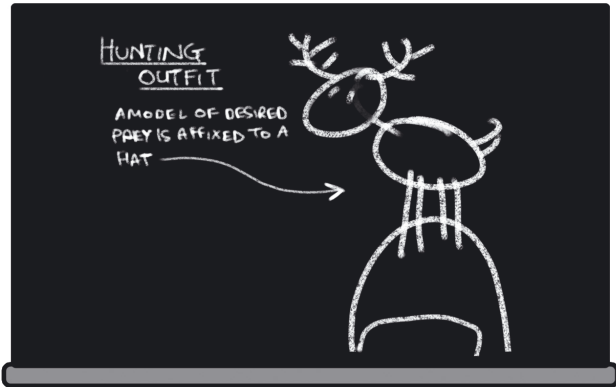


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# DAFT INVENTIONS

Ever wondered what the little thing on the end of your shoelace is called? Probably not. But at one point in time, it didn't exist. Someone had to invent it: they had an idea, turned it into a reality and voilà! The aglet became a major part of our lives. We've all dreamed about one day discovering our own special invention and living off the profits of our genius, and it is said that everybody has one good idea in them that just needs to be brought to the surface. Yet for these inventors, it probably would have been a better idea to just stay in bed.

## The body

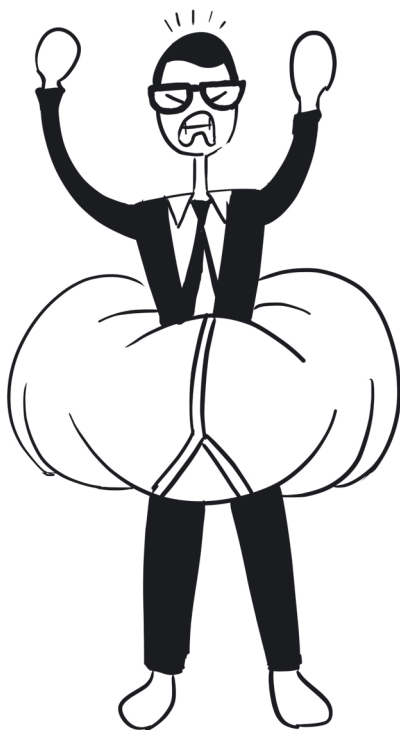
**AUS INVENTOR** believed that sniffing particular combinations of odours could help increase the blood flow to certain parts of the male body, thus proving to be an alternative to Viagra™. He created odours which could be administered by scented cloths, sprays or scratch-and-sniff patches. Sadly his scent combinations – including lavender/pumpkin pie and doughnut/liquorice – didn't really do the trick.

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**NOT TO BE** outdone, the French came up with the ultimate in safe sex. Using a whole body suit made from a transparent plastic with an attached condom, you would be protected against all sexually transmitted diseases. The protection worked a little too well, however: it seems not many were keen to have sex with someone in a plastic bag.

## REALLY DAFT INVENTIONS

**A BARMY COMMUTER** in Tokyo caused chaos on a crowded tube train one morning when his rubber underpants unexpectedly inflated to thirty times their original size. He had designed them himself as an automatic means of protection from drowning in the event of a tidal wave, but when they accidentally self-activated on the train they began to suffocate his fellow commuters. They were only saved by the quick thinking of one passenger who managed to burst the underpants with a pencil.



## REALLY DAFT IDEAS

A '**CONTOURED ULTERIOR** Pouch', or CUP, designed to fit over a man's private parts, was concocted in the US. The inventor claimed that this would boost a man's ego by drawing envious glances from all he passes.



A **BRITISH INVENTOR** came up with the idea of a fart collecting device. A collecting tube runs from the subject's behind into a bag where the specially brewed odours can gather. These can then be released when the time is right. Apparently the time for this particular invention was never right.

## REALLY DAFT INVENTIONS

**A NEW YORK** man formulated a new exercise regime based around tug of war. Two plates connected by an elastic cord form the basis of this exercise. Two participants grip a plate between their teeth and then simply pull in an attempt to dislodge the plate from the opponent's mouth. This exertion is intended to strengthen the jaw and neck muscles.



## REALLY DAFT IDEAS

**A RIVAL INVENTOR** claimed to have found a way to help you exercise the correct muscles for neck toning; muscles which are normally only worked when you chew, smile, grimace or talk. The Chin Pump works by piston power. You place your chin in the chin cup and proceed to move your jaw up and down. The piston's resistance helps work your hyoid to tone your infrahyoid.



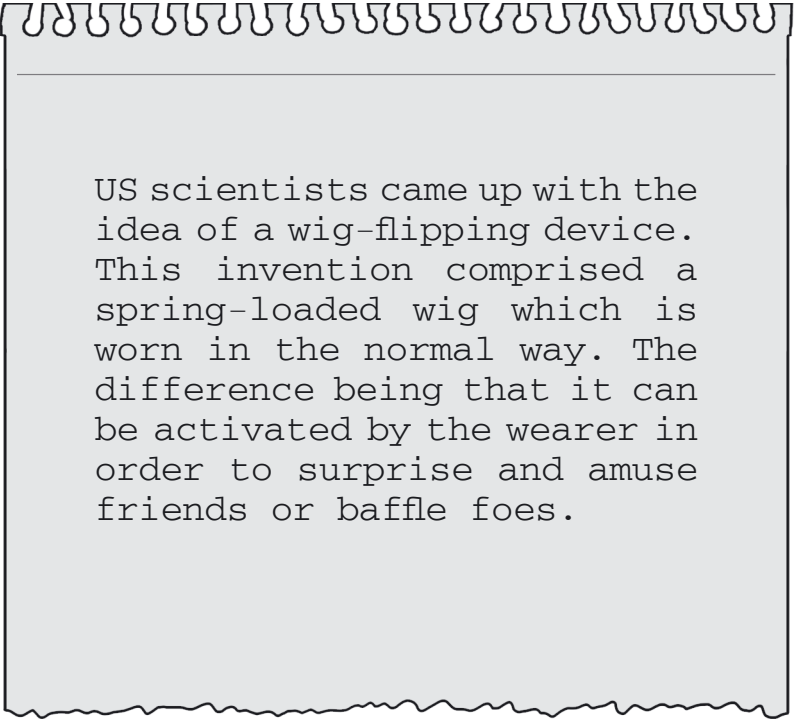
**IN THE US** a urinal was designed with the intention of encouraging more accurate aim. An entertainment system with TV would be activated only when the sensors in the receptacle sensed the pressure and temperature of the urine stream. Another kind of peer pressure for the urinal.

## REALLY DAFT INVENTIONS

**A CALIFORNIA MAN** devised a way to entertain the unborn. His contraption included a strap to secure a personal stereo and speakers to the abdomen of an expectant mother, allowing music to be played for the enjoyment of the foetus at any time of day. The inventor suggested that this would make for a happier baby.



**ANOTHER AMERICAN INVENTION**, this time to make the process of labour slightly less drawn out, required the heavily pregnant woman to be strapped down to a table. This was then spun at great speed and used centrifugal force to encourage the baby to emerge.



US scientists came up with the idea of a wig-flipping device. This invention comprised a spring-loaded wig which is worn in the normal way. The difference being that it can be activated by the wearer in order to surprise and amuse friends or baffle foes.

## Animals

**THE GERMANS CREATED** a device for looking after the toilet habits of your canine friend. It comprises a plastic tube with two open ends. One end is connected to an all-purpose suction unit, while the other has a funnel attached to the dog's behind. The device prevents the soiling of parks and play areas... and can also be used on humans.