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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIGHTBULB

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Annotation:
This article details the development of the light bulb, the commercialization of the idea of incandescent light.

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Introduction:

The development of the lightbulb is typically attributed to Thomas Edison. He was actually only one among a large number of inventors who helped turn the idea of incandescent light into a commercially viable reality. A carbon filament with a forty-hour lifespan was what he created in 1879.
He developed his concept in 1880, creating a filament made of bamboo that burned for 1,200 hours. Humphry Davy linked a carbon filament to a battery in 1809 and became the first person to effectively use electricity to generate light. This concept was improved upon by other creators. James Lindsay revealed an electric lamp in 1835 that produced enough light from 1.5 feet distant to read a book.

Literature analysis and methodology:

The first real lightbulb was a glass bulb with a filament that lit up when an electrical current flowed through it, invented by Henrich Globel in 1854. But it went out too rapidly to be of any use in business. The Sprengel Pump, a machine that utilized mercury to generate a vacuum, was later created by Hermann Sprengel. The filament may shine for a longer period of time before it burned out by reducing the oxygen in the bulb.
A light precisely defined as "a shaped bit of carbon suspended between two electrodes contained in a glass vessel" was the subject of a patent filed by Henry Woodward and Matthew Evans in 1874. Woodward and Evans tried to raise the money needed to advance and promote their innovation, but given their lack of business experience, they encountered few takers.
The patent rights were eventually sold to Thomas Edison. The idea had previously been developed by Edison, but for him, money was not a major concern. He was no longer a lone inventor toiling away in his basement, but rather the director of a facility supported by financiers. The Woodward and Evans light's filament broke too soon, so he labored to repair it.

Results:

Edison started experimenting with various filament materials. Edison said that before he was successful, he tested 6,000 different vegetable growths and searched the globe for the best filament material. He even contemplated employing the substance now in use, tungsten. A carbonized cotton thread filament connected to platinum wires was eventually tested by Edison.

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It held up for forty hours in testing. He was granted a patent in 1880 for this creation. By the end of the year, Edison had created a sixteen-watt light with a 1,500-hour lifespan. Sir Joseph Swan was developing related concepts at the same time in England.
He was granted a patent for an incandescent lamp with a carbon filament in 1860 and another for an upgraded version of his lightbulb in 1878. In 1879, he spoke it in front of a large audience. In 1882. Swan accused Edison of violating a patent. Swan had to join Edison as a partner in his British electric works as a condition of the settlement.

Discussion:

William Edward Sawyer and Albon Man received patents for electric lights in 1877 and 1878, respectively. The U.S. Patent Office determined that Edison's inventions were invalid in 1883 based on these patents. The court ultimately ruled that Edison's patents were legitimate in 1889 after the inventor battled to appeal that decision.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the quote by Thomas Edison that "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration" is well known. Coming from someone whose laboratory examined more than 6,000 different filament options, the remark makes sense. However, one may also take into account the proverb "History is written by the winners." Although Edison may not have really invented the lightbulb, he was the one with the brilliance, the foresight, and the resources to create the first one that was economically feasible.

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