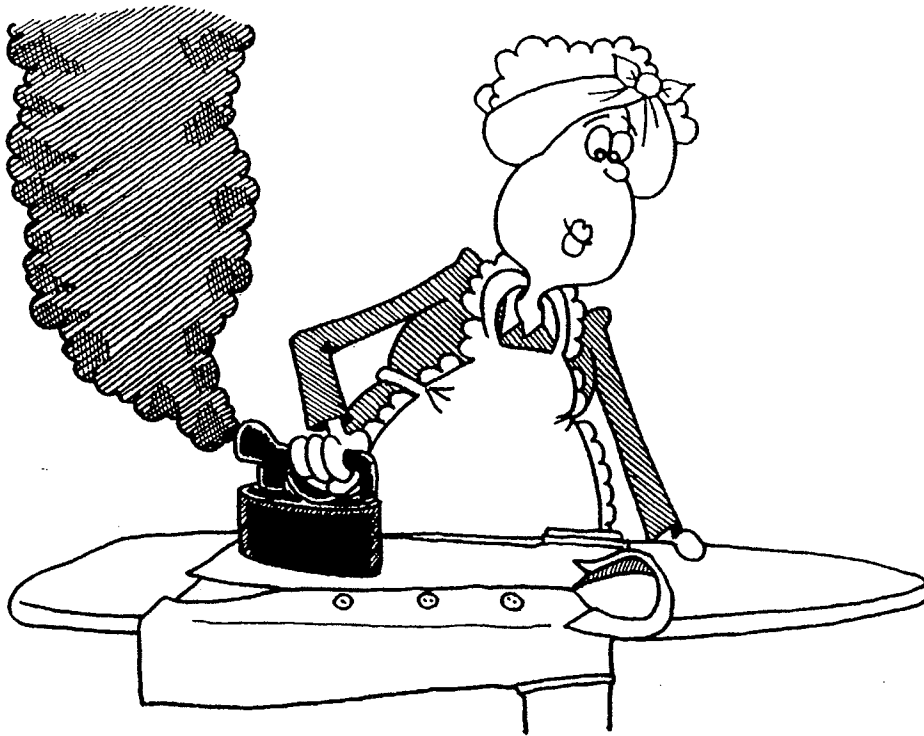
- A. An early radar gun used by police to slow down speeding buggies
- B. The first cordless iron
- C. A portable water pitcher used by ball players on a hot day



