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## I HAVE PARKINSON'S NOW WHAT?

## ~~fixed~~ stable ideas



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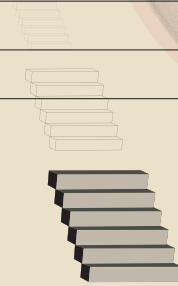


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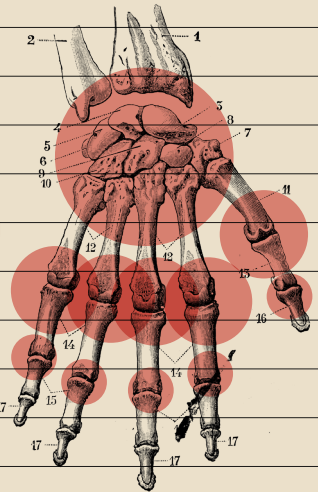
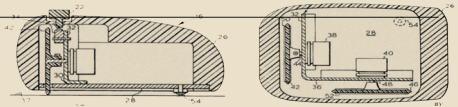


Fig. 4



## There's a world of inventions created to make up for **lost functions**

What's a mug got to do with Parkinson's? Or an algorithm? Or a shirt? Probably, more than you think. Just ask Mileha Soneji, an inspiring Indian product designer who, little by little, saw one of the most important figures in her life — her uncle — stop wanting to drink coffee in public, because of the tremors in his hands. At which point she decided to put her own hands to work and created a mug that didn't spill.

Or Benjamin Gottemoller, an American programmer who, when Parkinson's stopped his grandfather from controlling the mouse cursor, created an app that

Fig. 1 Mileha Soneji  
Fig. 2 No Spill Cup, © Mileha Soneji  
Fig. 3 Hand bones  
Fig. 4 Computer mouse patent, D.C. Engelbart, 1970  
Fig. 5 Staircase Illusion © Mileha Soneji

reduced the oscillations of the mouse produced by the tremors, in real time. Or Maura Horton, an entrepreneur with a similar, and equally inspiring, story: after her husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's at age 48, and was no longer able to dress himself because of the buttons, she decided to create a clothing brand which, quite simply, replaced buttons with simple and effective magnetic closures.

We hope these stories will give you a small idea of the inventions that, all over the world, are making a difference in the life of people with Parkinson's.

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