

# Blind Flying Hood

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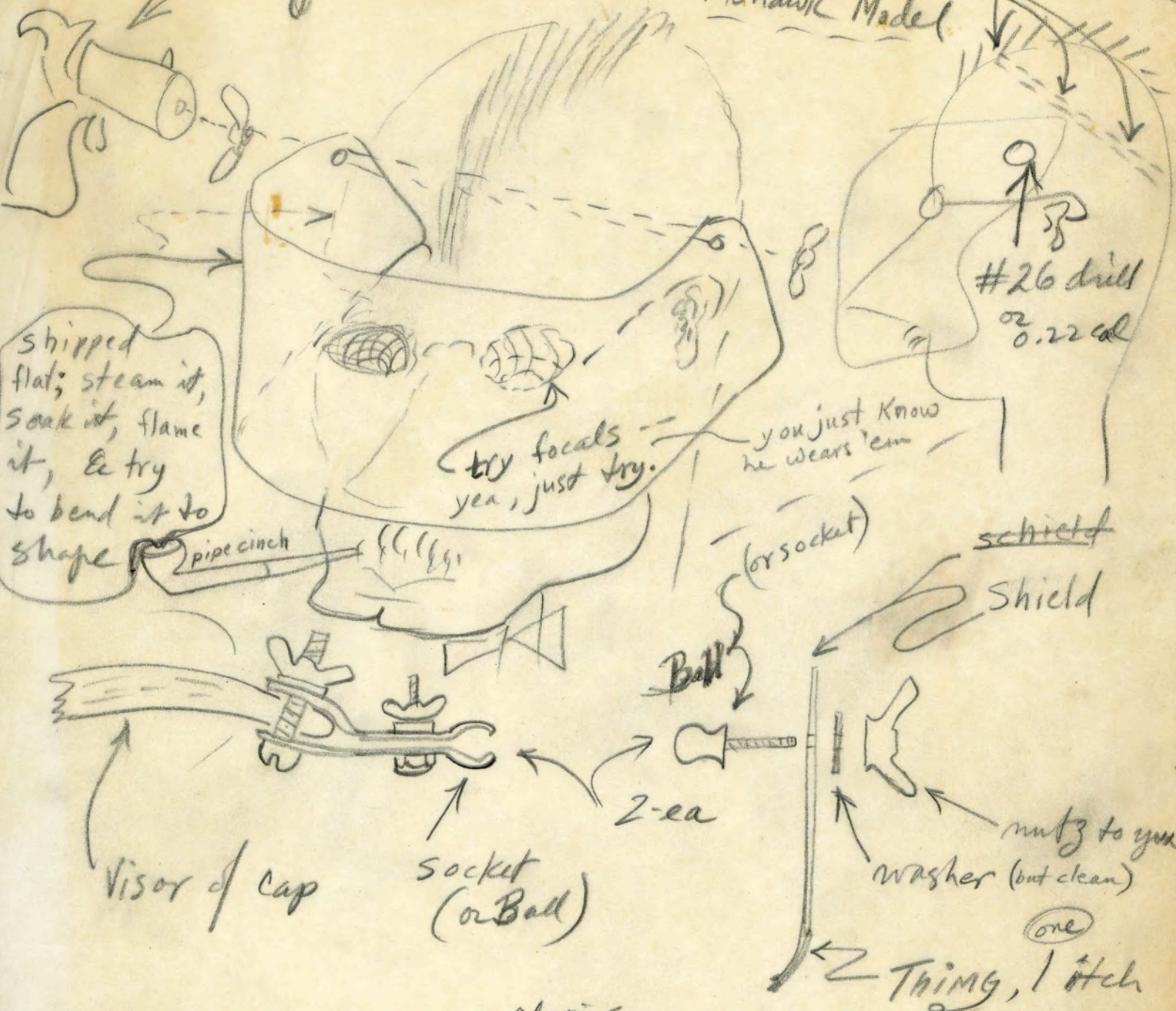
In 1955, Paul was getting ready to take his instrument rating as a pilot. The drawing below is a mock patent application for a “blind flying hood”. Subsequently his friend, Lincoln Walsh, alerted Paul to the proper “store-bought” hood.

Do it yourself,  
you dope.

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Mohawk Model

another hole  
in the head



shipped flat; steam it, soak it, flame it, & try to bend it to shape

try focals  
yea, just try.

you just know he wears 'em

#26 drill  
or 0.22 cal

visor of cap

socket (or Ball)

2- ea

Shield

nuts to you washer (but clean)

Thing, 1 inch

claims

1. "a ball and socket" --- (generic).
2. a ball adapted to be attached to a visor of a cap and a socket ---
3. a socket adapted --- and a ball ---.

each w/ screen, shield, hood, etc

Welder's shield  
Sunglare "  
Blind flying hood  
"Polaroid"

"available in Infra Red, Negative  
Inimus blue, Ultra-  
Violent, and Stuff"

28 July 1955

Mr. Lincoln Walsh  
34 de Hart Place  
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Line:

A note in the book sez you recommend "Francis Instrument Hood". What is this all about?

Sincerely,

Paul W. Klipsch/nt  
KLIPSCH & ASSOCIATES

Have you ever  
talked with Sid  
Herbstman?  
Dr H Wood Product Inc \*  
about maybe some  
consulting on their  
test procedures?  
\* In Brooklyn

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9/2/55

Mr. Paul Klipsch  
Klipsch Associates  
Hope, Arkansas

Dear Paul It was good to get your recent note and to see that you are kicking around as much as ever. Harriett and I were down your way and phoned your office on August 10, only to find that you were in Colorado Springs and westbound. So we did not stop to see you.

We went to Tularosa, N. M. to visit George Crom who designed the Amertran line of high quality transformers - if you remember back that far. Those transformers were the first good transformers, and will still outperform most of the modern hi-fi units. George is laid up to some extent with Parkinson's disease, but still thinks as keenly as ever. He has been in the Air Force and designed the electrical system of the B-36 among many other things. If you run across any jobs that he might do, he would appreciate hearing about it.

The Francis IRR hood is a set of blinders that permits you to see all the instruments and blocks out the view of the world outside the cockpit. Of course you can cheat by lifting your head but the unit is very useful. Saves colored windshields which cost about \$60. The hood costs about \$15. Made in Lansing, Mich. Used it thruout my training and on my flight test for instruments, and now I have the instrument rating. Have not yet had an opportunity to use it.

The safety pilot has unrestricted visibility, and the hood can be put on or taken off in seconds. Bifocals create some problem for me, so instead I use under the hood glasses which I have for working, single lens only.

Have not yet contacted G & H Wood Products. Is now a good time to approach them?

Trust you had a fine, profitable - and therefore enjoyable - trip to the Coast and Wescon.

Harriett joins me in Best Wishes to Belle and yourself. Come up soon and I'll give you one more lesson toward your instrument rating.