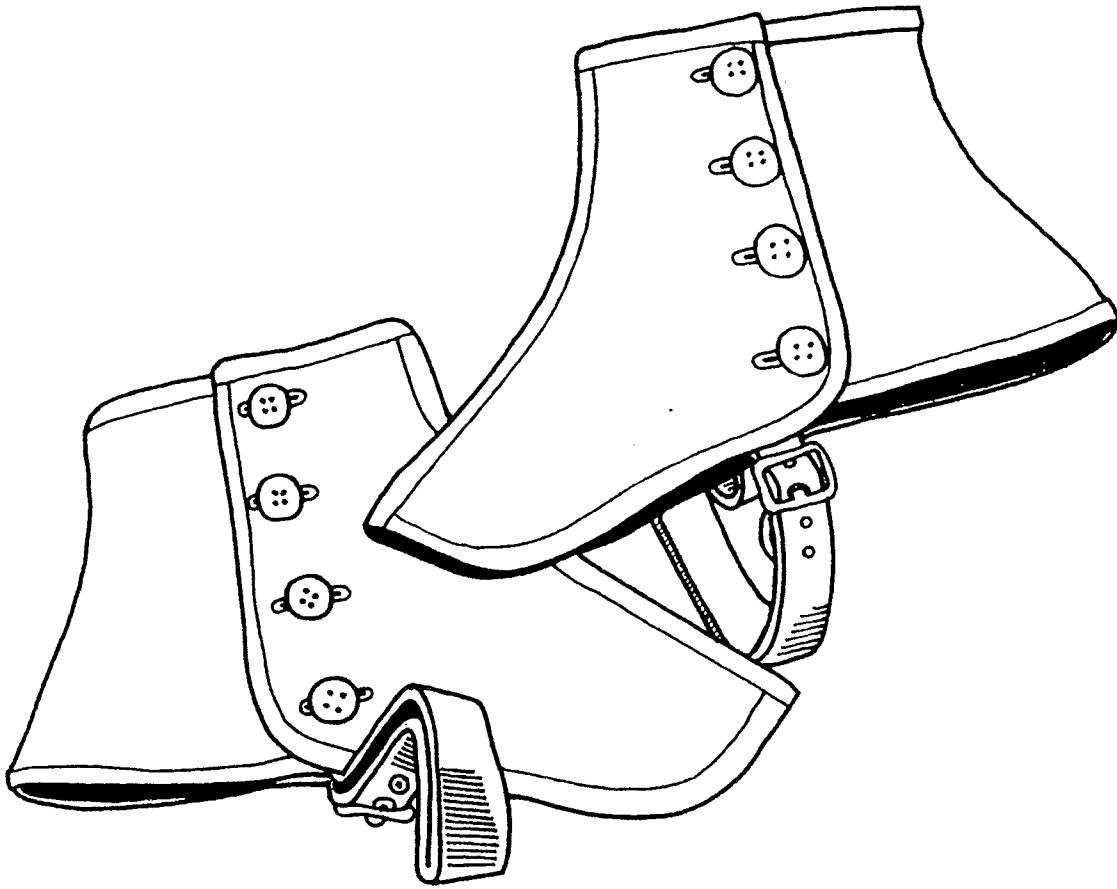
B. THE FIRST CORDLESS IRON

Before electricity, irons were heated on a wood stove. The heat didn't last, and the iron had to be heated many times.

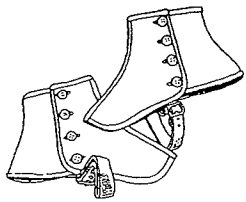
With this iron, the hot wood coals from the stove were dropped down the spout, and the iron stayed hot for a long time. So did the lady's fingers if she carelessly let a hot coal land on her hand rather than in the spout!



WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?



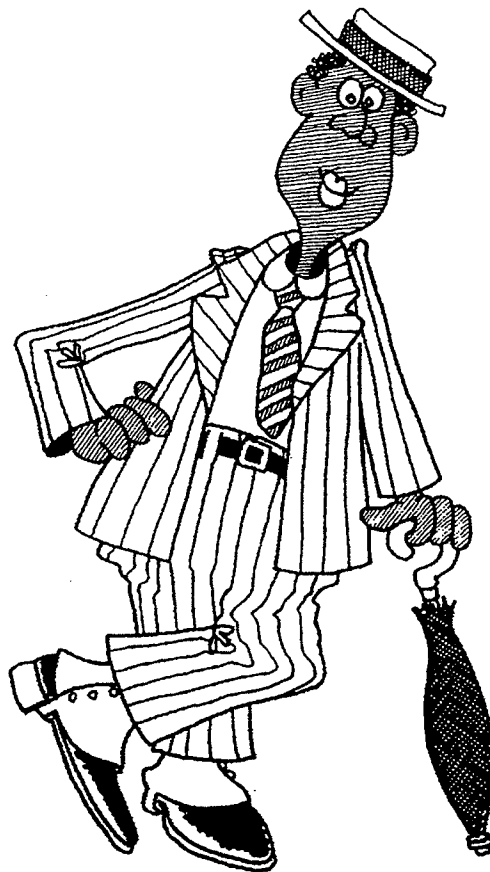
- A. Shoe coverings for men's dress shoes
- B. Gloves without fingers
- C. Caps with chin straps for twin babies



A. SPATS - Shoe Coverings for Men's Dress Shoes

Well-dressed young men of the 1890s wore stiff fabric covers called spats attached to the top of their shoes. White spats on black shoes were very fashionable.

