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Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler Research Project

Historic View of Todtnau



Historic panoramic view of Todtnau in Germany's Black Forest, birthplace of Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler. Here the future inventor of the permanent wave spent his childhood before his journeyman years took him to Aarau, Basel, Zurich and ultimately to London.

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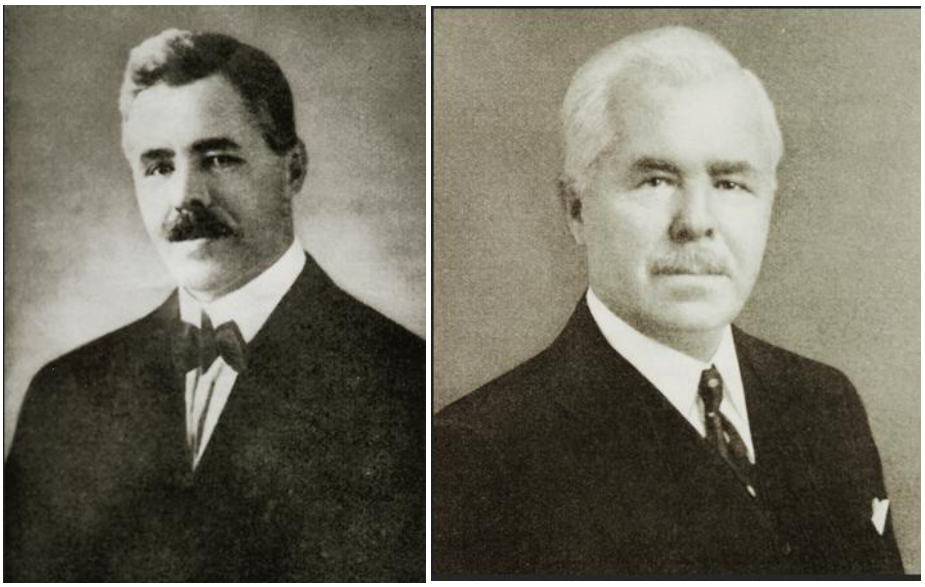
Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler – Portraits



Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler during the early years of his pioneering work on the invention of the permanent wave.

Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler in his later years as an inventor and entrepreneur.

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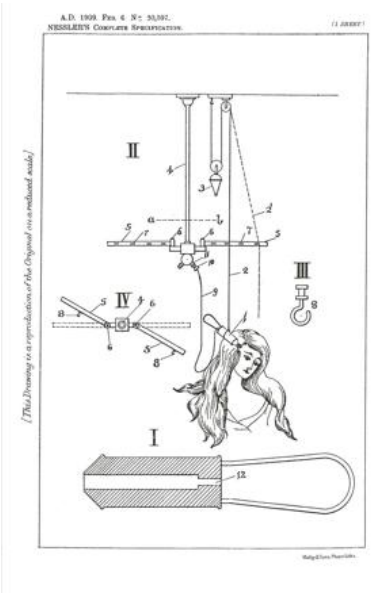
Patent Drawing of the Permanent Wave Machine (1909)



British patent drawing from 1909 illustrating Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler's method for permanently waving hair.

Source: British Patent No. 20,597 (1909).

Advertisement for "Nestle Waves"



Historic advertisement for "Nestle Waves" (London). Promoting Karl Ludwig (Charles) Nessler's permanent wave invention, the advertisement refers to his salon at 245 Oxford Street, London W, and documents the early commercialisation of his invention.
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