Ithaca 1 Dec 1844

Dear Sir

I have seen in the Boston papers that you are doing a land office business, enlightening the Yankees on Electricity, Galvanism, Telegraphs Electro Magnetism &c. I should like to hear from you, and know how the game goes. I spent two months before the election in trying to make the people see their true interest, and elect Henry Clay: but mankind are the same that they were in olden times, they love to be humbugged, and chuse to elect James K Polk to further the cause of abolition, and secure protection to American labour. I suppose you felt as I did, grieved and disappointed: but it is useless to mourn over what cannot be avoided, and I should now like to hear that you are doing a successful business, and likely to be in a situation to set Polk tunes at defiance. The more I have reflected on Morses Telegraph, the more I appreciate it, and am convinced that it is infinitely superior to any of the plans now in use in Europe. I lately received a discription, by the originator, of the new line of Telegraph between St Petersburg, and Moscow, in Russia. It is only a modification of the Prussian System, with a station once in seven miles, requiring four persons at each station, designed for day light: but it being a visual telegraph, would be useless in bad weather. The vocabulary is very voluminous, and somewhat complex, requiring some study to become familiar with it, and after all, incompasses limites, in the information which can be conveyed, except by the tedious method of letters, requiring a distinct signal for each letter. Morse can communicate one hundred times as fast, and with much more certainty, and I have no question but the time will come, when his Telegraph will be the only one in use. New methods may be adopted for insulating and protecting the

wing: but I am by no means certain that upon present plan of elevating the wing on posts, is not better than laying them under ground, even if the latter plan could be adopted. When under ground, if any accident occurred, it would be far more difficult to find the fault, and repair it. I see that the Albion has objection a Sale of the right to use his invention between New York and Boston, and the papers also say, that he intends establishing a line from Albany to Buffalo. I should like to know the truth about it. and whether you are to be employed in its creation. You know that I have great faith in believing that money might be made by exhibiting the Telegraph in the large towns. You have now had some experience, and I should like to know whether the people at other places have as high an opinion of Scientific inventions, as they have at Athens. Could I not make a living by exhibiting the Telegraph at New Orleans, and other Southern Cities, and would not Alvedore let me do so? If there is any game in it, I should like a chance in. For my theory for feeding babies, in Bath time, is not very good here. We are doing as much at the factory as we have ever done, but we have to sell our cloths in the City at lower prices. I leave tomorrow morning for the Quaker part of Pennsylvania, I think I will go as far as Lancaster - I take a load of our Shawls, which I think I can sell to the Quaker girls. The repeal of the Tariff would be no disadvantage to our factory; as the price of Wool would be so low that we could get all we would want in exchange for cloth, and I hope the Locofocos will carry out their doctrines, and let us see how much free trade will benefit the poor.

Your friends are, I believe, all well, I saw
your wife a few days ago, and your
father yesterday. Nothing new has occurred
here, and no probability of any change, for
the better, for four years, unless the Lord
should see so fortunate as to set us into a fight.
J. S. Rubis has been quite sick but is better. William
Moore, Mr Rubis nephew is very low, and will
not probably live long.

I wish you would write me on the receipt
of this, and direct your letter Northumberland
Pa. It will be 8 or 10 days before I will be there
and if you write soon, your letter would
reach there before I do. I owe you an
apology for not answering your letter in
October, and the best I can give is, to tell
you that I was engaged every day in
the cause of our Country, I was not at
home one day in a week, not even on
Sunday - My Cabinet dine no food,
but that is not my fault, and I
do not regret the time and money
which I expended, for when the fountains
of the public treasury are dried up, and
all faces gather blackness, I can say
in truth and sincerity "Thou canst not
that I did it"

Yours respectfully

J. B. Sheridan

Charge 209

PAID 1834

Mr. E. Cornell

Telegraph Office

Boston

Mass.

Washington Dec. 3. 1844.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 23d ult.o I found here on my arrival, and I am glad to hear that you are doing so well by the Telegraph. I think you attribute too much to the influence of D.r Jackson in regard to the absence of the Scientific from the Telegraph Exhibition, for I should think they were well acquainted with the position he occupies in regard to his absurd claim to be the inventor of my Telegraph. If there are any that are not, with whom you come in contact, a single question will settle the matter. How is it that, after having impudently claimed it in the public papers, some four years ago and referred by name to three gentlemen of the highest Character to substantiate his claim, which he has not only never replied to my challenge to him, for his evidence, but that his three witnesses upon being written to, indignantly disclaimed any knowledge of him in the matter, and unitedly acknowledge me only as the inventor? This single fact ought to be sufficient, to convince any one that Jackson has nothing to say but I will say that neither D.r Jackson, nor any friend of his who knows the real merits of the case will ever risk such a public exposure of the perfect groundlessness of his claim, and the baseness of his attempt to rob me of the merit of my invention, as I have it in my power to make should he provoke me to it. —

From a letter just received from Mr. Smith I presume you will soon be in New York. Let me hear from you when you arrive there. —

Mr. Wood is well; he is reporting for me in the House at present, and if Congress do well by me and pass the bill before them for the extension, there will be a place for him I hope advantageous to him. —

Respectfully Yr. Ob. Servt.