If a young man was too lazy to polish his shoes, the spats hid the scuffs and dirt. Along with the spats, the young man wore his best suit and top hat and carried a cane.



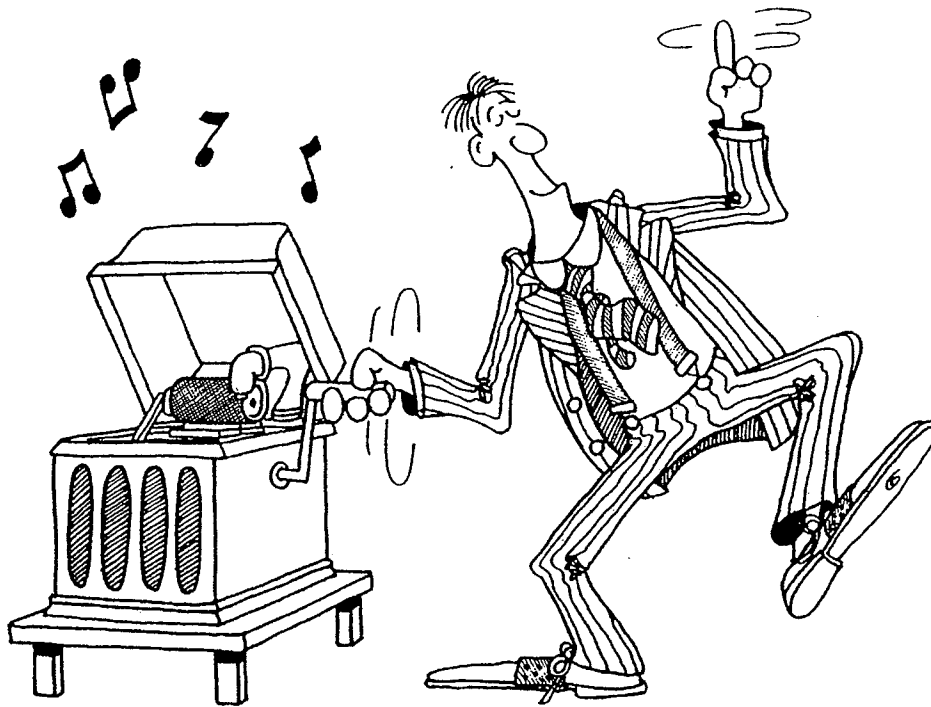
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?



- A. First canned goods found in the General Store
- B. An early system of record keeping by the county clerk
- C. The first compact disks



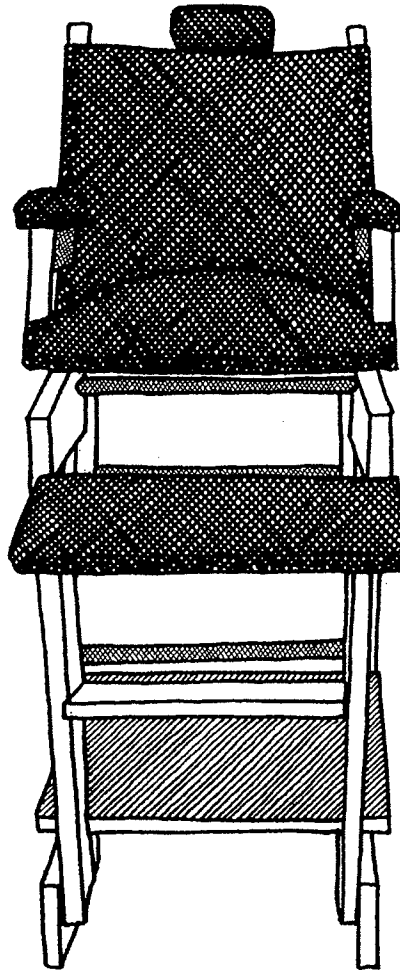
C. RECORD CYLINDERS, THE FIRST COMPACT DISKS



The early Edison phonograph picked up sound vibrations and cut a pattern with a stylus into a wax cylinder. To play back, the stylus was placed at the start of the cylinder and turned.

