

## **Letter from C.W. Reeves to Alexander Graham Bell, June 19, 1886**

That other and greater inventions may yet follow in the wake of the telephone seems at least probable. It is telegraphed from Washington that Dr. Chichester A. Bell claims to have discovered the means of photographing and accurately reproducing by the aid of a microphone the sound waves which cause reverberations in a fluid jet; and that Prof. Alex. Graham Bell says that his cousin's invention is of more importance and of greater prospective value than even his own invention of the telephone. It is said that the things already accomplished by this new invention are marvelous. To all the wonderful inventions of this century it is possible that its remaining fourteen years may yet add others which will be recognized as fitly crowning the achievements of a century already far in advance of all its predecessors in its wonderful discoveries and in the great variety of their practical applications to the happiness and progress of the race.