



“Photos” (Photo: Pinterest)
Victorian Photo Booth, ca. 1890

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Theodore Jerome Cohen

“Dora, look into the camera.”

“I am looking into the camera. Are you?”

“Yes, but you’re so serious. You can smile a little, you know.”

“Oops, there goes the shutter. Hold still, Dora. We’ll get another one in a few seconds.”

“Alfred, you’re tickling me! Get your hands off my waist!”

“I’m not tickling you!”

“Bwahahaha! Alfred, stop it! Someone’s going to hear us. Bwahahaha! ALFRED, STOP!”

“Oops, there goes the shutter again. Get ahold of yourself, Dora. The last picture is a total waste. Come on, now, be serious. These are for your parents. What will they think?”

“They’ll think you scandalized me in this booth, Alfred, that’s what they’ll think! I’m trying to be serious but you keep spoiling the pictures.”

“Okay, okay. Let’s try again. Are you looking into the camera?”

[Shutter snaps] “Darn it, I was watching you, Alfred. I was afraid you would start tickling me again.”

“You mean like this?”

“Bwahahaha! Alfred, STOP IT! People are going to think we are doing something—”

[Shutter snaps] “Well, you just spoiled another picture, my dear. Whatever are we going to show your parents? These were supposed to be photographs to celebrate our engagement.”

“Well, we can’t show them any of these, that’s for sure. They’re awful. And if my father sees them, he will kill you!”