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Successful Inventors

By W. H. Baker

The policies followed by practically all successful inventors are very much alike. There is one dominatattempt to satisfy a human want. If there is no want, the inventor cannot satisfy a need, and hence will nat be a success

It is reported that Edison explains ed: his method of making inventions somewhat as follows: First he finds a need, a better filament for an electric light, good music at home when no member of the family has any musical talent, anything that "Do you consider your occupation would be beneficial to man. To find "ssantial" Is it worth while?" a human need is not very difficult. for the average American wants the best, is willing to pay for luxuries, desires every comfort and labor-sav-"Well, business would stand still." ing device in the home, on the farm and in the office.

When Edison has found a real "Is there any branch of steno-want, he sets for himself the task of graphic work that is not over-worksolving the problem as to how best to satisfy the need. rolve the problem in every conceiv. liar hours! Is there any stenogra able manner. By a process of clim- ic need not already over-supplied?" inating the impractical and more more complicated plans, he fremore complicated plans. Be iffer quently eliminates all but one or two. The ideas that appear to be not already satisfied. The variable to think of any such need not already satisfied. Two days later the young man re-ported that the only unsupplied need that the could think of was a public

success is practically assured.

It is a common impression that an mail. ventor seldom makes money out duces a n invention that is practical, that is really novel and that satisfies a want better than any known means will experience but little trouexploit the same. A valid patent gives to the inventor an absolute monopoly of the subject matter covthe claims of his patent, and erd by many of money.

By far the majority of inventions are made by men skilled in the sub- stenography or in any other walk of ject matter covered by their inventions. This is quite natural, for others would not be aware of the need which is satisfied by the invention. This is not always true by any means. Watt was not an engineer, but he was a thinker. Millions had watched a wettle hold before his time. but he was the first to realize that there was real power in the steam. Bell was not an electrician. He was a teacher of stammering children, and as such he became interested in sound and how it is produced. His inventive mind was long centered on making his dog utter s word by pressing on his throat and constructing a wax figure that would say mama

Anyone with an alert, active mind can see the need of a convenience a cheaper construction there. a simpler arrangement of some machine, or a better means of accom plishing something. If then he rest ly sets himself to the task of making the needed improvement, he will al-most surely succeed in the end, but he will probably make fifty failures before hitting on the right plan. If he gives up, is a quitter and looses confidence in his own ability, he makes the vote unanimous. The atrength of his will is the test of bis possibilities

Some years ago, an attorney in New York was sitting in a park one hot evening in mid summer. He was soon attracted by the conversation of a young couple o na nearby bench



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her, as his income was too small to decently provide for her. The attorney walked over to them and said, "Pardon my intrusion, but the world honors such a man, and the torney is host size you tome much alike. There is one dominat-ing thought under nearly every suc-cessful invention, and that is it is an suggestions by which you can over-The world honors such a ma-his name is long remembered. The inventor who sees a res

her up. I see no chance for pro-motion."

'Some, not much."

"Then is it essential?"

"Yes, I guess so.

Is there a need of a special He tries to kind of a stenographer or for pecu-

The attorney gave the young man be fre- his card and asked him to think hard

While it is often stated that this that he could think of was a public is the method followed by Edison, it stenographer in hotels from say 6 is the method followed by all suc-cessful inventors. If the invention he might get through the corres-pondence of travelers who worked until a successful inventor of travelers who worked in the successful and the success not be a success and if it does, its until 5 p. m. and wanted their letters to go out by the next morning's

> The idea was practical. It worked, i nall the leading hotels in New Yor! known produced an income for him of around thirty thousand dollars. tention were very happy in their own home.

The young man had found a need basic patents are worth wast of money. success whether it be invention

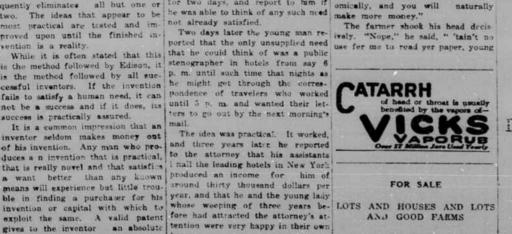
ing fiancee that he would have to that need, and all honor be to the abandon all thought of marrying man who has the brains and ambi-ther, as his income was too small to tion to confer apon mankind a that farmer, are not doing as well

is name is long remembered. The inventor who sees a real need in and accomplish somethink worthy of note, something that benefits mansuggestions by which you can over-come your obstacle." The inventor who sees a real need and satisfies that need in a practi-cal manner performs a service that may, and probably will bring wealth to him, but more than this he per-forms a work which will be felt ev-port a wife on that, so I must give her up. I see no chance for pro-motion."

> Some of us, however, have not the thought, the foresight to make in ventions and give a lasting benefit

a farm journal approached an old begun again. farmer who was leaning against a rickety fence in front of a dilapi-dated house, reflectively chewing a wisp of hay which dangled across his ranged beard. Mr. Chas. Denton, Sibbald and Duffy Smith. of Cherokee, are in our vicinity surveying Indian lands. his ragged beard.

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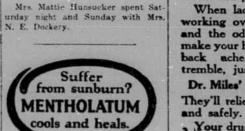
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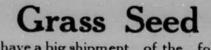
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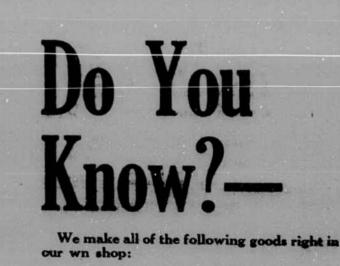
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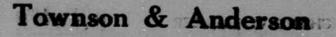
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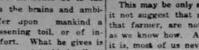
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