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In 1876 Thomas moved his laboratory to Menlo Park, New Jersey. He invented the *carbon transmitter*, which amplified the human voice—making the telephone and microphone possible. He also invented a machine that talked—a *phonograph*. Shortly thereafter, Thomas invented an *electric lightbulb*. He also discovered the principle of sound waves, which made the radio possible. In 1887 he moved his laboratory to West Orange, New Jersey, developing the *motion picture* and much more. At one point he had 250 people working for him and 45 inventions going.

Such strange, incredible inventions were coming out of his laboratory that people started to call Thomas “The Wizard.” He would live to be eighty-four years old and patent 1,093 inventions. Thomas would always remember his mother’s encouraging words to ask questions. What is this? Why does that happen? How does it happen?



# Amazing Inventions

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