

ELECTRICITY TO CURE ALL ILLS OF WORLD, PREDICTS EDISON

Orange, N. J., May 25.—The future uses of electricity that will benefit humanity most will be through its medical application.

A new source of electrical supply will be direct from coal without need of steam boilers.

These are predictions of Thos. A. Edison, whose inventive genius is re-

sponsible for the widespread application of electricity direct from coal," he said. "When that is accomplished we will record a new epoch. It may come tomorrow. We are working on it now.

"Considerable is being done to reveal the medical functions of electricity," he continued, "but its possibilities in this direction are practically unknown.

"This research work must be done secretly, as the thousands of quacks now applying electricity to humans for all sorts of ills seize on every advance announcement from scientists to advertise their claims.

"Till we know more about our bodies it will be difficult to tell what can be done with electricity as a medical aid.

"I once asked Du Bois Reymond, psychologist, what makes my finger move. It isn't heat, light, electricity, magnetism. What is it? Reymond had studied it 30 years, but he couldn't answer me."

Edison now sleeps about five and a half hours a night. For years he only slept four. Mrs. Edison, he explained, doesn't permit him to work all night any more.

His daily diet does not exceed a pound and a half of food. He smokes cigars and chews tobacco, but bans cigarets.

He reads regularly 118 scientific and trade periodicals and five daily newspapers and keeps in intimate touch with every form of human activity, including baseball, golf and the stage.

"I read four lines at once," he said. "They should teach that kind of reading in the public schools."

Two of Edison's closest friends are Henry Ford, auto maker, and John Burroughs, naturalist.

"Ford's profit-sharing plan holds a fine principle, if you have the money to carry it out," he commented.

"I believe his plan will have no bad effect on the industrial situation."



Thos. A. Edison

sponsible for the widespread application of electricity.

"Electricity has been the principal factor in the enormous progress of civilization in the last 35 years," Edison said. "But greater and more wonderful uses of it are held by the future.

"It must be possible to generate