



Harry Anthony Bunte was born in 1891 in Louisville, Kentucky to Casper Henry & Caroline Bunte. He grew up in Grand Lake In 1918 he served in World War I

He married Mathilda Zick Humphrey in 1943 or 1952. They had no children. Mathilda had a daughter by her first marriage – Jeannette Humphrey Akolt. The Humphrey’s owned and operated Humphrey’s store in Grand Lake from about 1926 until today, though several others have leased the store to sell dry goods.



Harry died in June 1971 in Denver.

(From Grand Lake in the Olden Days by Mary Lyons Cairns)

Harry A. Bunte decided to put his roots down at Grand Lake where he operated a saddle livery, filling station and a motor court. Later he sold them to M. J. Garber. However, he continues to make Grand Lake his home and from there he operates his ranches.

(From The Day Before Yesterday by Nell Pauly)



Harry Bunte spent most of the summers of his life at Grand Lake. Harry played a big part in the economy of the area. He was really a land baron, owning ranches, plus cattle and hay land. He owned and operated the Rustic Stables for more than a half century and the rustic Cottage Court which he later sold to the Rocky Garbers after he became a semi-invalid, due to the crippling arthritis.

A somewhat vacant scene meets the eye when one beholds the site where the old log building which recently contained the old 66 gas station owned by Harry Bunte.



No one can recall who built the sturdy old building (May have been built by P. H. Smith and the foundation of the old Bellevue hotel is under it.) Harry's father said the building was here when he first arrived. It was first used as a saloon in those days - it was an old building even then. As time went on the building housed a great many things - it sheltered many of the pioneers through lonely winter months and gave way to the jolly, rollicking young in square dance and quadrilles with cowboy music ringing in its rafters till spring. At one time it was used as an ice cream parlor, there was once a Waffle House with proprietors housed in the dwelling rooms in back. It was an ice house and a carpenter shop and a store house. Last of all it was Mr. Bunte's 66 filling station. At last it was necessary to remove it.

Harry Bunte passed away in a Denver hospital in the early summer of (June)1971, at a great age (80). He was a kind and generous man and left a host of friends. He was buried in Denver.

Patent application by H. A. Bunte for Mechanical Battle Royal - May 16, 1929.

This invention relates to mechanical amusement devices and has for an object to provide a mechanical device which in effect will be an imitation of what is commonly known as a battle royal or gang fight, the object being to simulate a fight between a considerable number of persons in which the one last remaining standing is the winner. It will be impossible to determine in advance which one of the mechanical figures simulating the fighters will be the survivor.

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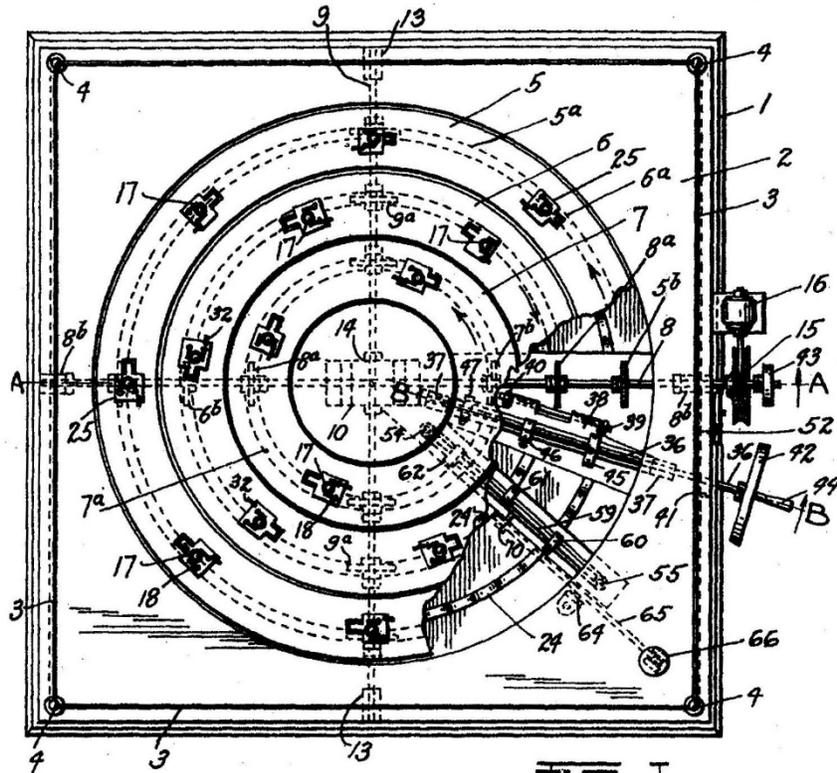


