DADDY LONG LEGS

The name of Alexander Graham Bell is indeed a hallowed one here at the Institute. And the name of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is indeed a hallowed one in the accounting offices of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. For here at the Institute we have upwards of two thousand telephone subscribers. The number of lines for the MIT is far larger in New England. Even the lowest revenue assistant in the office is a tough operator in a sub-sub-basement. The annual MIT telephone bill is therefore in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars, or enough to provide a case of beer to each and every Tech student on each day of the year.

The revenue in the Telephone Department may be justified by the fact that there are two separate and independent telephone systems. One is a public service which the police of the administration's belief for the students and the faculty. The two are of different breeds, and must not be allowed to mix, even over the telephone. Hence the two systems are non-interconnecting. In the Electrical Engineering department, however, there are apparently a number of "half-breeds," for this department has somehow managed to become connected. In the Electrical Engineering department, however, there are apparently a number of "half-breeds," for this department has somehow managed to become connected. This should serve as an object lesson to other branches of the faculty on the need for purity of the race.

Among the privileges granted to members of the faculty as persons is the privilege to be seen waiting in line at a telephone booth. Hence all faculty members need only dial 9 on their telephones to get a line to the outside world via a Boston dial tone. For this privilege they have been graciously provided with a 10 trunk lines to the Cambridge central office, plus five lines to the Boston long distance operator. Unfortunately there are 115,000 nautical mile calls made monthly by members of the faculty to be corrected, for they had never believed that it was possible to see such an array of lights, They apparently have never watched the sun rise, for to them, "You goofed!" Through some mystery they have apparently managed to secure for themselves this rare privilege.

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