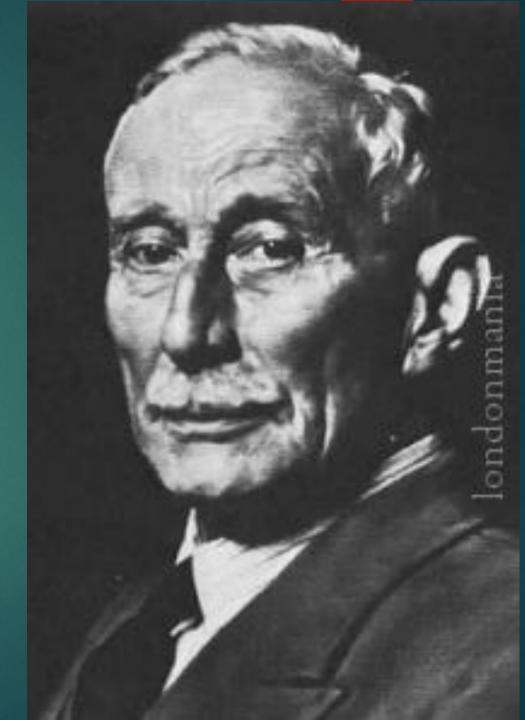
Hubert Cecil Booth

Hubert Cecil Booth was born July 4, 1871 in the small English town of Gloucester. He was the sixth son of Abraham Booth, importer of the drill wood. He died on January 18, 1955.



When he was 18, Hubert Cecil Booth moved to London to study engineering at Guilds College. Booth participated in the design of the Royal Battleships of the British Navy.





On August 30, 1901 he received a patent for an electric vacuum cleaner. His invention is also known as **«Puffing Billy»**

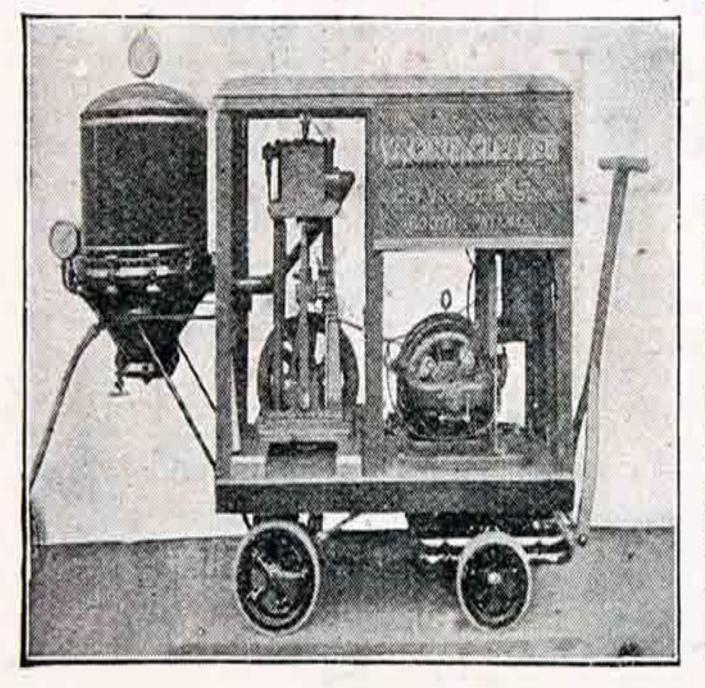
The device was transported by horses and parked outside the house. For carpet cleaning, a 30-meter hose was used, which was stretched through a window. Inside, the car had a vacuum pump, an oil, and then an electric motor. to operate the vacuum cleaner, it took 4 people.



How did he come up with this idea?



He drew attention to the device used in the trains to blow dust off the seats and decided that it would be much more practical to suck in the dust. To test the idea, Booth put a handkerchief on the dining-chair seat and tried to suck in as much dust as possible. Discovering that the dust gathered on the bottom of the kerchief, he realized that his idea is workable.



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With the help of this device, barracks of British sailors were cleaned, thereby putting an end to the plague epidemic

















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