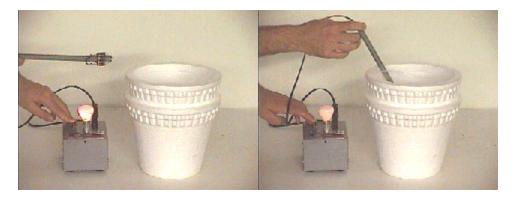
## **Answer #198**

The answer is (b): the light bulb will be less bright, as seen by comparing the two photographs below.



Carbon has a *negative* temperature coefficient of resistance - that is, as a carbon resistor cools down its resistance *increases*. Therefore the resistance of the series circuit becomes *greater* and less current will flow.

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