The phonograph had to be cranked up frequently which meant a lot of getting up and down. Edison had actually invented the first music cylinder with built-in exercise!

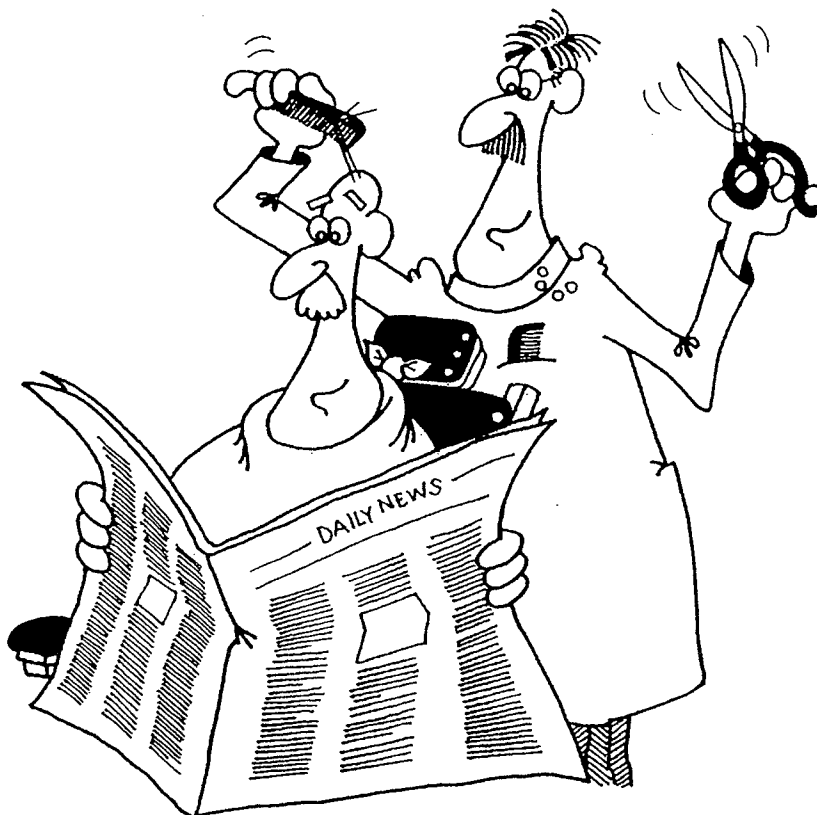
WHO SAT IN THIS CHAIR?



- A. A gentleman relaxing in his recliner after a day at the office
- B. A patient who needs his teeth worked on
- C. A gentleman getting a haircut and shave



