

Mary Anderson

The Woman who invented. . .



Windscreen wiper

On her first trip to New York City at the beginning of the 20th Century, Mary travelled on a tram in heavy snow, she watched as the driver had to stop to wipe the snow from the windscreen to be able to see.

When she returned home, Mary developed a squeegee on a spindle that was attached to a handle on the inside of the vehicle.

When the driver needed to clear the glass, he simply pulled on the handle and the squeegee wiped the rain from the windscreen.

Mary received the patent for her device in 1903; just 10 years later, thousands of people owned a car with her invention.

What will you invent?