Patent Office
Oct. 18. 1845.

Sir

Yours of 15th inst duly received. I was much surprised on finding when in New York that my improvement in the relay magnet was in your hands and that you had made an instrument involving my improvement, and differing only in form. The improvement was bargained for by Prof. Morse under the sanction of the Assignees of his right, and as I had no means at present of protecting myself I trusted the instrument to Prof. Morse with an injunction of secresy, presuming upon my contract for its adoption. There has evidently been a breach of trust somewhere. I do not wish to intermeddle with the telegraphic operations and do not care to investigate the

matter to create unpleasant feeling. Mr Kendall will undoubtedly see that justice is done. The improvements I claim in the magnetic lever or in the relay magnet are first the vibrating armature between the poles of a magnet in such manner that the directive property of the magnet may be brought into operation, instead of the straight pull, as in all the levers used hitherto in the telegraph; this lever arrangement I have made and used in my experiments for making and breaking the circuit with other pieces of apparatus, since 1837. The most important and recent improvement which I claim, is operating the armature ~~between~~ within the coils and this I claim broadly. You say your improvement does not in the least interfere with mine, but you did not specify your improvements. I am pleased that you are thus satisfied, and if you have made any improvements original in themselves, or have improved upon my invention, you are fully entitled to such

benefits as properly accrue. According to my contract I am bound to take out a patent whenever authorized, and dispose of the same upon terms already agreed upon. which I shall do in a few months. To protect myself I cannot assent to the use of the above principles in such way as to take them out of my control.

I should be glad to purchase a large amount of wire and coils also, if you can afford them cheaper than I am now paying.

What can you furnish me 60 lbs of No 15 wire well covered, for. I want it covered in the neatest manner with cotton say about the same as Davis's. Please answer as soon as convenient. The wire must be pure copper or as pure as the best wire in the market.

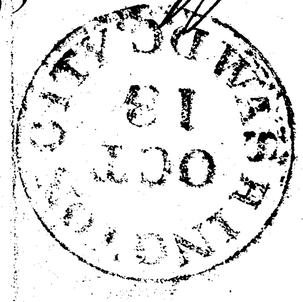
Respectfully Yours &c.

Chas. G. Page

Rec'd & Answered thro' the

Chas G Page
180 ct 45

Mr. E. Lemme
New York
N.Y.



Buffalo Oct 19 1845

My Dear Brother

Mr Mills has just returned from Rochester & informs me that the main line from here to Albany is now under contract & is to be ready for the wire in 60 days & furthermore that if the wire can be procured in time it is to be on the poles in the 60 days.

He is going to Albany in the morning & wants me to write you again to forward the Platina, immediately as Easton & I will be out of business as soon as Wednesday morning if it is not here.

We should have finished putting on the wire Friday if we had not fallen short about 4½ miles & had to send to Utica for it.

I got him this morning & I shall put it on to-morrow

I hope the relay magnets are ready as Mr Mills is very anxious to have the line in operation immediately

If they are not ready send

the platinum & them and the magnets as soon as they can be finished.

They are such a "go-ahead" sort of fellows up this way that it will not answer to disappoint them.

I think it would be well to make an alteration in the glass cups for the main line, i.e. make them longer so that they will not slip off the pins so easily, & have the hole all the way of a size.

You must be sure & have these things all right as they depend entirely upon you to plan the whole matter.

I hope you will get one of Mungers instruments soon & see what you think of them. I am fearful that they are too cheap an article.

I hope these will work well as I would not be balked now for a good fortune.

If I can get the platina they shall have a thorough trial.

I have not rec'd. your last 2 letters as I went to Lockport to put up the wires from that end after getting it started here, & they were forwarded to the Express agt. there, I did not return to Lockport

but came through on the line. I have sent for them & as soon as I rec'd them will answer them.

I hardly think Mary Ann will go to N.Y. this fall as I told her I was quite confident you would be at home this fall & come on to this line.

I talked with Elijah about going on to the Tel. work & he said he was anxious to have a chance for a winter job with us as soon as he could finish the work that he had contracted to do in Ithaca. But it appears now that they will have the N.Y. A. and Buffalo line completed by the time he would be ready to leave Ithaca.

