

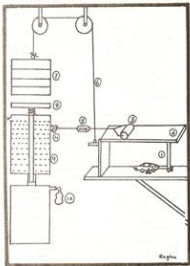
The balloon blower

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The cartoons in this series attempt to illustrate the ridiculous way in which

administrations work and how they tend to

complicate basically simple tasks. The incredibly complex operations would eventually lead to decisions concerning society as a whole.



As the toy car is wound and released, it pulls the supporting rod (1) so that the right end of the hinged plank (2) falls forming an incline. The little roller (3) rolls down and the yielding spindle (4) allows the blade (5) to rush ahead and cut the string (6). This releases

the weight (7) on the plunger (8) so that as the plunger is compressed, the water in the upper container (9) rushes to the container below. This displaces the air there which is forced to escape into the balloon (10) attached to the nozzle causing it to inflate.