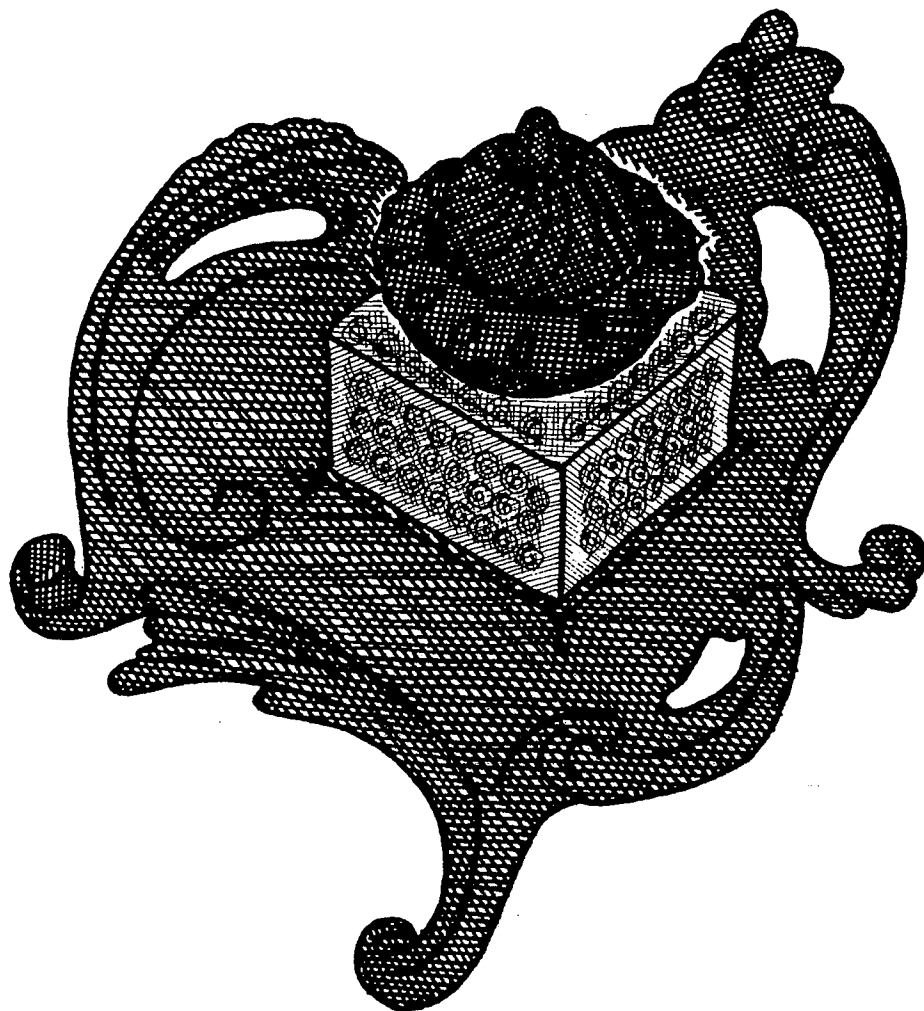
C. A BARBER CHAIR - A Gentleman Getting a Haircut and Shave



There were no unisex hair salons in 1900. The barbershop was a place for men only who relaxed and got all the local news while the barber reached for a hot towel in readiness for a shave.

Those who were getting haircuts had time to discuss the news in depth. The Mayor and other town leaders used the barbershop as mini town meetings where they could sound out the men of the town on important issues. Only the men's ideas were thought to be important because only the men could vote.

WHAT IS THIS THING?



- A. A peppermint candy dish
- B. A humidor for pipe tobacco
- C. A well to store ink

