



He made a magic wire talk your language...



Alexander Graham Bell

It was different then. The old enemy of distance prowled everywhere. And people were separated by the bigness of this land.

That was what started young Alec Bell thinking. He knew well what it meant to be shut off from the sounds of familiar voices. You see, he was a teacher of the deaf.

It wasn't easy—explaining sound to those who knew only silence. He had to take hold of sound and pry loose her secrets. He had to find out what she looks like. What she's made of. And then he learned that sound was willing to learn from him.

So he taught sound to change herself into a new form—electricity that wiggled up and down along a wire and carried with it all the laughter and sadness and anger and love of men's everyday conversation.

Wherever they strung Alec's wire, distance just shriveled away. The plain, friendly speech of the western farmer could be heard, clear and distinct, in Boston. A man in New York could find out how things were going in California without even raising his voice. Alexander Graham Bell's telephone was talking their language.

Some inventions change the way people live all over the world. If so many of them have happened in America, it's because in this country there's always a dream of doing things better. And part of that dream is that each of us can make it come true.

John Hancock
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Ask your John Hancock Agent about our new Signature Series—the most advanced life insurance contracts for every need.