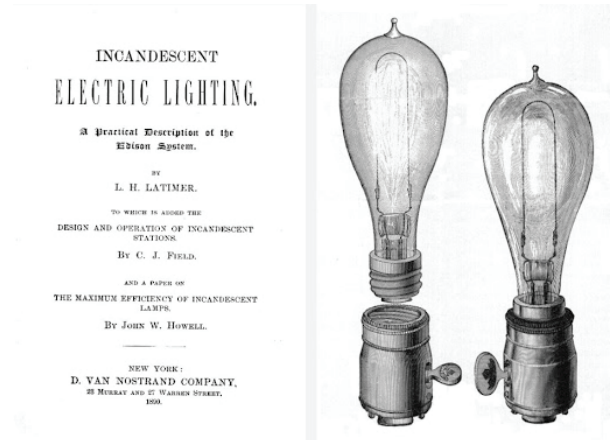


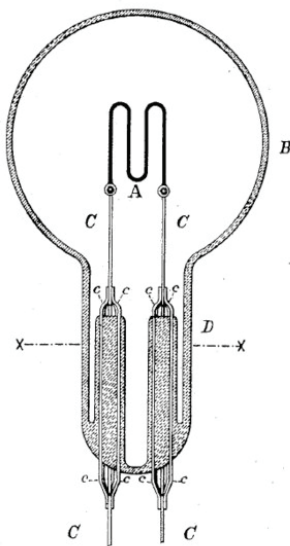
## An Inventor and an Educator

Lewis Latimer's book *Incandescent Electric Lighting* was published in 1890.

He noted that, less than 10 years before, incandescent electric light “had barely got beyond the stage of a laboratory experiment.” Now, the lighting industry was growing rapidly.



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Patent Drawing for the filament  
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Latimer tackled topics large and small—from how electrical energy is generated and supplied to a city, to the way energy flows through a circuit to make a light bulb glow at home. He explained that incandescence refers to the “white heat” glowing from the electrified filament in the bulb.

Latimer discussed switches, conductors, insulators, and more. He wanted people to be informed about electric light, which, he observed, “is becoming daily of more importance.”