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THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PROBLEM. A Simple Solution Suggested by the Difficulties of Bunny Fuse.

I recently stated that Edison soon after it was announced that he boasted of having solved the electric light problem. All electricians know that some problems in one of its kind in the world. Bunny Fuse, the well known system in England and Professor Jenny Henry in this country had made measured lamps, which were to last more very similar to what he have today. Edison's lamps burned for a few days, the air had been exhausted, made was a strip of carbon or platinum, which, when heated by a strong current of electricity glowed with a white heat.

Edison, I believe, had the electric current, was an expensive affair, moreover, the dynamos being unknown, and the time battery alone being known. When the dynamos offered an unlimited supply of electricity, experimenters began to work at the glow lamp again. Its defects had never been sufficiently overcome to make it more than a laboratory toy; it would give light for a few minutes, but the carbon would be found remaining in the bulb burning up the carbon loop. In order to make the lamp of practical use it was necessary to devise means for making the bulb really a vacuum, and for making the carbon loop or filament with the same material as the glass which holds the vacuum. Edison found a better form than any yet known, then he worked at carbon and his friends found he would break down a hundred lamps in a day, experimenting on new forms of carbon. Bunny found works of steady labor, the results of which would be decided in perhaps five minutes.

It is a search for a better material than platinum for the loop which is the light in a glow lamp. Edison tried 1000 different materials, among finally at a kind of moth American bamboo of extraordinary fibre, which, when carbonized, gave a loop of great strength and durability. For two years he labored with this, and he had gone far enough to make competition with gas profitable. It may be remembered that the announcement caused a storm of panic, and the gas stocks tumbled down. Edison's lamps burned 1000 hours, and were lamp could enter any room, and, by a simple turn of a screw, extinguish or turn that be declared he would some day, and a number of his friends, who had with Edison hoops and make the boxes, and Edison's lamps were a failure.

There were many dark days that was. After making one batch of lamps that burned splendidly and failed for the next batch, and he was at his wits' end. He was sanguine that the second batch, made in exactly the same way, so far as he could find out, and of the same materials failed completely. Instead of burning for days, they burned for only a few hours. Some of the lamps Edison worked night and day trying to find the trouble. Then he took a bulb home, and, by accident, while he was sitting in his parlor, he found the trouble. Edison has had the patent to any that and retain a number of electricians, who for the last two years have been devoted to experiments and improvements. Edison, with the assistance of his friends, has made a discovery of great importance, and, if he has known what he knew, he could have saved himself a great deal of trouble and anxiety