**Hot and cold air as a tactile sensation**

The use of current of air as tactile sensations is

quite another form of perception. Everybody knows

how lovely it is to walk on a windy beach, your hair

blowing in your face and the salt on your lips. Or when

it is hot to put your head out of the window of a car to

cool. The current of air caresses our face, as it were.

We can call up these sensations artificially by using

fans, possibly combined with a convector heater.

With flexible tubes (like those used for sanitary facilities)

we can direct the currents of air. The resident can play

with these tubes and decide for himself where he

wants them to blow. He can let them blow in his face

or through his hair or make things move, like curtains

or plastic strips.

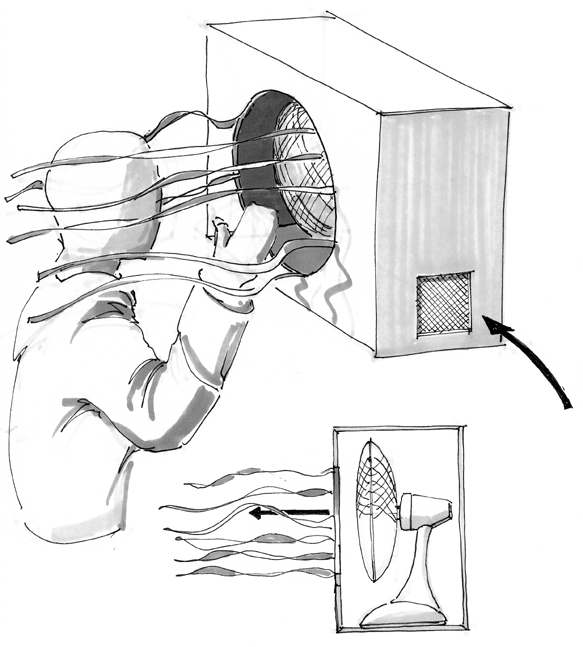
The practical realization depends on the available

space and means. A simple wooden box with a long

flexible tube on one end offers a range of possibilities.

In this box we can place a convector. Remember the air

holes, though! Instead of equipping the opening with a

tube you could attach rags of wool and plastic strips to

it. As soon as we start the fan the rags begin to move

to the current. The visitor can feel the rags with his

face and hands and at the same time feel the warm or cold current of air.