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INVENTIONS

Patents of the Week

A remote-controlled underwater craft for ocean exploration has been patented. A faceted mirror to concentrate the sun's rays and a teaching machine were invented.

➤ A REMOTELY controlled underwater craft for exploring the ocean depths has been patented.

The vehicle is completely outfitted with a television camera for scanning sea life, sunken ships and ocean bottoms, a mechanical arm for assisting in salvage operations, and a propulsion unit for propelling the craft through the silent ocean depths. The craft was invented by Jack D. Robinson Jr. of Norwalk, Conn., who assigned rights of patent No. 2,987,893 to American Machine & Foundry Company.

The "seeing-eye" craft has two cigar-shaped pontoons with pressure compartments that are automatically flooded to balance the increasing pressures as the craft slides deeper into the murky depths. The pontoon's front tips house the mechanical arm and TV camera.

A propulsion unit hemmed in between the pontoons can either propel the craft in any direction or cause it to hover nearly motionless over one spot. A powerful beam of light from a floodlight mounted beneath the pontoons lights the way for the remotely controlled vehicle.

A huge many-faceted "mirror" that concentrates the sun's rays to supply high temperatures for research purposes won patent No. 2,987,961 for Eugene S. Cotton, Natick, and John M. Davies, Wayland, Mass., who assigned rights to the U.S. Army. A special instrument automatically tracking the sun reflects the solar rays in parallel beams upon the patented concave mirror which, in turn, concentrates the rays.

Each individual mirror or facet can be mass produced, whereas previously each

mirror segment had to be hand tailored, the patent stated.

A teaching and testing machine for classrooms was patented by Harvard University psychologist, Dr. Burrhus F. Skinner, Cambridge, Mass., who assigned the rights of patent No. 2,987,828 to Rheem Manufacturing Company, New York City. The new machine requires little teacher supervision over the children and also avoids the use of the "multiple-choice" system commonly used in testing machines.

A question is presented to a student through a window while the answer contained in an adjacent window remains covered by a slat or mask until the student writes his answer on a paper tape sticking out of the machine. When the mask is pushed aside, the student's answer is covered by a window.

Farmlands can be fertilized with a device that squirts high-pressure jet streams of liquid fertilizer into the soil. The instrument was invented by Douglas Johnston, Huntsville, Ala., who assigned rights of patent No. 2,988,025 to John Blue Company, Inc., also of Huntsville. A "cutter" in front of the jet nozzle cuts the turf, and the high-pressured liquid fertilizer penetrates deep into the soil.

A boom-type sprinkler that uniformly irrigates large tracts of land despite wind gusts won patent No. 2,988,287 for Roger M. Sherman, Palo Alto, Calif., who assigned rights to W. R. Ames Company, Milpitas, Calif. Wind vanes riding the sprinkler system automatically keep the rotating boom arms at a constant angle with the ground, saturating the area in equal proportions.

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