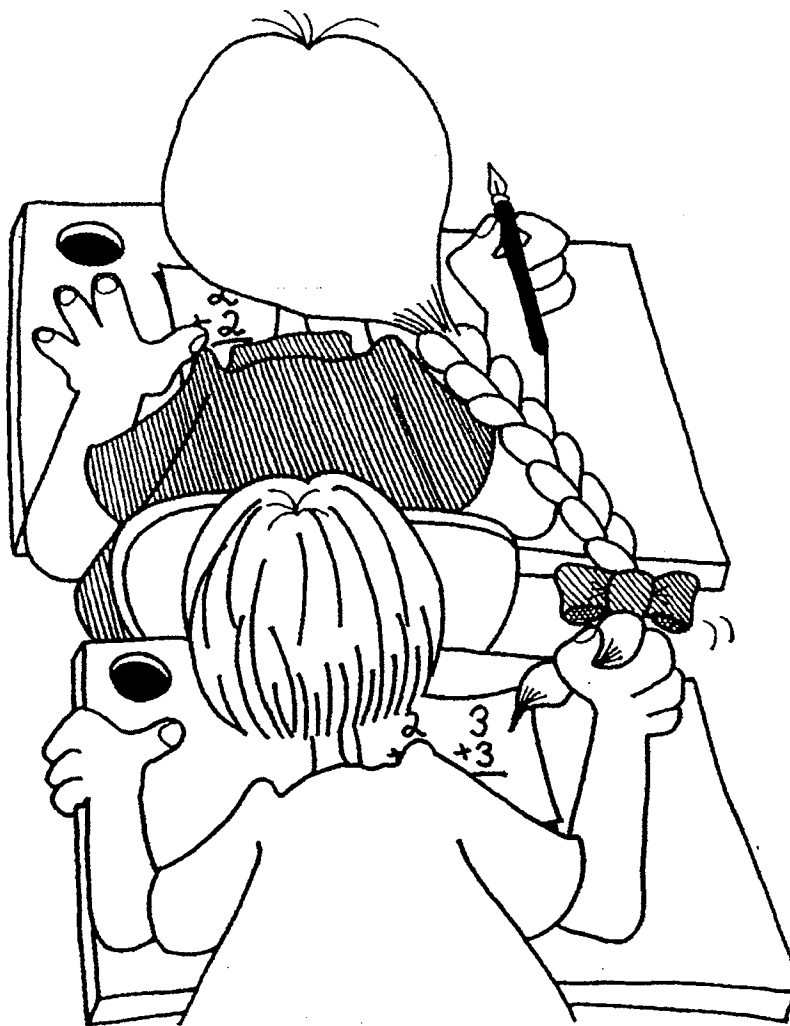


C. AN INK WELL

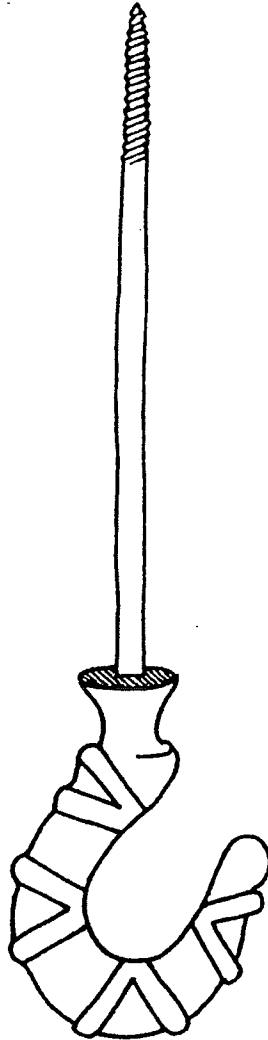
A very wealthy homeowner might have a fancy ink well as a sign of wealth. The pen was dipped in the ink before writing.

Many ink wells were flimsy and turned over at the worst of times, perhaps staining a lady's dress.

Ink wells in schools were built into the desks and proved to be a hazard to little girls with pigtails.

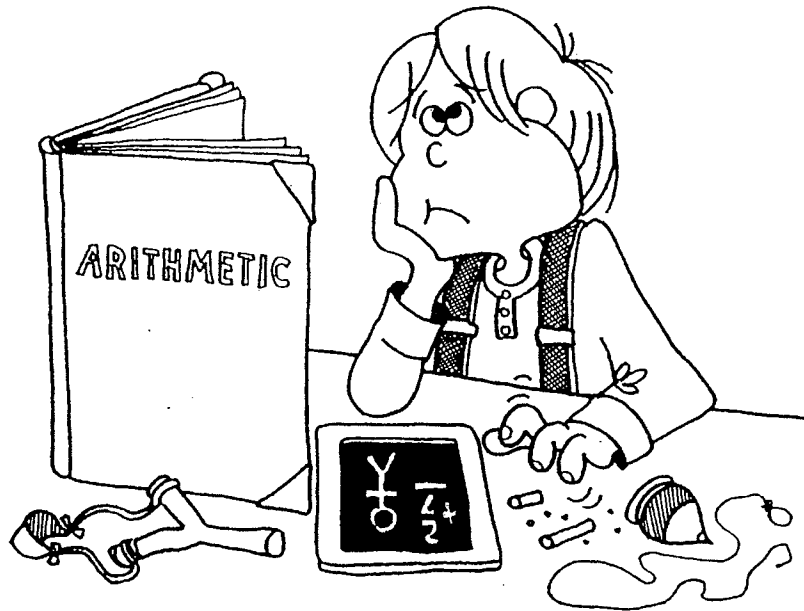
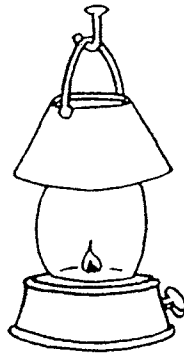


WHAT IS THIS THING?



