

A CERTAIN GENTLEMAN

By Martha Tolles

Housebound and alone. That describes the situation for so many of us right now. But my day has become quite busy. In the morning I'm still in bed when my granddaughter calls on my iphone. Since we're on face time I smooth my hair and try to look as if I'm wide awake. It's so great to hear from her. After our chat I hurry into the bathroom, switch on the light and heat and shower and shampoo. I dress and blow dry my hair and follow with a quick brush of the teeth.....so much faster when it's electric.

In the kitchen, I take berries from the refrigerator. I heat oatmeal in the microwave and plug in the coffee. Later I'll check email and then do some banking online and if I'm lucky, deposit some checks using my iphone. Next I turn on the TV and do a yoga class.

In the afternoon I'll run the vacuum cleaner, take a walk and talk to friends on my iphone. So great to hear their voices. In the evening, such fun, there's a family zoom call planned. Then a little bedtime reading on my Kindle while I snuggle under my electric blanket. And sometime during the day I hope to write an essay about how I spend my at home time....busy and not that lonely. Don't we all owe many thanks to a certain gentleman, namely, Thomas Edison.