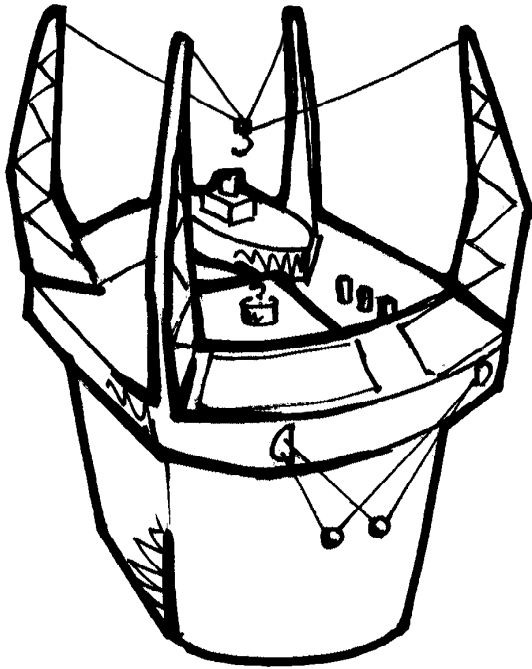


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Crazy Crane

Description:

The mobile crane is moved by strings which are pulled through the four corner posts. It is very difficult to use, because the strings are connected in a non-obvious way to the two control handles.

HOW IT WORKS

Each control handle is connected to two of the strings, in such a way that the movement of the handle does not produce a movement of the crane in the same direction.

So you have to get used to the peculiar connection system before being able to pick up any of the objects and convey them in a chosen direction.

INCIDENTALLY

The control of machines is made as intuitive as possible, unlike the Crazy Crane! If you want something to go up, ideally you need to make an upward movement with the machine's controls, etc. Usually it isn't quite so rational, but there are particular conventions of controls which are common to large number of machines and which people soon master and come to expect. Think of turning left and right in a car (steering wheel goes anticlockwise and clockwise respectively); turning up the volume or increasing the brightness on your TV (clockwise turn produces an increase); light switches go down to switch things on, etc.

THINGS YOU CAN TRY YOURSELF

- A similar problem to Crazy Crane is "Mirror Writing". Try to write something whilst you watch what you are doing in a mirror!