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The Inventor's Folly: A Comedy of Contraptions

Short Answer Key

1. Walter Wobbleton's invention, the "Auto-Umbrella," was supposed to open automatically during rain but often malfunctioned, leaving Walter soaked and embarrassed.
2. Samuel Gearsley's most prized invention was the "Steam-Powered Tea Kettle." It differed from traditional tea kettles by being able to brew tea at a precise temperature and steeping time.
3. Some of the challenges Walter and Samuel faced in their rivalry included bizarre challenges, such as building a better mousetrap and creating inventions that could make the most noise.
4. The result of the grand competition was that neither Walter nor Samuel's inventions won first place.
5. By the end of the story, Walter and Samuel realized that their rivalry had become more about spreading laughter and happiness through their inventions than winning recognition or success.

