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Electric Ray to Restore Health Sought by Scientist



Dr. John Clawson Burnett and his oscilloclast. Above, Dr. Burnett's "castle" where he conducts his experiments.

Alpine, N. J., Sept. 25.—From the queer doorways of the white, cubist-shaped "mystery laboratory" of the Jersey Palisades there has stepped a young scientist with what he believes to be the key to the fountain of health.

Dr. J. Clawson Burnett is his name and, with J. H. Hallberg, an engineer, he has been for two years carrying on secret experiments seeking a fundamental electrical law governing life.

They have tried to prove the practicability of the atomic theory as applied to the human body.

In this respect the laboratory seems to have been haunted by the ghost of the late Dr. Albert Abrams, of San Francisco, whose electronic reaction machines created a furor in medical circles. A Scientific American investigation declared it impractical shortly after Abram's death.

But Dr. Burnett has contrived a new oscilloclast, designed to heal disease by electric force, and has had the co-operation of an expert electrical engineer. They are going to demonstrate their device before scientists in Chicago and invite strictest investigation.

Dr. Burnett declares he has no commercial interest. He is quite wealthy. If science declares his device to be valuable the world is welcome to it.

"In constructing our machine we worked on the theory that light is of primary importance," he explained. "Therefore vibrations are of primary importance. I think we are at liberty to assume that the whole body is affected by light—or electromagnetic waves."

"I think that in time we will be able to diagnose and cure disease by these electromagnetic vibrations. Medicine, with all due respect to it, is still an art. By means of electricity we hope to make exact diagnosis and cure by

exact science. We hope to find a fundamental law governing life. "We have no idea that we can end disease. Man is too well satisfied with the way he lives to make that possible."