Perhaps you will know more about his plans by the time you rec'd this.

Mr Mills I like very much and I shall try to answer his expectations of me. I want no better man to be under the direction of than Mr M.

If I can get as good a salary & be as useful to the enterprise on the N.Y. A & B line I should prefer remaining on it to going on to the N.Y. & Phil. I can hardly see where they will find competent men to manage all their routes.

O. S. Wood
19 Oct 45

I have just rec'd from Sam'l Colt one of Vail's pamphlets. Carter would like one of them. They can be had at Burgess & Stringer's. Send Davis' Manual to me together with the rest of Gardner's lectures that are out. O.S.

Yours truly
O. Comstock

My health is better than it was in the summer. I will send you one of my private communications that you may get it by Mr. Peters. Tables that I have just been preparing. Shall see you when I visit the city. Shall not write to T.O.S. Smith. I wrote to Mr. Mc Smith. Shall write him again. Remember me to Mrs. Smith. The copyright is about out. Shall write again. Yours truly, O. Comstock

New York Oct 20. 1845

Sir Yours of the 18th inst was rec'd this morning. I am sorry to perceive that you regard the circumstance of my having possession of your Magnet as involving "a breach of trust somewhere" I plead not guilty to such a charge myself and I am confident that Dr Gale's motives were pure, If you had made the arrangement with Prof Morse that you say you have, and if Mr Kendall has made the arrangement with you that he wrote me he had, Then I cannot see the impropriety of my seeing your magnet. What is the difference whether it is plows in my hands a few days sooner or later? I can see none and Dr Gale could see non, Dr Gale understood the circumstances under which the magnet was ~~placed~~ in entrusted with Prof Morse as you explain it in your letter and would have withheld all knowledge of it from me, had it not been for Mr Kendalls letter which Dr Gale understood as removing the necessity for further secrecy, in the matter. I hope therefore you will not charge the Dr with a breach of trust,

Your invention as you specify it rests upon the same principle that I understood it to before, and can see no reason for any clashing in regard to our respective inventions.

I can furnish you 60" or any other quantity of No 15. Yarn of as good a quality as is in the market or can be made in this country covered well with as fine cotton as Davis uses for 40 cts per lb

I can have coils of any dimentions of shape wound for you as well as they can be done any where, and as cheap. When there is a number of coils of the same size it will cost less than when the size varies. If you wish coils made at any time, forward the dimentions and I will have it done for you and charge you only the cost and expenses attending it,

My object in proposing to do it at such rates is to give some person enough business at it to enable them to do it at the lowest prices.

If you want wire drawn to extra long lines or any particular dimentions. I can have it done for you from the best material and at very low prices. a slight advance from Wholesale.

Yours Respectfully
E. Correll

Dr C. G Boyer

Copy of letter to Dr Chas. G. Boyer in answer to his of Oct 18. 1845
Answered Oct 20. 1845

Sandyville Oct 21st 1845

Mr Cornell Dear Sir I have to inform you that Mr Richard Mead has this day commenced ~~a suit~~ an action against Mr Park and myself for the amount of eight dollars on account of his bill for hauling poles The facts of the case are as follows. On the 16th of October, I engaged Mr Mead to haul a load of poles from Hackingsack to Paterson at the price of one dollar seventy five cents per load which he did, Upon his return, he refused to haul by the piece, or by the load, but said he would do a fair, honest days work for twenty shillings per day, I closed with the offer and told him to get two more teams at the same rate, Subsequently to this, and unknown to me, Mr Park told him (Mr Mead) that a four mule team would be allowed more than two horse team in proportion to the number of poles they brought. Next morning Mr Mead and Mr Palmer came to work at half past nine oclock Mr Mead brought ~~ten~~ poles, ~~Mr Palmer brought~~ Mr Palmer with his mules brought sixteen. I gave Mr Mead credit for three forths of a days work for each team, one at ~~$1~~ $2,50 and the other at $4,00 per day, according to agreement, and by your direction When I offer'd to settle, Mr Mead denied that the bargain was to work by the day.

