Dr. A. E. Goldsmith

One Thursday afternoon during the Society's open time, Shirley Shields, Patsy Smith and I were talking about various topics and Shirley commented that she had watched a special on The History Channel about the dangers of $x$-rays. She said that the old shoe fitting fluoroscopes gave a person more radiation at one time than a worker in an nuclear energy plant is allowed in a year's time. For those of you who might be on the young side, a shoe fitting fluoroscope was an x -ray machine that allowed customers to see the bones in their feet to make sure the shoes fit correctly before buying them.

This brought to mind an advertisement we had seen in the 1902 Holiday Edition of the Greenfield Republican newspaper for Dr. A. E. Goldsmith. The ad reproduced here doesn't show a fluoroscope but it does mention the use of $x$-rays as well as in the accompanying article.

Sounds like the good doctor had all the latest equipment and could cure just about anything that came down the pike.

Read and enjoy.


Dr. A. E. Goldsmith is one of Greenfield's most noted physicians. Before coming here Dr. Goldsmith had a large practice at Home City near Cincinnati. He is the only practitioner in Greenfield who possesses a Static Electrical machine. Just recently he has installed another machine much larger and more powerful than the one he has used for several years with such splendid results. In rheumatic and nervous troubles electricity is being used with much benefit and the $X$-ray attachment has worked wonderful cures in cases of cancer, lupus, and chronic eczema. Dr. Goldsmith also possesses a splendid atomizer which is of special benefit in catarrhal troubles. As an optician he has achieved great success, and his advice on matters relating to the eye is eagerly sought.

Dr. A. E. Goldsmith's handsome residence and office is at the corner of Washington and South street.
--Holiday Edition of the Greenfield Republican, December, 1902

