

—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, William Joseph Hammer, his scientific associate and lifelong friend.

Thomas A. Edison was little inclined to reminisce 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 curiosity.

But sometimes he spoke briefly of his childhood to his assistants.

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An Editor at 12

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

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Read at Furious Pace

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

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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 life.

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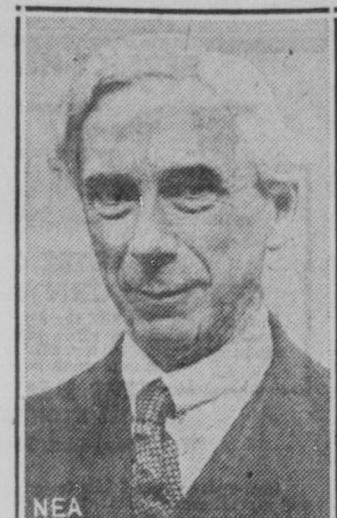
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Russell in U. S.



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 Europe, particularly England, he plans to take his new seat in the house of lords.

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We wanted to give you something sensational for Anniversary Sales, so we took our group of regular \$10 and \$12.75 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.

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All Sizes for Women and Misses! \$1.89



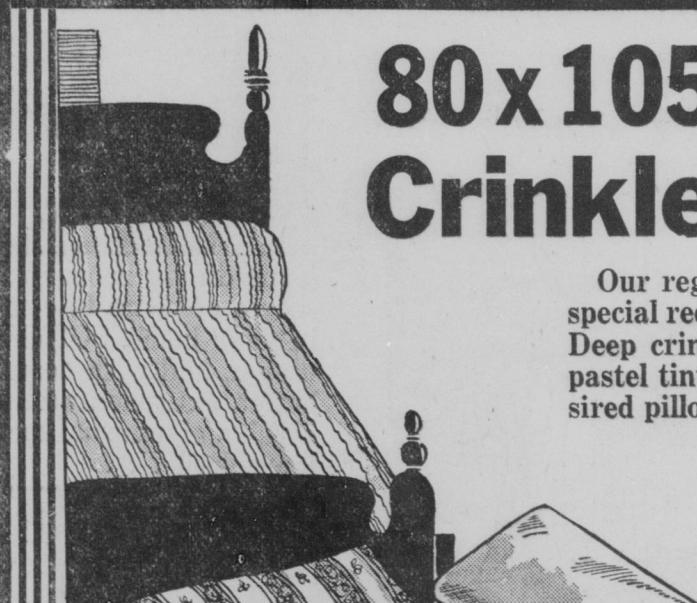
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