but declared that he was to be paid by the load, himself at 20¢ and the mules at $4,50. Of course I refused to pay it, and he commenced suit. You preceive by this that neither Mr Park nor myself can be witnesses as we are both included in the action untill you have taken some action in the matter The case is to be tried next Tuesday morning at 11 oclock before Justie Sanford in main street opposite E & H Clark's store, Mr Clark is bail for our appearence, Mr Mead is a pettifogger himself and has the reputation of being a troublesome man I conclude with the suggestion that Mr Daniel Barlow is a good lawyer and a fit person to entrust with a matter of this kind His pretentions are false as it is possible to conceive but that makes it none the less difficult to contend with him and his drunken gang who hang around his grocery

Yours in hast

L. M. Tush to

E. Cornell

Petersburg 22 Oct

E. Orrell Esq

Mr Fish has kindly offered me a part of his Stent. he has Leased all to you in regard to the difficulty. I have only to say so far as I am Concerned I Cant tell why I am included for I never offered my hand to him on the subject of the treaty I walked over to the Grocery with Mr F. when he went to Consummate the bargain (as it had been settled up before) The next Morning Mr Mead Came in and said he Could get a 4 Mule team and asked me if the would receive pay in proportion to what other teams done. I told him I thought there would be no objection to that. Mr Fish on the preceding page has told you when and whom before and all the particulars H. I. wrote you yesterday for Corps we are out and want them more both Hands and Picks and have only about 40 Picks on hand Can Enlist them all in one day when the Corps Comes the hands in all digging and an about a mile and a half about Mr Gregory is this Sick of Measles with the

Yours &c

L. D. Pauls

E. Cornell Esqr

No 10 Wall st

Newyork

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New York Oct 25. 1845

My Dear Alonzo

I Rec'd your kind letter of the 19th inst this day. and read it with a great deal of pleasure.

I think by the plan you disclose that you are learning to take care of yourselves pretty well if you can only contrive to pay your way. Who is going to pay Mother's Elizabeth's & A's board at uncle M's I dont know but I had better post them so that they cant run me in debt for board &c, Mother might pay her way by tending baby for aunt Cory if she had one, but that is it, She has none, so she cant have that job, Now I should like to know how their board is to be paid, If mother would come down here I would pay her board, and I guess that is more than she will find anybody willing to do for her there, Lizy wont eat much as she will Study so hard that she wont get time to eat, So it wont cost much to pay her board. And Perry will have so much mischief to do that he wont find time to eat much, So. I guess I shall have to pay their board Just ask mother how she is going to pay her board. and let us have that settled,

Then how will you & Frank get along who pays your board. I am afraid that you are both to lazy to do chores or any kind of work enough to pay your own boards. Now I right in that, I

I hope not, and if I find that I am wrong I will acknowledge, and I will further make this proposition to you that. if you are smart and learn enough to buy your board I will buy it for you, I will also pay for books if he is smart and learns well, but dont you run me in debt for board and idle away your time too, that will be more than I can stand,

I am glad to learn that there is good Schools at those points, and that you feel anxious to get to a good School

Tell Good Father Wood, that I congratulate him for his success in getting the best School in the Co. for I think it is due principally to his exertions.

I am sorry, very sorry, to learn that the prospect is not so good for a School at Fall Creek, We have a good School House and it has cost me a good deal of money to get it built, and I really hope the Trustees will use every means to secure a good School for the Schollors of that district,

As I proceede with your letter I find that Aunt Cory made the proposition for this dispersement, She must have some motive in it, What can it be? and that she is a going to write me about it, no danger of that if the Felow lays dormant until she writes me a letter I fear you will Stand the winter at Fall Creek She will have nis to write, but that is all. I Shall

get no letters from her. I see that you are of opinion that I shall have to say "yes" to her proposition to satisfy her, that may be, but I will wait till she makes the proposition, and by that time I shall have leisure enough to any thing I please.

