

Life of Edison, No. 10— EDISON SHY TO END; MODESTY WAS BAFFLING

Tried Best, and Sometimes
Succeeded, of Making
Bows in Public.

This is the tenth of twelve exclusive
stories on Thomas A. Edison by Major
William Joseph Hammer, his scientific
associate and lifelong friend.

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As Told by Edison's Lifelong Friend, Wil-
liam Joseph Hammer.
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Thomas A. Edison was little in-
clined to reminiscence of his youth.
That period had been decidedly
adventurous and, during it, he
had manifested a trait that was
to stand out in the inventor all his
life—that of poking into anything
and everything that aroused his curi-
osity.

But sometimes he spoke briefly
of his childhood to his assistants.
"You know," he once said, "when
I was in school, the teacher thought
I was addled. But my mother didn't.
And I don't believe I could have
gotten a better teacher than she
was."

At another date he mentioned an
interesting incident of his boyhood.
"I was once an editor," he said.
"That little sheet I used to set up
in a baggage car has endeared the
press to me. I was struggling hard-
er then than I have since."

An Editor at 12

Edison referred to the little
journal he created in the baggage
car of the train that plied between
Port Huron and Detroit.

At that period he was a little over
12. He had obtained a small press
once used to print menus.

Installing it in the baggage car he
inaugurated the Weekly Herald. It
cost 3 cents an issue or 8 cents for a
month's subscription and, at times,
the subscription list was more than
400.

In this paper he put the local
news. By keeping in touch con-
stantly with telegraph operators
along the route, he obtained news
items which, if they reached the
Detroit journals at all, reached them
long after Edison had put them into
type while the train was speeding
from point to point.

Was Tremendous Reader

On this train Edison's regular job
was to sell the big papers. But he
managed to work in his own little
paper to a decided financial advan-
tage.

Edison's relations to the press
were not infrequently those of the
grand donor. In his latter days,
when he had won the sobriquet of
the "wizard," his footsteps were
dogged by newspaper men.

Anything from Edison was good
copy. His advice and opinion was
solicited on everything imaginable
—even on recipes.

Edison was a tremendous read-
er. On one occasion he said:
"If I only had the time I would
like to do nothing better than to
read through a library."

Edison actually attempted this
in his early days. At that time, a
fledgling of 10, he had tackled a
certain shelf of a library and had
proceeded some ten feet when his
mother detected his objective and
quietly but firmly put her foot down
on such a record-breaking absorp-
tion of knowledge.

Read at Furious Pace

In the days of Menlo Park he was
at his height as an inventor. Cer-
tainly he was busier then than at
any other time.

Here Edison had little time for
reading. He was coping with his
greatest inventions. But in his later
days his reading opportunities
increased, and what had been al-
ways a strong bent in Edison now
developed into an ardent passion.

His laboratory at West Orange
was cluttered up with books marked
and remarked; scientific journals
read and reread. In the last two
decades of his life Edison read at a
furious pace.

In spite of all the honors that
poured in on him during these last
twenty years Edison remained to
the very end so modest as to be
baffling. He seemed to shrink from
public laudation.

Got Degree in "Loco Remoto"
When New York university con-
ferred upon him an honorary de-
gree, Edison received the degree
over the phone. On that occasion
Dr. Finley announced to the dis-
appointed audience that Edison
would not receive his degree "in
absentia," but "in loco remoto."

In 1899 there was an exhibition of
**Gets Rid of
RHEUMATISM**

New Medicine Drives Rheumatic
Poisons from Joints—Muscles.
EASES PAIN FIRST DAY

Poisons settling in the joints and
muscles cause rheumatism. You can-
not get rid of rheumatic agony till
these dangerous poisons are driven out
of your system. External remedies and
pain deadening drugs only give tempo-
rary relief.

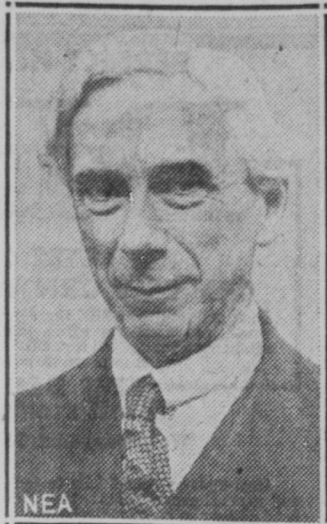
What you need is RU-MA, the new
medicine now sold by druggists every-
where, that acts directly on the liver,
kidneys and blood and helps expel
through the natural channels of elimi-
nation the dangerous poisons that
cause rheumatism.