- A. A gentleman's ivory topped cane
- B. A hook to pull off the stage a terrible-sounding talent show singer
- C. A hanger for a kerosene lamp

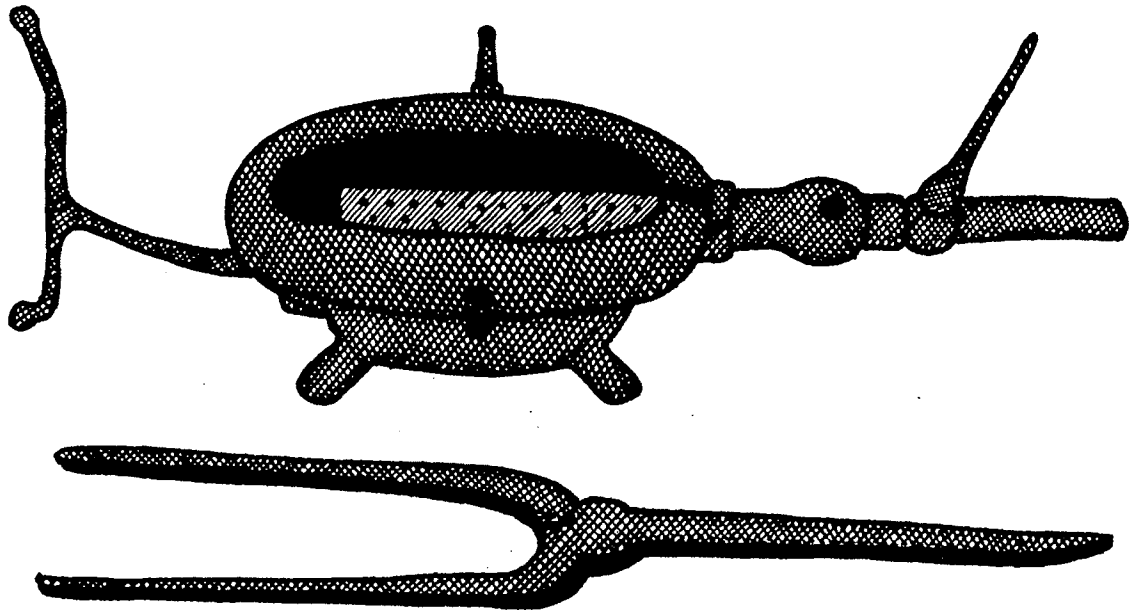
C. A LAMP HANGER FOR A KEROSENE LAMP



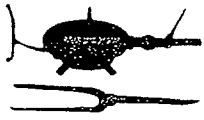
Before electricity, homes were lit by kerosene or gas lamps. The end of the lamp hanger would screw into the ceiling, and the lamp would be hung on the hook.

The light given off was not very bright, and children would moan they could not see to do their homework. Parents ignored the moaning.

WHAT IS THIS THING?



- A. A fondue pot and dipping fork
- B. A small bar-b-que grill and meat fork
- C. Hair curler heater and curling iron



C. HAIR CURLER HEATER AND CURLING IRON

Ladies of the 1800s could not plug a hair curler into a wall socket to heat it. The curling iron was placed on the pot-shaped gas heater. It was then removed and used to curl the lady's hair.

The heat was hard to control. Too much heat and the hair would become dry and frizzled. Too little heat and there would be no curls. Either way the lady would have a bad hair day!