I am sorry that Hammond was so careless as to lose those lectures. if they are not forwarded soon I will buy another set and forward to you, you shall have them if you will only read them and profit by them. They are undoubtedly the best course of scientific lectures ever delivered in this country. They are worth their weight in gold, and every word in them is worthy being committ to memory, and I should feel proud of any boy who would commit them to memory besides hoping him a handsome premium.

You may tell Grand Mother Wood that I had intended to have written her a letter of congratulation about a month ago, but I had both them and now I have forgotten what I meant to write, so I fear she has lost a first rate letter, but she has my compliments in its stead, and they are better than nothing.

You will give my respects to My Father and Mother, Jane and the boys, also give My Respects to Uncle E.B. and Aunt Betsy Ann & Children, tell Uncle I should like to hear from him

and know how he is getting along. and tell him We shall have the Telegraph done to Philadelphia in an other month at furthest. I had a letter from Uncle Orrin yesterday his health is good and he is getting along finely.

Give my respects to Uncle M.L. & Cousy. and tell C I should like to have that tellescope before there is any change in the Postage laws.

Mr Alonzo B Cornell
Master Mariner
Albany
N. Y

Mr Orrin Cornell
Oct 23rd 1845
New York city

Give my love to mother and the children tell Perry to look and see if he can find the kite that I send him with this.

Yours With a Fathers Affection

E. Cornell

Alonzo B. Cornell

Buffalo Oct 25 1845

My Dear Brother

I have rec'd 2 or 3 letters from you since I wrote you one of which contained some charges against me for not attending to answering some but you would withdraw them if you had had my experience for the last week in building Tel

We fell short of wire some 5 or 6 miles & sent to Utica & had it forwarded by Express & such work as was made with the wire I have not seen before.

They tumbled it about until they knocked off both ends of one of the spools & coppered the ends of the other.

I took the last & went on to the line to finish putting up the wire & it was so heavy that by the time I got out where I wanted to work it was in such condition I could do nothing with it.

I returned to Buffalo (about 20 miles) & rolled it all over.

The condition of it was such

that a person not used to handling wire would not have got it untangled.

Those spools should be fastened together much stronger than they are & not so much on a spool.

Wire sent such a distance should not weigh over 250 lbs. The largest spool that ~~Chandler~~ came by express to us weighed 388 & it was nearly ruined. I should have got the wire all up Tues. if the wire had come in good order. It will cost this Co. 8 or 10 dollars by the spools being so weak & so much upon them. I think you had better look to this.

The wire be put up with the clove hitch. Our line is ready if it is not broken. Some of the work put up by the gang on this end has broken badly; the caps have come off also which they put on. I used white lead to put in the caps.

I bot. 2 instruments with me have just been trying one of them. It works very well with 4 cups but Cantu will want at least 6.

I think you had better send more platina, say a strip of the narrow at least 1/16 in. long & a strip

28 inches long of the wide. We shall want a strong battery as Easton touches his dots so lightly.

Easton wants you to send him ~~another~~ 3 more pamphlets of Vails & Davis' Manual. I rec'd mine last night.

Forward us a bill of what you get for us & we will send the money to you by Express.

I am anxious to see your relay-magnets & hope you have made some improvements that will be of use to you.

The lines we had amalgamated before I rec'd your directions but as much obliged to you as if he had it yet to do. I think they are well done. You have probably seen Mr Wells who has informed you of the operations of the N.Y.A. & B. Tel. Co. The main line was all under contract from here to Albany before he left here to be completed in 60 days.

Confidential. The line from this place to Lockport is put up very shamefully. I do not think some of the poles will stand up more than 2 or 3 years.

It is a miserable piece of work. I hope the main line will be made

do that I can go on to it in a few weeks. I feel much relieved since I got this instrument to work, I think I will make it all go. If Carter can write on a long Circuit, I have got to train him Considerably though.

I find him to be a first-rate fellow & all Connected with Mr Wells business here.

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O. S. Wood Esq
Lockport & Niagara Falls
N. Y.

I have not rec'd a word from any one since I left home but you, but think there is news in the Lockport Office for me.

