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Tesla, Nikola
New York, 10 Jun 1902
To Robert Underwood Johnson
a.l.s., 3 p. (with cover and clipping)

The Waldorf-Astoria
New York.

June 10 1902

Dear Sir,

The matter seems to have been suggested by my article that has given great trouble to you and infinitely more to me. Look up page 200 of Century particularly where I refer to some facts. The report is not likely

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I have done but I
is a regular letter
have also found a letter
which I have been following
up to me a long time
and what promises very
well. I was at the
point of meeting by
means of the article
that you presented to
me. But I did not have
enough energy at that
time to do it. I am glad
to see the conditions at the

pic of Tennyson are
ideal for the success
of such matters as
contemporary to energy
for following a steady
supply of small amounts
of energy. I am
very glad you realize
to see the
hopeful

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Herald June 9, 1907

USES ELECTRICITY WITHOUT A MEDIUM

Scientist Declares He Can Ap-
ply Atmospheric Current
Without Motive Force.

WAS SIMPLE DISCOVERY

Senor Clemente Figueras, Engi-
neer, of Canary Isles, Inven-
tor of the Method.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

The HERALD's European edition publishes
the following from its correspondent:—

LONDON, Monday. — A most remarkable
claim, the genuineness of which it is as yet
impossible to test, says a cable despatch pub-
lished by the Daily Mail from its Las Palmas
correspondent, has been made by Senor
Clemente Figueras, Engineer of Woods and
Forests in the Canary Islands, for many
years professor of physics at St. Augustine's
College at Las Palmas.

It seems that for many years he has been
working silently at a method of directly uti-
lizing atmospheric electricity—that is to say,
without chemicals or dynamos—and making
a practical application of it without the need
of employing any motive force.

A true revelation might rob him of his re-
ward, and even now, while he claims to have
succeeded, he is silent concerning the exact
principles of his discovery.

He asserts, however, he has invented a
generator by which he can collect electric
fluid so as to be able to store it and apply it
for infinite purposes—for instance, in con-
nection with shops, railways and manufac-
tures.

He says he expects its effect will be a tre-
mendous economic and industrial revolution.
He will not give the key to the invention,
but declares that the only extraordinary
point about it is that it has taken so long to
discover a simple scientific fact.

He intends shortly going to Madrid and
Berlin to patent his inventions.

In addition to the discovery, the Daily Mail
says that, according to letters received in
London from his friends in Tenerife, Senor
Figueras has constructed a rough apparatus
by which, in spite of its small size and
defects, he obtains a current of 550 volts,
which he utilizes in his own house for light-
ing purposes and driving a motor of twenty
horse power.

His inventions comprise a generator, a
motor and a sort of governor or regulator,
the whole apparatus being so simple that a
child could work it.

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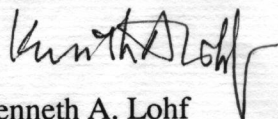
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Dear Mr. Nichelson:

In reply to your letter of October 19, I am pleased to say that you have our permission to publish the two documents from the Tesla collection in your forthcoming article. Please acknowledge the Columbia University Libraries' ownership of the documents in the publication as follows: Nikola Tesla Collection, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

All best wishes for the success of your work.

Sincerely,



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