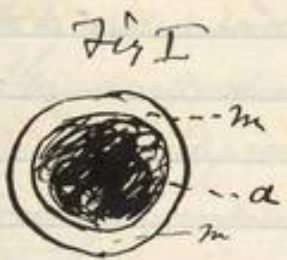


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Two telephones shown at A and Z Fig 2 were ready for trial today. The apparatus a & a' (Fig 2) like that shown at a (Fig 1) were glued to membranes m & m' (Fig 2) as illustrated in Fig 1.

I spoke with my mouth close to A condensing the air upon the membrane with my hand while Mr. Watson listened at Z. Then Mr. Watson spoke against Z and I listened at A. The articulation was so distinct and clear that we were enabled to hold the following conversation through the wire which was recorded by each of us at the time. The two records were as follows:

Conversations as recorded by A. G. Bell. Stationed as one instrument

Conversations as recorded by J. A. Watson. Stationed at the other

Bell If we can manage to understand each other on this short circuit I think we may try a real telegraph wire

Bell If we can manage to understand one another on this short circuit I think we can try a real telegraph line

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