

SHATTERED

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Wax cylinder 1 (translated into English)

DUDE B: . . . you are wasting my time.

DUDE A: You are a guest in my home, and so I entertain you. You will have to stand much closer to the apparatus. Like this. (the next lines finally become audible) You must speak very loudly into it. Come, come!

DUDE B: What is the point of this contraption?

DUDE A: You didn't react this way to the telegraph. I thought you had a belief in the workings of progress.

DUDE B: The telegraph came a long time ago. We were younger men.

DUDE A: You really must *speak loudly into the horn!*

DUDE B: And you invented all this, did you?

DUDE A: Naturally.

DUDE B: I read the newspapers. Had not Thomas Edison . . .?

DUDE A: A trifle. This is a design, an improvement, to my own specifications. You'll believe me when I play it back.