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Granville T. Woods

INVENTOR AND ENGINEER

Granville Woods was a self-taught electrical and mechanical engineer, born in Columbus, Ohio in 1856. His pioneering work led to over 50 patents. Many of his inventions focused on trains, trolleys, and streetcars. He understood the impact rail would have on a 19th-century society. Notably, he improved the way electric power was provided to trolley cars via overhead wires, often referred to as the "third rail". His induction multiplex telegraph, which provided the means for trains to communicate with each other by voice using telegraph wires, led to reduced train accidents. Woods' hard-work brought about many more advancements, such as the automatic brake, the egg incubator, safety circuits, the telegraph, telephone, and phonograph.



Just maybe a streetcar should be named ... Granville!







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