Do all of my packages go free to you? I am very much obliged to you for the Copy you sent me of the your letter to Mr. It is the best thing I have seen, I intend to write him to-morrow & will give him a few words of advice. This will be the best thing that has ever happened to him if he heeds it. Sincerely yours O S Wood

Oct 25 P.M.

I think the inst. that I have tried does not work very strong but it seems to improve as we use it.

Our Express fail nation down since the robbery at Rochester.

Write as often as you find time & send the Platina when you send C's books. We had only enough for 14 large cups & 8 small.

How do you get along with the N.Y. & Phil. line?

The Lockport papers got our line completed 2 days before we got the wire on, on account of the wire coming in such condition.

Have you sent for any of Mungers instruments yet?

I can think of nothing more at present. If Mitchell answers your letter let me know the substance.

Yours with the most aff. regard

E Connell Esqr

O. O. Ford

Q S Moon
25 October

E Comell Esq

New York Oct 26. 1845. 9 P.M

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I have not had the pleasure of receiving my weekly messages from you this or the past week. I rec'd a good letter from Alonzo. perhaps you intended that to take the place of mothers if so I will not complain. Under those circumstances I will turn back and answer your very kind letter of the 12 & 14 inst, which I have not had time to answer although I have written once since it rec'd. I was prevented last Sunday from writing to you by being engaged in making drawings for an improvement in the Telegraph that I am about petitioning for a patent for. I have been engaged in the same way to day, and have not yet got them completed but I have tired myself out and I turn to the pen for rest. My unexpected and extraordinary breaking out that I explained to you in one of my last is cured up the Salt water bathing has proved effectual. Everything in the way of business is moving on in fine stile. Livingston & Wells Express messenger was robed last Thursday night at Rochester of a trunk of money Containing probably an $100,000 or more sum not known yet. It is a bad business. I hope they may find it.

In your letter that I sat down to answer I got the first and only account that I have had of the wedding. I have no doubt from your discription that it was a very good sort of a wedding and that the youngones were very well united as willing hearts always but at the same time I rather guess it was a *grave* concern, dont you?

But they started off, ah! that is a little wpish, to spend the "honey Moon" away from worldly cares, that is right go it, let'em get what ~~what~~ honey they can on the start, then if they should get a bite of wormwood by and by, they will have some sweet recollections to fall back upon, but they have my best wishes for health and happiness.

I am glad to learn that Miller has paid a part of his rent and I hope before this he had paid the ballance,

We shall have to put a new Roof on the ~~Little~~ part of the house, I wish I had time to come home and get it done,

I have expected you down to see me but I suppose you find various dificulties in the way but if I am not able to get home this fall you must come down here, after you get the Children provided for, The scriptures tells us that a Virtuous Wife provides for her household, and says many other fine things in her behalf that I cant cote as the Book is not by me for the moment, but I can assure that I appreciate the

"virtuous Wife" as fully as did any of the Patriarchs of old, I only regret that it is not in my power to make her more happy with my presence, but as time adds interest to the debt so will my protracted absence add happiness to our meeting.

Alonzo's letter disclosed an arrangement that he said Corry was the author of and that she was going to submit it to me for approval I have not yet heard from her, but I could not object to any arrangement that would add to your means of enjoyment, and increase facilities for the children to go to school Ive must pay particular attention to the education of our dear children, that they may be able to take care of themselves when we are not here to take care of them and that they may be come ornaments to society, and blessings to their parents

Do in all these matters as you judge for the best, for I have confidence enough in your judgment, to approve any thing that you think best to do,

The rebellion seems very fair, and I hope will continue so for some time to come,

You will Please give my Respects to Parents, Children & friends, and take for self

With affectionate Regard

E. Correll

E Cornell
Oct 27th 1845

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Mrs E Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y

B. Squires just arrived all well

Elizabethtown Oct. 27th 1845

E. Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir, I understand our wires are broken in a dozen to twenty places on the Somerville Railroad. Those who have seen them tell me they think it has been done by their being drawn too taut — they say the wire has no sag or very little, being nearly straight from post to post, producing such a strain upon it that a slight movement of the posts by wind or otherwise, breaks it. In looking at the wire in the City it struck me that it was too tight, and I would recommend that a little more sag be given to it in future.

