

Letter from C. Francis Jenkins to Arthur W. McCurdy, January 18, 1898

THE JENKINS PHANTOSCOPE C. FRANCIS JENKINS ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEER 1325 F St. Northwest WASHINGTON, D. C. Moving Picture Cameras Printers Developers Perforators Jan.18,1898. Mr. Arthur W. McCurdy, Washington. Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of Saturday, and replying beg to advise that I shall endeavor to so improve the apparatus as to fully meet Mr. Bell's approval in the matter complained of. It is not an impossibility, or, in fact, very difficult, and hope, ere the coming of the summer, to overcome the present trouble.

Should Mr. Bell care to pay the cost of construction, I will gladly guarantee a satisfactory instrument or pay the bills myself. The only advantage accruing to you him , as far as I can see, is the earlier accomplishment of the desired object, and the honor of its introduction which would fall upon Mr. Bell. The cost would be less than \$200 att all told. This would be applied to the reproduction of speech, as this requires alone the construction of a portrait camera.

Yours very truly, C. Francis Jenkins P.S. The actual cost for material used in the experiments to which you refer amounted to about \$13.80.