No long waiting for your suffering
to stop. RU-MA eases pain the first
day and is the one rheumatic remedy
guaranteed by Walgreen to free muscles
and joints from all painful stiffness
and swelling and stop your rheumatic
suffering or nothing to pay—Advertise-
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Russell in U. S.



Author, educator, philosopher—
and now a lecturer in America.
Bertrand Russell here is pictured
as he arrived in New York. He
also is an earl, having succeeded
to a title after the death of a
brother. Although full of dismal
predictions about the fate of Eu-
rope, particularly England, he
plans to take his new seat in the
house of lords.

Edison inventions at the great Paris
exposition.
One night in a Paris hotel a mes-
senger brought in a card and hand-
ed it to Edison. It was from White-
law Reid, United States ambassador
to France, and it said:

"Edison, come up to the embassy
tonight. I have something for you."
"What do you suppose it is?" Ed-
ison asked an assistant.

The assistant replied that he
didn't know, but he surmised that
the French government had recog-
nized his work, as shown at the ex-
position, and was going to present
him with a decoration which had
been forwarded to the American
ambassador.

"You go and get it," said Edison.
"Not on your life," the assistant
replied. "That card seems informal,
but it's a command from the am-
bassador of your country to appear
at the embassy."

Edison asked his companion if he
would help him over his shyness
and nervousness by going to the
embassy with him, and when he
agreed, Edison sighed with relief.
At the embassy there were num-
bers of distinguished people. After
chatting for a while the ambassador
said:

"By the way, Edison, I have
something here that the French
government asked me to hand you."
He produced a large velvet case
and handed it to Edison, who
thanked him and tucked it under
his arm.

"Here," shouted Reid. "Open that
up and let's see what you have."
Edison opened the case and there
was the beautiful cross of "Com-
mander of the Legion of Honor"—
one of the highest honors of the
French nation—suspended from a
broad crimson sash.

Next—How Edison gave away
his original photograph. . . His
laboratory in his mother's
cellar. . . Punching the time-
clock like any mechanic. . . His
world's sleeplessness record.

MISSIONARY KIDNAPED

Chinese Bandits Abduct American,
Consulate Is Informed.
By United Press
NANKING, China, Nov. 3.—J. W.
Stinson, member of the southern
Presbyterian mission at Hanchow,
Kiangsu province, was captured
Sunday by Chinese bandits, the
American consulate was informed
today.

The consulate immediately sent a
demand to Yet Chu-Chang, chair-
man of the Kiangsu provincial gov-
ernment, to obtain the missionary's
freedom as soon as possible.

HIGH COURT ADJOURNS

Supreme Bench Ends Sessions Until
Nov. 23 With Brief Meeting.
By United Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The su-
preme court Monday adjourned un-
til Nov. 23, after a brief noon day
session.

Produces Apples Without Cores
MIDDLEPORT, O., Nov. 3.—Ap-
ples without seeds or cores which
germinated on a tree that bears no
blooms have been grown by T. W.
Jones here. The freak of nature
was transplanted here from a wild
tree at Kenova, W. V., Jones said,
and the fruit is produced despite
frost or insects, since there are no
blooms to be attacked.

BANISH UGLY FAT PLEASANT NEW HEALTH WAY

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It's foolish to be fat. Correct the
cause, then hips, ankles, bust, waistline
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method calls first for a toning of the
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Salts in a glass of cool water. Do this
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of the same health-giving mineral salts
found in the renowned spring waters at
famous French Lick Springs—com-
bined in effervescent form. French
Lick Salts works a complete trans-
formation. Tones the whole system,
gives you new vigor and vitality,
increases pep and sparkle. Watch un-
healthy fat disappear!

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Salts is as pleasant to drink as a
fountain beverage. You'll enjoy reduc-
ing this way. A generous bottle is only
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Tear out this ad. Take it to your
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illustrated booklet, "How to Slender-
ize the French Lick Way," prepared
by a celebrated physician. An inval-
uable guide to reducing, with exercises
and food suggestions that take down
the weight while French Lick Salts
clears away accumulated waste matter.

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Dress and
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are absolutely "fash-
ion right," devel-
oped in light weight
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cantons and novelty
fabrics. Sizes 14 to
20, 38 to 44 and 46
to 50! For women
and misses. Every
wanted seasonable
color.