I have this morning passed over both the old road and Turnpike between here and Newark. It had not occured to Mr. Crane that to get along the Turnpike, we should be obliged to get the consent of property-holders within the corporation of Newark as well as without, so that the work of getting consent was not half done. In view of that difficulty and Mayer's obstinacy here, but more in consequence of having to cross a mile and a quarter of 20ft marsh where it will be very difficult and expensive to make posts stand, I have concluded that it is best to follow the old

road. Shall employ Mr. Crane to attend to it and also to get the right from the City of Newark, so that you may have no trouble about that matter, and may proceed forward with your work. Only in the event of failure to get the consent of the township authorities will you take the franchise.

Yours truly

Amos Kendall

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E. Cornell Esq
Supt. Mag. Telegraph
New York

Philadelphia Oct. 29th 1845

S. Cornell Esq.

Mr. Cook tells me that no wire has been sent to him. Please forward to him enough for about 14 miles to ~~Rockville~~, about 30 miles to New Hope and about 30 miles to Philadelphia as soon as ready. The precise quantities, to each place, are not material; but the aggregate should be 73 to 74 miles.

He also tells me the pins have not been sent with the caps, and that the former, as received, have been found to be of different sizes and some of them of the most indifferent timber. He has had to work over a portion of them which were too large for the holes in the caps. If it be not too late, please withhold your pins and not pay for those which will not fit or are of soft wood.

I observed four pins up in Newyork; but forgot to ask whether you are putting up four all along the line. They cannot be necessary now and it may produce deficiencies and delays.

Mr. G. informs me that he finds a box of pins here this morning.

A room in the Exchange here is offered us at $100 per annum for an office which we shall doubtless accept.

I hope soon to hear of the success of your experiment in crossing the North River.

I shall leave here this evening or in the morning. Tomorrow.

Yours truly

Amos Kendall

Mr Kendall from
Phil Oct 29. 1845
Cont 30 to Wash

New York Oct 30. 1845

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

Your very kind letter of the 26th inst arrived to day and informed me that you are all well, any excusing that you think your self intitled to for not writing the usual previous you must take, but I had much rather know the Letters than to excuse you for not writing, I am glad to hear that you had a visit from Emily, who by the bye must begin to feel a little as though "this world is a floating show" since Horrill has Elbowed her aside, and stepped off, but you must encourage her to have faith, and wait with patience, and as for A - I suppose she will not acknowledge herself to blame since you set her the example, Your going to Church I approve as I do your doings in general, I think however the Churches are not as useful as they would be if they would teach their disciples and hearers to practice upon the precepts laid down by Christ Do unto others, as you would that should do unto you, Love your Neighbour as your self, Let him who is free from Sin Cast the first Stone; &c &c &c.

Your are fitting "The boys" out with new Clothes, that is right, "A Virtuous wife provides for her household, She clothes them with purple and fine linnen", "I perceive that my colation is not correct although it is about right, I will look a verse or two and then refer you to Proverbs 31. 10 —

I cant now consent to quote verbatim as the first sentence is a question, I cannot make it a question. so I will alter that verse to suit my own notion,

10 I have found "a virtuous woman," and "her price is far above rubies,

11 "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil,"

12 "She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life."

13 "She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."

14 "She is like the Merchants' Ship, she bringeth her food from afar;"

20 "She Stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth her fourth hand to the needy;"

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet;"

22 She maketh her self coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple,

23 Her Husband is known in the gates[x], when he sitteth among the Elders of the land;"

The Wisdom of Solomon was not misplaced when he compared the above proverbs

Nor was the confidence of your husband My Dear, misplaced when he decided on selecting you as a companion for life and I trust you will always find that your own confidence was as worthily bestowed.

