



### BIRTH OF THE TELEPHONE

In this new diorama in the New York Museum of Science and Industry at Rockefeller Center, one can see what happened when the first sound was sent over a wire, on June 2, 1875, in the attic of a building in Boston. In the course of experiments with a "harmonic telegraph" Alexander Graham Bell (right) distinctly heard through his instrument the twang of a steel reed attached to the transmitter when his assistant, Thomas A. Watson (left), plucked it in an adjoining room. Before the building was razed ten years ago detailed plans were made of the attic, and the diorama was prepared with their aid. As the visitor watches, he sees Mr. Watson move his arm, and through a telephone receiver he can hear a twang like that heard by Professor Bell. This is one of a series of dioramas which will depict such dramatic events as Hertz's discovery of radio waves, and Marconi's first transatlantic radio signal.

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