Saml. F. B. Morse.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

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Ezra Cornell, Esq.

Magnetic Telegraph School Street

Boston.

Mass.

Portland Dec. 3 a-/64

Dear—

Your two letters are at hand—all notes pretty—I would not be fearful by Express—Get away back down at 4. & I will be putting up the mis—I would open as you suggest—I would like, to get enough out of Boston to pay all expenses, & expend my outlay beyond that I don't care—If you can return there to advantage to yourself, & return an exhibition a few weeks, also so—I have sent for Bushnell & Mann, as per my agreement with them Colton, & send his Mules & mine (3 heads to Augusta, 53 Cumberland Street, care of J. J. Haley—(a Baker—it may be 57) You will find it there—All is. I want you to get to 4-Yoke, & get the instruments up as early as you can—I can put you in funds at 4-Yoke, as soon as the instruments are up—& will help you to what you have to make out in Jany—if you

matter — I am detained here now only by the daily proof sheets of my dictionary — I hope to get all out by the 20th — & start for the South as early as the 25th — that will be sooner than you will get away from N. York —

In going to Newyork, go with Joseph to a Tailor in ——— St — [signum of Mr. Haley, who my tailor is there — he will know — the man of whom I had various articles of clothing] & get him to supply Joseph with such articles as he need — as-sure me on the score — He furnished me pants of good quality at $4 — I — vests one pair I suppose — also an over coat — & boots — & has them charged to my account — He is a very clever fellow, & will do what is right in his power — Joseph will be left in charge of the institute in the P. Office. I want him decidedly clean. to — You will ascertain of him what the needs — I will send you tomorrow a letter to P. Martin Grantham —

I hear complaining from abroad, and would go up to B — If they could, I could go up — on Saturday: come back, & you can meet going to N. Y — until Monday —

But if I cannot come Saturday morn.
I will write by Saturday forenoon if you,
& you can hear from N. York. Saturday
PM. if you can get ready -
I will write meantime you could
settle with Mr Harris for his room -
I have paid for him here, as he requested,
to Mrs. Tuckerman $2.50 which may
be deducted & put to my credit on
Telegraph acct -
I will have no more visitors
made in Boston -
I think well of your Albany
organization - & will canvass arrange-
ments when we meet -
(Saturday)
I see the N. Yorkers say
I have made a contract
to put the line between
Boston & N. York - I have not had
a final answer to my proposition - I shall
have something definite in a few days,
respecting it.

In haste, Yours Truly
F B Sprague

Hon E. Crosby -
Boston
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Mr E. Connell
Magnetic Telegraph Office
Boston
Mass.

Washington Dec 5 1864

Dear Brother

I rec'd your letter in due time and have neglected to answer as I had nothing of importance to communicate. Since my last-letter I have enjoyed remarkably good health, and have been advancing in skill in my business. Prof M. did not return from N.Y. till Sat. last. He is now here getting into the good graces of Congress as fast as possible. He informed me a day or 2 since that he had just rec'd a letter from you, which stated that you had lately rec'd one from our friends & that they were all well &c. I have rec'd nothing except a paper from them in a long time & nothing yet from Mich. I feel anxious to hear from them soon. I wrote to S.S. Bristol some weeks ago but have not got as much as a paper from him since I have been here. There are none of them punctual as you are. Soon after I wrote you last Messrs. Wybert & Sanford called upon me to know when you were. They had come down to secure a patent for an improvement in a plane. They were much disappointed at not finding you here. They promised to let me know how they succeeded but they got their business perfected so much sooner than they expected that I did not see them. I presume however that they succeeded as I looked over their papers & thought there would be no difficulty.

