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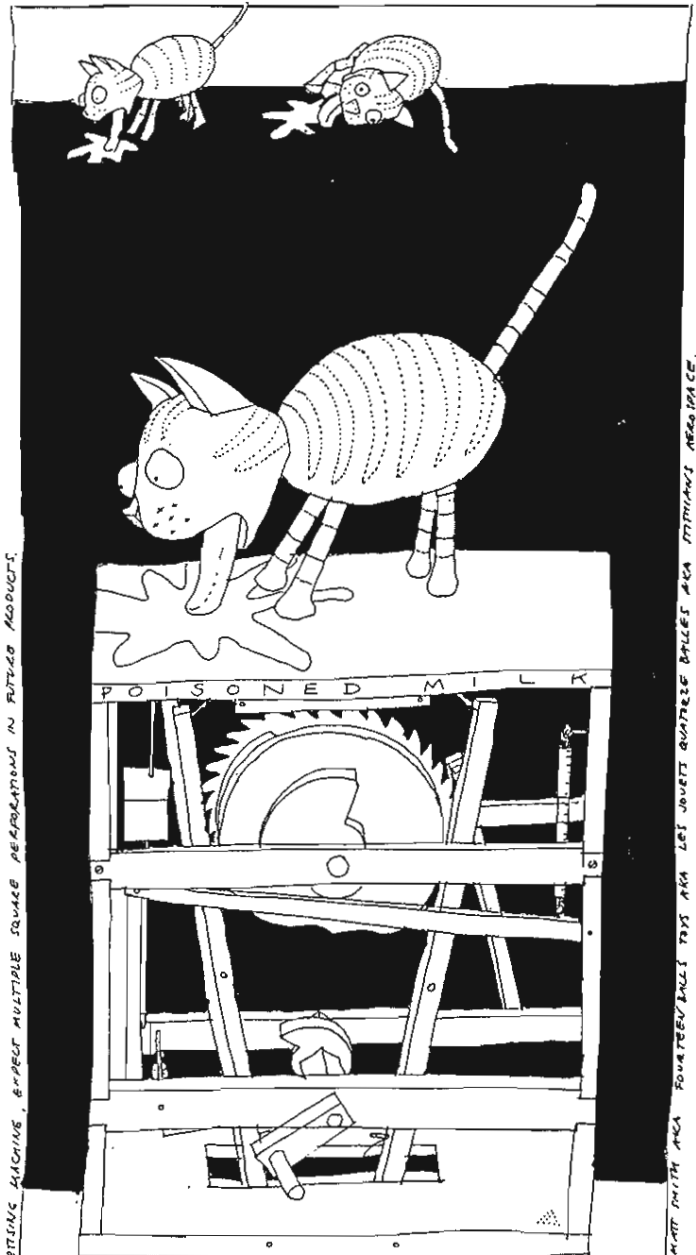
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CAT 1

As you know, cows milk is for calves but you don't have to be an animal lover to enjoy this latest piece from the 14 Ball Toy Co. Turn the handle and marvel as the dear little thing (£320) laps enthusiastically at the milk. Then weep as it collapses in a heap. Designed by Paul Spooner and made by Matt Smith. 12" High. It's called Poisoned Milk and the cat is unpainted wood because it looked better that way.

CAT 2

I wonder how many of our readers were cats in former lives. If Paul Spooner was then he must have been mistreated because he is obviously caught in the cycle of abuse; as clearly illustrated by the second 'cat hate piece'. If you like little things suspended on clock springs then you'll love this. Oh dear! The cat has got stuck down a hole. Another 14 Ball Cheap 'n' Cheerful Toy Co. Ding, dong, dell. Who put him in? Who d'you think? Paul Spooner design, made by Matt Smith. Only £19-95. See over for picture. 2" High.

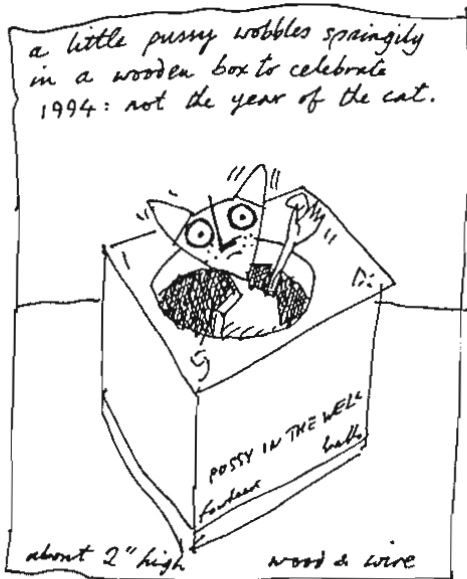


VIEWSLINE: MATT HAS GOT A MORTISING MACHINE. EXPECT MULTIPLE SCENE REARRANGINGS IN FUTURE PRODUCTS.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT 1994 ISN'T THE YEAR OF THE CAT, FOURTEEN BALLS TOYS ARE MAKING THINGS THAT ARE NOT LIKELY TO PLEASE CATS OR THEIR SYMPATHISERS. THIS AMUSING TABLEAU FEATURES AN UNUSUAL REACTION MECHANISM WHICH DRIVES THE CAT'S TONGUE. ALSO THE MILK IS MADE OF LEATHER. ACTION: CAT LAPS MILK FOR QUITE A LONG TIME THEN DROPS DEAD.

DESIGNED BY PAUL SPOONER MADE BY MATT SMITH AND A FOURTEEN BALLS TOYS AND LES JOUETS QUATRE BALLS AND MIMIAMI NEGOPICE.

PUSS IN WELL



SPACE 1

This spectacular design from Keith Newstead depicts those well known interstellar acrobats, The Flying Fettucinis. He performs while she pilots. I almost forgot to mention that this is our first geo-stationary piece of automata. This means, according to the General Theory of Relativity, that if you turn the handle while sitting on a train, nothing will happen. [NB: only applies to greater than light speed, foreign trains]. Of course, they didn't have VAT in Einstein's day. Made by Sue Stolpe £265. 14" High and there are only ten of them.

SPACE 2

This space gives me room to remind you about our videotapes again. The latest is 'How to Make Automata' (with Keith Newstead) (£12-99). It explains the mechanical principles and is loved by school teachers and budding automatists alike. 'Made in Stithians' (£9-99) features Paul Spooner at work and 'Cabaret Mechanical Video' (£14-99) is a moving catalogue featuring the machines and the artists. All are entertaining and informative. (add £2 for NTSC)

ORDERING INFO

Mail order is now handled by the recently recruited Julian. Who is the boss's other son-in-law (the good looking one). Phone him for sensible information about the stuff mentioned here and everything else that CMT has for sale.

Please note that we will only charge credit cards when the goods are sent. Any orders which include unavailable items will be held until the complete order can be sent unless we are instructed otherwise. Phone for current information on availability. Prices include VAT but not Post and Packing. If you cannot come in then phone or write to find out how much money (Sterling) we need. Easiest is to phone with a credit card to hand. We accept Visa, Access/Mastercard, Amex, Diners and JCB. Most orders sent overseas are exempt from VAT (17.5%). Our phone number is (071) 379-7961. (International +44 71 379-7961). Credit card orders can be faxed anytime on (081) 693-7664 (Int. +44 81 693-7664) with card holder's signature and address, card number and expiry date. We are open from 10am (12 on Mondays) to 6.30 or 7pm every day. Our address is

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