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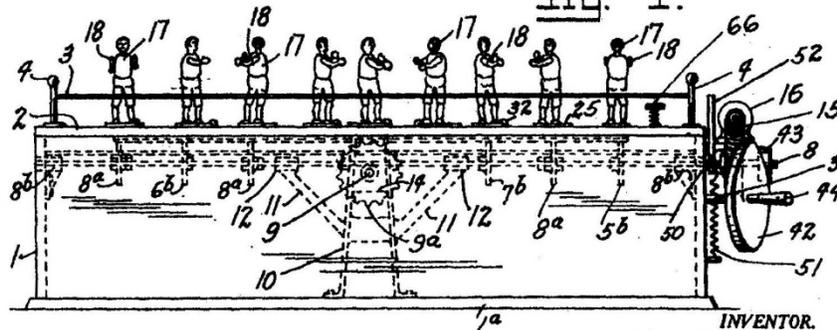


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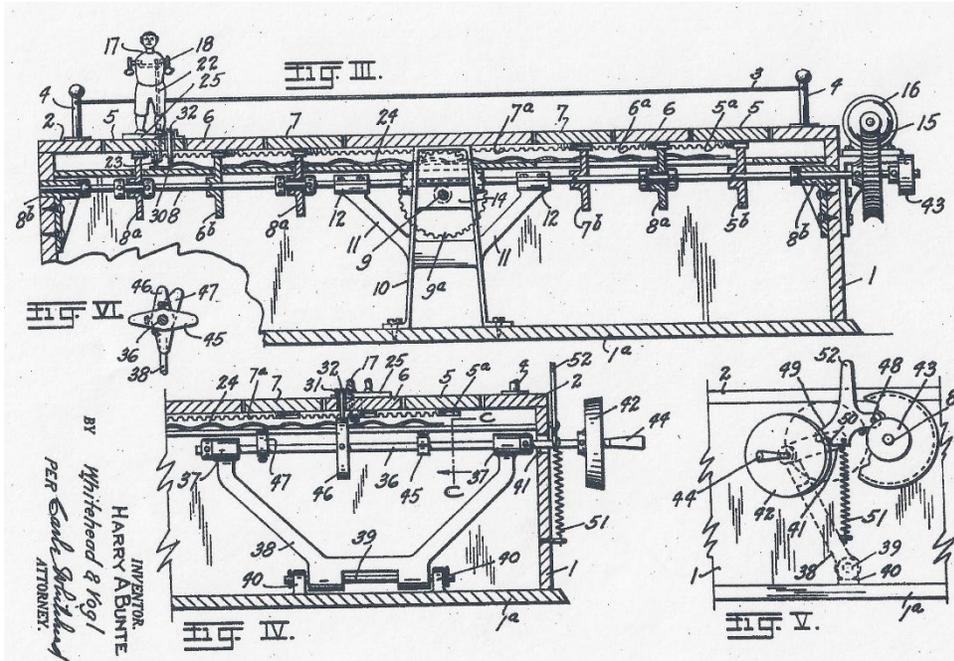
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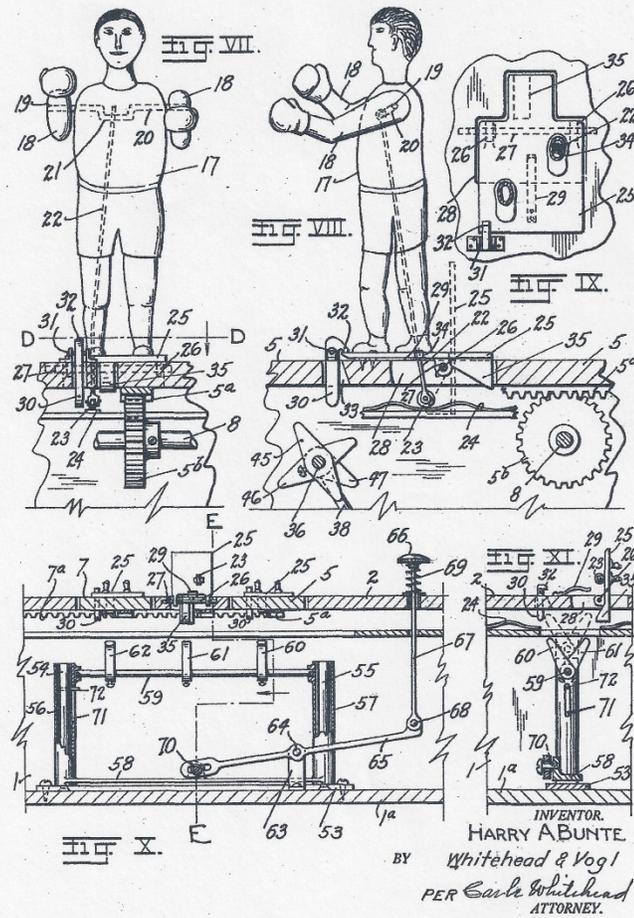
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