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Prof- Bell

My Dear Sir,

I have just
rec'd yours of the 2nd inst
and I freely forgive you for any
feeling your telegram had aroused.

I found the article I suppose you
referred to in the personal column
of the "Tribune" and am free to say
it does you injustice.

I gave you full credit for the
talking feature of the telephone, as
you may have seen in ~~in~~ the
associated press dispatch that was
sent to all the papers in the country
in my lecture in Mc Cormick Hall
Feb. 27th. There were four different

Papers represented at the lecture
but only one - the Tribune - alluded
to my mention of you - ~~not~~ except
the "press" dispatch. I described
your apparatus at length by
Diagram.

Of course you have
had no means of knowing what I
had done in the matter of transmitting
vocal sounds. When however you
see the specification you will
see that the fundamental principles
are contained therein. I do not
however claim even the credit of
inventing it, as I do not believe
a mere description of an idea that
has never been reduced to practice -
in the strict sense of that phrase
should be dignified with the name
invention.

Yours truly
Elisha Gray