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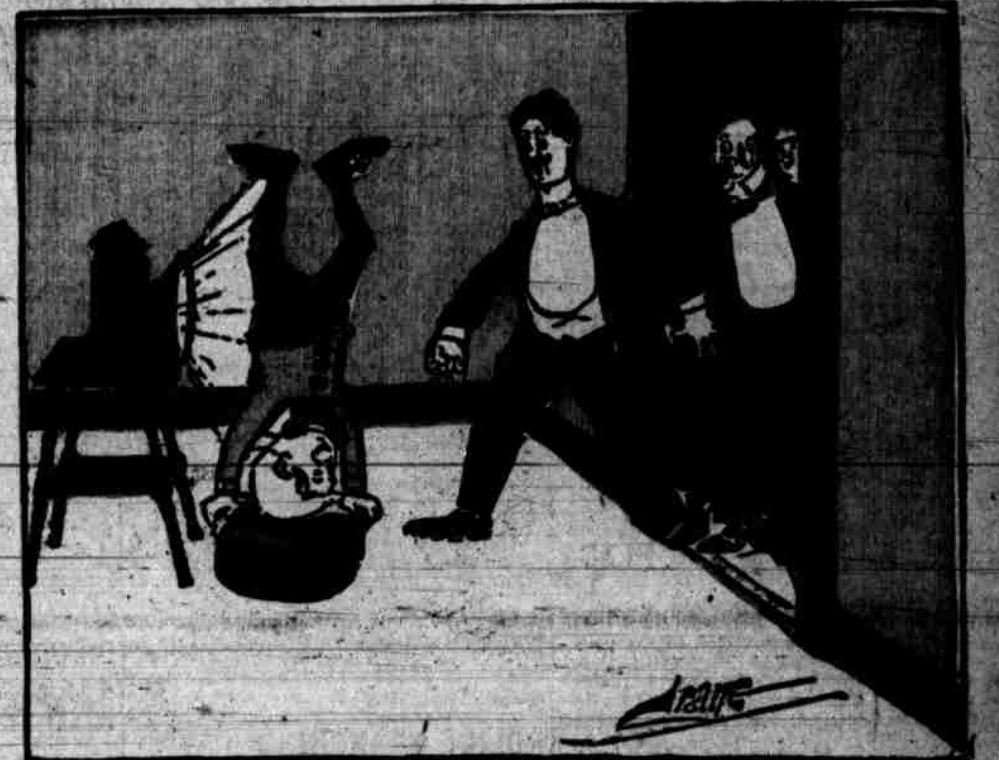
WILLIE WESTINGHOUSE'S LITTLE JOKE ON HIS SISTER'S BEAU



Dear Tommy: We had a watch meeting at our house on New Year's Eve. Maudie's beau gave a lecture on light. I enclose diagram showing one of his experiments.

He showed me how to stand in front of the light in the back parlor.

Then he explained to the company how I would appear upside down on the screen, and turned off the lights.



Say, Tommy, you should have heard the racket when the lights went out! They made all kinds of fun of Reggie because I was right-side-up on the screen!

You see, I just stood on my head to get even with Reggie for laughing at my inventions. Yours truly, Willie.

PRETENDING PERCY IS TRAPPED BY HIS OWN PHONOGRAPH



NOW, WILLIE, BE CAREFUL NOT TO USE ANY STRONG LANGUAGE BEFORE MY PERCY BECAUSE IT MIGHT INJURE HIS MORALS.

I CAN'T BEAR STRONG LANGUAGE.

I'LL LEAVE THIS NEW TALKING MACHINE HERE ON THE TABLE AND GET COUSIN PERCY TO PLAY LEAD FROG WITH ME.

HERE'S WHERE I GIVE HIM A GOOD BUMP!

I WON'T DO A THING TO HIM WHEN IT'S MY TURN TO JUMP.

OUCH!

LOBSTER!—!x? BLANKETY BLANK! D—N!—!x? @DASH! SNIPE!—!x? DARN!—!x? CHUMP!—!x?!

GEE! BUT HE CAN SWEAR!

GOODNESS GRACIOUS! WHO WAS USING ALL THAT TERRIBLE LANGUAGE???

WHO—ME?

IT WAS COUSIN WILLIE

LOBSTER!—!x? OH DEAR! THAT'S PERCY'S VOICE!

YOU FORGOT THAT THE TALKING MACHINE WAS HERE, PERCY

PERCY CAN'T BEAR STRONG LANGUAGE

YOU SHALL HAVE YOUR MOUTH WASHED OUT WITH SOAP AND WATER.