

Meet **GOOFY** Rube **GOLDBERG**

Rube Goldberg was an award-winning cartoonist, sculptor and author. He was also known as, Reuben Lucius Goldberg. He was born in San Francisco on July 4, 1883. He passed away in 1970.

Rube graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in engineering. Upon graduation, he went on to work as an engineer for the City of San Francisco's Water and Sewers Department.

After six months, Rube left his job to be an office boy in the sports department of a San Francisco newspaper. While he worked there, he would submit drawings and cartoons to the editor in hopes that he would publish them. One day the editor did just that. Rube's perseverance paid off.

Rube soon moved from San Francisco to New York to work for a newspaper called, The Evening Mail. His job was to draw cartoons every day. He eventually became famous for his creative and original work as an artist.

Rube Goldberg is best known for his hand-drawn, "inventions." A Rube Goldberg invention consists of an elaborate set of slides, wheels, gears, handles, cups and rods, put in motion by balls, pails, boots, paddles, food and live animals. His contraptions take a simple task and make it extra complicated to complete.

Some of his solutions include, How To Get The Cotton Out Of A Bottle, a Self-Operating Napkin, and a Simple Alarm Clock.

Interestingly enough, you can find Rube Goldberg in the dictionary, listed as an adjective.

Rube never built the machines he created, but his cartoons have become an inspiration to would-be engineers and scientists around the world.

Rube Goldberg's work represents the best in American innovation, humor and creative thinking. He is an inspiring model for us all.

RUBE GOLDBERG'S LEGACY

Until now, Rube Goldberg may have been an unfamiliar name, but chances are you have seen machines inspired by him in some of your favorite movies.

Here are some examples of where you can find Rube Goldberg-type contraptions:



Edward Scissorhands
The Goonies
Back to the Future
Honey I Shrunk the Kids
Pee Wee Herman's Breakfast Maker
Ernest's Television in Ernest Goes to Jail
Toy Story's Buzz Launch
Getting Dressed in Wallace and Gromit
The Things You See in Robots
The X Files
The Honda Commercial

