

# Little Known Inventors Who Changed The World

Inventors whose names are not well known, but most of people use their inventions every day



Air Conditioner Invented in 1902

Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell or Nikola Tesla are probably some of the first names that come to mind when you think of "inventors." But beyond the big names, there are plenty of inventors whose creativity and ingenuity changed the way we live, even if they never became household names. Here we pay a little homage to some of those less known innovators, we've put together a shortlist of influential inventors who you (probably) never learned about in school.

## - **William Addis** (Toothbrush)

In 1770 Addis end up in a British jail for inciting to riot. At that time, people used a cloth with salt and coal dust to clean their teeth. Addis drilled a hole in a piece of bone, put some tufts of bristles in it and fixed them with glue. Upon his release, he made a fortune from the industrial production of toothbrushes.



## - **William Upjohn** (Effervescent pills)

Before this invention, people used to take medications in the form of powders or drops. In 1880, Upjohn invented a pill that dissolves easily in the stomach. Four years later, he created a machine to produce the pills in large quantities, and in 1886 founded the Upjohn Pill and Granule Company. The company existed for more than a century, and in 1995 it merged with the Swiss Pharmacia. Subsequently, this company was bought by Pfizer.



## - **Garrett Morgan** (Traffic light)

Morgan invented the traffic control system after witnessing a terrible car accident. It switched manually and, in addition to the signals “stop” and “go”, had another one – “stop everybody”,