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**Full-Fashioned Silk
Hose, 2 Pairs \$1**
Hose from one of
America's finest
mills! Slight irregu-
lars of beautiful chif-
fons with picot tops.
Also service chiffons.
Sizes 8½ to 10, for women.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

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Hose, 4 Pairs \$1**
First quality of im-
ported lisle with
French clocks. Made
to sell for \$1 pair!
Just 300 pairs in the
group. For women
and misses.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

**First Quality Silk Mesh
Hose, 3 Pairs \$1**
Of grenadine silk! A
real value for thrifty
women and misses!
Mode modeled, Lim-
it, 3 pairs to a cus-
tomer.
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**Children's Buster Brown
Hose, 5 Pairs \$1**
Known for their
wearing qualities! Of
first quality combed
yarn in all of the
popular Fall shades.
Sizes 5 to 9½.
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**Boys' First Quality Golf
Hose, 5 Pairs \$1**
Thrifty mothers
will want these sturdy
hose for growing
boys. Sizes 6 to 11.
New Fall shades.
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Sale! Winter FOOTWEAR

All Sizes
for Women
and Misses! **\$1.89**

Black and brown kid and suede, combina-
tions of leathers and combinations of leather
and sueded! Your choice of strap,
oxford, pump or tie styles.

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Added Attraction for Anniversary
Dollar Day!

Arch Support Low Shoes

Women's shoes scien-
tifically built for ease
and comfort.
Your choice of
strap, tie and
pump styles . . . **\$2.59**

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Added Feature for Anniversary

Sale of

Our Regular \$10 and \$12.75 Quality
\$6.88

We wanted to give you some-
thing sensational for Anni-
versary Sales, so we took our
group of regular \$10 and
\$12.95 coats and marked them
down to \$6.88! We think it
would be difficult to find coats
of so fine quality elsewhere at
a price so low.

Girls' \$4, \$5 and \$6

Smart Fall styles cut full size and fashioned
fabrics, mixtures, tweeds and novelties. War-
cal for hard, every day wear! Sizes 7 to 14½.

80x105-Inch Size Crinkle Spreads \$1

Our regular \$1.50 qualities offered at this
special reduction for Anniversary Dollar Day.
Deep crinkled stripes in all of the popular
pastel tints. Cut large enough to give the de-
sired pillow effect . . .

Mohawk Bleached Sheets—
81x90-Inch size.
Each . . . **\$1**
Special . . . **24** Yds. **\$1**
at . . . **24** Yds. **\$1**
25c Turkish Towels—22x44-
inch size . . . **6** for **\$1**
15c Comfort Challie—36-Inch
wide, Special at . . . **10** Yds. **\$1**
15c Percale Prints—36-Inch
wide, Special at . . . **10** Yds. **\$1**

**Feather
Pillows**
2 for \$1
Regular 75c qual-
ities! Standard size
filled with sanitary
feathers.

BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

**Knit Union
Suits, 2 for \$1**
Sizes 36 to 44—for
women and misses.
Built-up shoulder,
knee-length style. Of
fine combed yarns
with rayon stripes.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

**Women's Rayon
Lingerie, 3 for \$1**
Panties, step-ins,
bloomers and chem-
ise! Many are run-
resistant! Lace-
trimmed or tailored.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

**Women's Outing
Gowns, 2 for \$1**
Made with double
yoke and cut full
size! Plain colors or
striped patterns.
Plenty of extra-size
gowns included!
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RAYON
Pajamas
and Gowns**
Sensationally Pr
2 for \$1
For Women and
One and two-piece
in attractive contrast
combinations! Lace-
or plain tailored gow-
n garment made to sell
Limit, 2 to a custom-
er.
BLOCK'S—Downstairs Store.

\$1.49 Wool and Cotton BLANKETS

Specially Priced for
Anniversary
Dollar Day **\$1**

Soft, fluffy, 70x80-
inch solid pastel colored
blankets finished with
matching sateen bound
ends. Rose, blue, green
and orchid. . . EACH

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Anniversary Sale

Included Entire Group of
Regular \$2.95 Hats at . . . **\$1**

Sizes for Juniors,
Misses and Ma-
trons! Plenty of
Large and Extra
Head sizes!

When you see the unusual collec-
tion of flattering and smart styles,
the host of seasonal colors, the
clever and intricate trimming of
these hats, you'll agree with us
that without doubt they are
matchless values at \$1.