

TESLA'S HEALTH GIVER

The Famous Electrician Proposes to Drive Out All Bodily Ailments

Nikola Tesla, the electrician, has invented an apparatus with which he says it is possible to cure any organic disease, including consumption. Hereafter nobody need die except as the result of old age or accident, for the invention of Mr. Tesla will be within reach of everybody, inasmuch as the inventor will, he says, present the world with the fruit of his labors.

The cures will be effected by means of a thorough shaking up of the human system. Mr. Tesla calls the treatment a system of mechanical vibrations, and his apparatus he calls an oscillator. He says that he had not yet tested the apparatus upon a consumptive, and therefore did not wish to give public expression to his conviction that it would infallibly cure that disease. What made him believe, however, that it would be productive of such a result was that he had received the assurance of an Austrian professor who had tried it, he said, successfully upon several consumptive patients.

The principle upon which the apparatus is based had been enunciated by Mr. Tesla several years ago, and was immediately taken up and put into practice in a crude way by the professor in question. Even though he had not been able to develop the principle to the same point of perfection which Mr. Tesla has now attained in his apparatus, the professor did not hesitate to assert that the "vibrations" had the inevitable effect of killing the bacteria which prey upon the lungs and constitute consumption.

The typewritten pamphlet in which the Austrian professor acknowledged the debt which he said humanity owed to Mr. Tesla perished in the flames with many valuable papers and instruments when Mr. Tesla's laboratory was burned last year. Mr. Tesla can no longer recall the name of the writer, nor has he learned what progress the latter has made since then.

But, although Mr. Tesla is able to speak of the efficiency of his apparatus in case of consumption only on the authority of another, he says that he knows of his own knowledge and from personal observation and experiments that it cures all other organic diseases. When a person's ailment, for instance, is caused by torpidity of the liver, Mr. Tesla says, the physicians order the patient to take much and violent exercise, such

as riding. Now, according to Mr. Tesla, if the patient will just take a seat on his apparatus he will get in half a minute the equivalent of a whole day's ride. And, best of all, he will not be subjected to any jolting such as he gets on horseback, nor does he experience any of the fatigue incident to riding. But notwithstanding the absence of these characteristics, the patient will have received as thorough a shaking up as if he had been trotting for dear life all day long. The apparatus

accomplishes this by means of tiny, but none the less powerful, electric shocks at the rate of 100 per second, and distributed so evenly through the system that one scarcely perceives any alteration of his condition.

The New York Journal says that ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt recently visited Tesla's new laboratory and complained that he was troubled with his liver. "I have been taking something for it for some time," said Mr. Hewitt, "but I don't seem to be getting any better."

"I think I can fix that: Just sit down here and excuse me a minute." replied Mr. Tesla, pointing to a chair and handing Mr. Hewitt a newspaper.

Then Tesla went out, ostensibly in search of a prescription blank, but in reality to turn on the electric current. When he returned, in a minute or so, Mr. Hewitt seemed an entirely changed man. He said, after Tesla had explained that the chair whereon Mr. Hewitt had been sitting was loaded with electricity, that he had felt a creeping sort of sensation, but of a rather pleasant nature, and not at all associated with the ordinary notion of the way in which electricity manifests itself. And, as to his illness, Mr. Hewitt acknowledged that it seemed to have entirely vanished.

Unless Mr. Tesla's hopes are visionary—and there seems to be no reason why they should be considered so—persons who need exercise and have no time to take it need only step upon the apparatus and take a hundred-mile spin, so to speak, in a minute or two.

Should anybody suffer from sleeplessness on account of lack of exercise, he can sit down, light a pipe and read a paper until he has taken a run around the globe, and then go to sleep as soundly as if he had actually performed that feat. ☉

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