

AFRICAN AMERICAN INVENTIONS/INVENTORS

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1. Air Conditioning Unit - Frederick M. Jones
2. Air Conditioning Unit for Trucks - Frederick M. Jones
3. Apparatus for Melting Snow – F.J. Ferrell
4. Apparatus for Preserving Blood – Charles R. Drew, MD
5. Artificial Heart Pacemaker Control Unit – Otis Boykin
6. Attachment for Bicycles – W. Murray
7. Auto Air Brake – Granville T. Woods
8. Automatic Cut-off Switch – Granville T. Woods
9. Automatic Gearshift – R.B. Spikes
10. Bag Fastener – William B. Purvis
11. Bicycle Frame – Issac R. Johnson
12. Biscuit Cutter – Alexander P. Ashbourne
13. Bottle Design Improvement - Albert C. Richardson
14. Box Office Equipment for Tickets and Change - Frederick M. Jones
15. Breathing Device – Garrett A. Morgan
16. Cabinet Bed – Sarah E. Goode
17. Canopy Frame – C. Williams
18. Caps for Bottles and Jars – A.E. Long and A.A. Jones
19. Casket Lowering Device - Albert C. Richardson
20. Cellular Phone – Henry T. Sampson
21. Child's Carriage – William H. Richardson
22. Clock – Benjamin Banneker
23. Clothes Dryer – George T. Sampson
24. Clothes Line Support – J.B. Allen
25. Coin Changer – James A. Bauer
26. Cosmetic Products – C.J. Walker
27. Curtain Rod – S. R. Scottron
28. Doorknob and Doorstop – O. Dorsey
29. Dust Pan – Lloyd P. Ray
30. Egg Beater – Willis Johnson
31. Electret Microphone – James E. West
32. Electric Cutoff Switch – Granville T. Woods
33. Electric Lamp and Bulb - Lewis H. Latimer
34. Electric Railway System/Third Rail – Granville T. Woods
35. Elevator – Alexander Miles
36. Envelope Seal – F.W. Leslie
37. Eye Protector – Powell Johnson
38. Fertilizer Distributor – G.W. Murray
39. Fire Escape Bracket – C.V. Richey
40. Fire Escape Ladder – J. B. Winters
41. Fire Extinguisher (improved) – Thomas J. Martin
42. Folding Bed - L.C. Bailey
43. Fountain Pen - William B. Purvis
44. Furniture Caster – David A. Fisher
45. Galoshes – A.L. Rickman

46. Gas Burner – B.F. Jackson
47. Gas Mask – Garrett Morgan
48. Golf Tee (wooden) – George F. Grant
49. Guitar – Robert Flemming, Jr.
50. Hair Brush – Lydiao Newman
51. Hair Care Products – C.J. Walker
52. Hand Stamp - William B. Purvis
53. Hat Rack and Table Combination – W.J. Ballow
54. Helicopter – Paul E. Williams
55. Home Security System/Television Surveillance – M.V.B. Brown
56. Horseshoe – Oscar E. Brown
57. Hot Comb – W.H. Sammons
58. Hydraulic Shock Absorber – Ralph Sanderson
59. Ice Cream – Augustus Jackson
60. Ice Cream Scooper – A.L. Cralle
61. Insect Destroyer Gun – Albert C. Ricard
62. Ironing Board – Sarah Boone
63. Key Chain – F.J. Loudon
64. Kitchen Table – H.A. Jackson
65. Knife and Scoop Combination – J.A. Sweeting
66. Ladder Scaffold Support – William Bailes
67. Lantern – Michael C. Harney
68. Lawn Mower – John Albert Burr
69. Lawn Sprinkler – J.W. Smith
70. Lemon Squeezer – J.T. White
71. Library Table – W.R. Davis, Jr.
72. Lock – W.A. Martin
73. Luggage Carriers – J.W. Butts
74. Lunch Pail – James Robinson
75. Mailbox – P.B. Downing
76. Milk Bottle Opener and Bottle Cover Combination – R.B.Spikes
77. Mop – T.W. Stewart
78. Oil Stove – John Standard
79. Paint and Stain – George Washington Carver
80. Parcel Carrier for Bicycles – Jerry M. Certain
81. Peanut Butter – George Washington Carver
82. Pencil Sharpener – J.L. Love
83. Phone Transmitter – Granville T. Woods
84. Piano Truck – H. Linden
85. Pillow Sham Holder – J.P. Williams
86. Player Piano – Joseph H. Dickerson
87. Portable Fire Escape – D. Mc Cree
88. Portable Shield for Infantry – H. Spears
89. Portable Weighing Scales – John Hunter
90. Record Player Arm – Joseph Dickinson
91. Refrigerated Truck Systems - Frederick M. Jones
92. Refrigeration System for Trucks & Railroad Cars - Frederick M. Jones
93. Refrigerator - John Standard
94. Remote Control – Joseph N. Jackson

95. Riding Saddles – William D. Davis
96. Roller Coaster – Granville T. Woods
97. Rolling Pin – John W. Reed
98. Security System – Marie V. Brittan Brown
99. Self-Setting Animal Trap – W.S. Campbell
100. Self-Starting Gas Engine - Frederick M. Jones
101. Shampoo Headrest – C.O. Bailiff
102. Sled Propeller – George T. Sampson
103. Spark Plug – Henry Blair
104. Stairclimbing Wheelchair – Rufus J. Weaver
105. Starter Generator - Frederick M. Jones
106. Steam Table – George W. Kelley
107. Straightening Comb – Madame C.J. Walker
108. Street Car Fender – M.A. Cherry
109. Street Sprinkling Apparatus – M.W. Binga
110. Street Sweeper Truck - Charles B. Brooks
111. Sugar Refiner – Norbert Rilleux
112. Super Soaker – Lonnie Johnson
113. Telephone System – Granville T. Woods
114. Telephone Transmitter – Granville T. Woods
115. Thermo Hair Curlers – Solomon Harper
116. Ticket Dispensing Machine – Frederick M. Jones
117. Toilet – T. Elkins
118. Traffic Signal - Garrett A. Morgan
119. Train Alarm – R.A. Butler
120. Trolley Car – Granville T. Woods
121. Umbrella Stand – W.C. Carter
122. Window Cleaner – A.L. Lewis
123. X-Ray Machine (portable) - Frederick M. Jones

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