

The Plight of the Mimes
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Mimes really have a hard life. They have to wear those tights and that funny makeup all of the time. All of that thick white makeup must be bad for the complexion, too. Then of course, the poor guys are always getting trapped in those invisible boxes that slowly close in. Then they fall down stairs and get picked on at parties. However, nobody had it worse than the mimes of the old west. Those were the true pioneers. Not only did they get trapped in the invisible boxes, but they also had trouble in imaginary gunfights. Their art was not appreciated either. When they would throw invisible ropes around imaginary cattle, the ranch hands didn't like it a bit. As one historian put it, "No one got beat up more often than the mimes of the old west." However, these guys would not give up. They knew they had something and would not be put down by men in wearing chaps and big hats. (The mimes seemed to think that striped leggings were stylish.) Despite the fact that in general opinion mimes were, and still are, at least slightly more annoying than a shotgun wound to the head, the mimes bravely went on practicing their art. It only goes to show you the value of perseverance. Because those mimes did not give up, today you can be pestered, annoyed,

even tormented by mimes in any part of America. There are mimes in New York, New Orleans, Seattle, and there are even several employed by Disney World. Mimes are an influence in the world today that must not be ignored. These strong willed artists still face adversity and glass walls but refuse to back down. Granted, they may fall a lot. However, even though they are often hunted for sport in many modern urban areas, they do not lose their painted on smile. That is true courage. That is what we should look to for guidance in America today. Hooray for the mimes!