

An Answer to Ford's Dearborn Independent By James I. Ellmann

From Pearson's Magazine for April

Mr. Ellmann sent a copy of this answer to the editor of 'The Dearborn Independent' with the request that he publish it in his paper.

On February 24th, 1923, there appeared in Ford's weekly a personal attack upon Dr. Albert Abrams and upon his revolutionary methods in the treatment and diagnosis of disease.

As there are some truths neglected in this article and as Ford's publication holds itself out as a "chronicler of neglected truths," I am prompted to reply to this article through the pages of Pearson's.

I will leave it to Dr. Abrams to answer the personal attacks touching his racial extraction, as well as some of the other references which are unworthy of any man searching for the truth.

It must be clear that within the compass of an article such as this one cannot recite those personal experiences, the evidence, so to speak, upon which one concludes that there is something almost uncanny in the efficiency of a method of diagnosis and treatment that is utterly new in medical science.

Mr. Morgan sets forth correctly the electronic theory and intimates that it was devised by Dr. Albert Abrams.

This theory is fully elucidated in an article published by Prof. R. A. Millikan of the University of Chicago following investigations and experiments lasting seven years.

In order to test the Oscilloclast, the machine invented by Dr. Abrams and used in connection with the treatment of disease, Mr. Morgan availed himself of the services of a gentleman who may be a scientist of high repute and

standing. The failure of this scientist to reach the correct conclusion is perhaps not the fault of Mr. Morgan or of the scientist but rather of the spirit with which they both approached the investigation.

"So far as two of the leading independent electrical engineers of the Pacific Coast could learn from demonstrations, tests, and dissection of this machine, it has not the slightest effect on the patient who is 'treated' with it.

"So far as the most delicate galvanometers could tell, not one iota of the electric current which is put into this machine passes on to the patient.

"So delicate was the galvanometer used in this test that the writer by taking the two terminals in his hands, was able to supply from his own body, without any electrical connection, sufficient electricity to move the needle; yet the Abrams machine sold as a cure-all for the three deadliest diseases known to man was unable to produce a simple movement of the galvanometer needle."

If I wanted to determine the mechanism and construction of a Ford car it would be utterly unwise for me to go to a junk pile and pick up an old machine from which to make the analysis.

Briefly stated, this Electronic Theory is, that all matter is primarily composed of electrons, and that the variety of matter is due to the particular grouping of electrons and their vibratory rate.

That in the human body the electrons of normal tissue vibrate at certain specific nonvariable rates, and that in abnormal or diseased tissue, the electrons are vibrating at certain other uniform rates. He has discovered a method of destroying or annulling the vibratory rates of diseased tissue and has tabulated a series of adjustments of his apparatus which will invariably do this for a great variety of diseases.

It is here that one has a right to stop and question. If it is true, as he claims, that he has discovered and charted empirical rules for and adjustments of the Oscilloclast to destroy diseased tissue and disease germs and can check his findings from an analysis of a few drops of blood, which are representative of the entire body, does he not deserve the gratitude and affection of the world? Does not all the petty criticism directed at him fall into utter insignificance?

And if all this is not true, then where is the man or woman who has disproved it? Shall we doubt Abrams just because he had given voice to an idea so stupendous that it is beyond the conception of the ordinary physician inured to the old methods?

Having determined, as he claims, the vibratory rates characteristic of each or most diseases, it became important for Dr. Abrams to discover a method of destroying it.

The suggestion for the destruction of vibrations characteristic of specific diseases may have come from a well known trick of Caruso or may be the result of original researches which have lasted about twenty years.

This theory is now being practiced by more than twelve hundred physicians and osteopaths scattered throughout this continent and the rest of the world.

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forth and stated under his own name that the theory is wrong. These rates have been well known for many years and Dr. Abrams had no occasion to set forth these rates and he certainly could not attempt to do so with a tuning fork whose highest rate is on the order of 25,000 vibrations per second.

Mr. Morgan proves his ability to discuss the Oscilloclast by his wiring diagram of the machine which he shows on page 2.

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Table with columns: On large, On both, Unit, Amperes, Brashes, Amperes. Rows 1-11 showing numerical data.

From these it may be deduced that the Oscilloclast not only takes in 125 volts from this service but the output is the same, 125 volts to the unit, and that the potential across the "current breaker" brushes on the Oscilloclast equals 3.5 volts, and that the current taken by the Oscilloclast is one-tenth of an ampere steady current.

These current readings are obtainable from the unit when the electrode normally applied to the patient is grounded, and simply indicates that various potentials of oscillating currents are actually applied to the patient during the progress of the treatment according to the adjustment of the unit for the treatment periods of one hour and upwards.

Getting away from this evidence, which I recommend to Mr. Morgan for further investigation, the next serious question is, does disease yield to treatment by the Oscilloclast? If so, is it efficacious in the treatment of the three dread diseases, cancer, syphilis and tuberculosis?

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