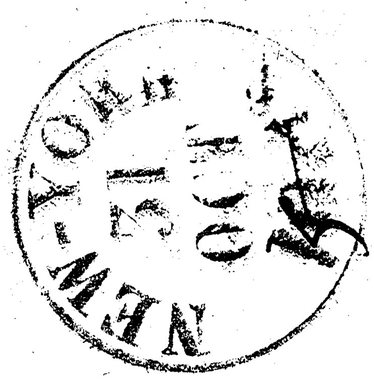
The eruptions described in my letter of the 18th has intirely disappeared, the last signs of it was on the back of the left hand where it first appeared, that is just rather rough and scaly, the right hand has from the beginning been smooth without the least signs of a breaking out, I think it must have been poison from Ivy, caught at the back of the left hand,

[x] Telegraph companies,

I am glad Father has not wanted the P.B.
I should like to have been to the Museum and the
Opera, but I should still more like to visit
you and our dear Children,
In regard to the Inspection &c M. L & C
you must judge wisely in the matter, I
dont know how for the arrangement might
work well, I thought this, that after you
got your little family divided and settled
all going to School &c, it might enable
you to slip away and come down here
and spend a month or so with me,
look at it in that light as well as others and
decide as your judgment dictates to be right.
We have so few persons to expend
in this Telegraph business that I dont
expect to get much above the low
even after this line is done, I shall
not loose a chance however to go home if
one occurs, I hope we shall get this line
to work in two or three days longer,
I sent my papers on to Washington the day for
a patent for improvement in the Tel, and am
making arrangements to take out patents,
in England and various other countries on
the continent, My arrangement will be
to give the parties both to get it patented
abroad for of expense to me, I dont want
the matter lothing about yet, I hear from
Orrin frequently he is well and well pleased

I have written him two or three times a week thus far, I think I can keep him interested so that he will make a fair start, B. M. S is busy making his purchases. he is well and feels well,

Ephraim Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.



Mrs E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

I shall take pleasure in buying you a muff, and shall indulge in pleasure in the selection, but you should have asked me in one of your letters to buy it for you, that would have pleased be better than for you to ask through B.

Yours faithfully
E. Cornell

Buffalo Oct 30. 1845

My Dear Brother

The relay magnets which you wrote me 2 days ago about have not yet arrived.

I suppose it is through some neglect on the part of the agents.

I got out of business yesterday & went down to Niagara to visit the Falls. and also to see what I could get paper for. They think they can make paper for us at 11 cents per pound.

What did it cost you before cutting out & what did the cutting cost?

I write now more particularly to know how soon we can have some wire for the main line between here & Rochester.

I hope very soon as there will probably be some 20 miles of posts ready & up in the course of a couple of weeks. Do you attend to having it insulated?

I am very anxious to have it commenced as I shall be out of business soon after I get this line at work.

At least if I am not out of business they cannot afford to any more than pay my board here until they get a portion of the main line ready.

I think you will see the importance of having it under way & do what you can to forward it. We could use 20 miles of it now on the Lockport poles if it were here.

Is Wm Hammond with you yet? I am fearful that losing that trunk will ruin Livingston & Wells & seriously affect the progress of the Tel.

Direct letters hereafter to Lockport as I shall probably be there.

Any packages or books that you may send you can direct to Mr Carton & he will forward them to me.

Mr Rcd. a letter from Mr Taylor this morning who is waiting to hear us make a noise up here about our success.

I have Rcd. another letter from Vail, Mo is anxious to make me his agt. for the sale of his book.

Says I can make pocket change out of it. Yours very sincerely O.E. Wood

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E Connell Esqr
care of Livingston & Wells
New York

Oswego
30 Oct/45

Bloomfield Oct 28. 45 -

W. E. Connelly,

Dear Sir

We sent to Bloomfield

Four Reels Wire — two are left at
Harris Dock. on the Canal at Bloomfield
the other two forwarded per Canal Boat —
by W-Ward — also 1 D Plunger to
W Loom Wire — this day delivered to
W-Smith 106 W Loom Wire & three
Reels —

Yours Truly

Stephens & Conway

I shall be in New York to morrow
& if convenient would be glad to see
you at W-Sweeds Cary at 10 or Past 10 —

Dr. C. Cornelle

New York