Mr Vail wished me to ask you to collect some min-
erals for him and put on their localities and let
him know where he could have them sent so that
he could get them. I told him I would mention
it to you when I wrote. He says that Sweeny who
worked for you last summer is out of business and
would go to the North if you go on with a line
there. if he can have business. So much from Mr V.
I get along with him very well but as soon as
an opportunity offers I want a situation at the
North & out of his jurisdiction. If you do go on then
I want you to look out for the best place for me as
Prof M says I shall have one if his bill passes.
There is a young fellow practising here whose name
is Zentzinger who is the greatest "bore" yet he is so
officious. He is only 15 or 16 years old and sometimes wants
to prompt & direct Prof M. Since Congress has been in
session I have been reporting for the Telegraph in the
Sen. & H.R. We send on nearly all of their transac-
tions. They have not done much of importance
yet. Except rescinding the 21st rule in the House which
has been so odious to J.Q. Adams relative to receiving
Anti Slavery petitions. They have been agitating the
questions for holding elections for electors on the same
day throughout the Union, also for reducing the pres-
ent rates of postage & changing the Naturalization
Laws, all of which I hope will go into effect.
Congress adjourned to-day not to meet again till
Monday next. We have had considerable excitement

in playing chess between this place & Baltimore for the last 2 or 3 weeks. They have been playing a match of 3 games. The Baltimoreans won the first game and ~~that~~ Washington party the second. The third game will probably be finished to-night. I am inclined to think that Congress will do something for Prof Morse as very many of them appear to be very much interested with it. What say you and Smith doing about a line from Boston to N.Y. and when will he be in Washington? I see by some of the papers that he and some other gentlemen are going on with a line between those places whether Congress does any thing or not. Is it so? Prof Morse recd a letter from A.T. Speed the other day congratulating him on his success in perfecting his Telegraph and speaking in very high terms of the discovery. I want to know how lucrative the business is in which you are engaged and how long you purpose to continue it. Dec 7 I have delayed my letter till to day to see if I should not get more news, but nothing more of importance has come to hand therefore I will close and send it on. The weather has been remarkably mild all of the fall here and still continues. This morning we had a severe shower of rain but it has clared up and is quite bright again. I expect to hear from home & also from Mich. in a few days. I think of nothing more of importance. Yours with affectionate regard

O.S. Wood

E Connell Esq

Boston

Mass

Portland Jan. 6/64

Dr Sir - I send the enclosed, but I should not be able to go to B-town. now. My friends are still with me on a visit, and not leave tomorrow, if a severe storm, as it now probable - in which event I cannot leave - If I do not reach you tomorrow P.M. you may take it for granted that I cannot go up - I must go tomorrow if at all - Then if you can get ready to leave for N York on Monday, I would like it - Send me word, when leaving, what bills remain for me to pay in Boston for the instruments - & what I the amount -

I shall be in N. York about the 20th - probably before then -

I have directed Bonbright to send the mail to care of J. J. Haley, 53 (or 57) Grand Street - He keeps a Bakery -

Jas. H. Wood is the tailor's name of whom I spoke note to you -

I enclose a letter of introduction for you & Joseph to Col. Graham - I wish you

would take some pains & see that Joseph
has a good boarding place - & caution
him, as much may be, against the
many ills that beset an inexperienced
young man in a place like Liverpool -
I feel somewhat responsible in him,
under existing circumstances -

Let me hear from you occasionally
which at present, by Express line - if I do
not see you in Boston -

Hoping all to your welcome until
I see you -

yours truly
F. J. Smith

Mr. E. Bennett
Boston
Mass

P.S. He could be spared under existing
circumstances, by the 15th inst. suppose
I could be spared any time after
that -

Mr. E. Connelly
Insp. Telegraphic Offices
Exchange.
Boston

Morse's Electro-Magnetic Telegraph.

The Subscriber having obtained permission from Professor Morse & the other Proprietors of the Telegraph to exhibit its operation for a few days ^ only to the Boston public, takes pleasure in ~~announcing~~ announcing that the Telegraph is now open for Exhibition every day from 8½ to 5 o'clock A. M to 2 to 9 o'clock P. M. (Sundays excepted) The principal terminus is at Harding's building No. 22 School St. the other terminus is at No 96 Court St at Harpeis Piano forte rooms. — Admission 25 cents, children half price.

Ezra Cornell
late Superintendent of Constructions
of Morse's E. M. Telegraphs.

City of New York Dec 15, 1834

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I arrived in this city by the Steamer Mass-achusetts last friday morning, and was very happy to find here your letter of the 8th inst. and to learn from it that you were all well, and that the children were attending school. I hope they will diligent in their studies and make such improvements that they will not be ashamed of. I want you to inform Mr Potter that he must be punctual in the payment of his rent as I want the money as fast as it is due to pay my own debts. Ask him for an account of what he has paid since I was at home that will enable you by looking at his account to see how much there is due. I hope you will have no dificulty in getting Wood to be comfortable. Cannot Potter get you some Wood on account of Morrus House rent which in the Red House, I suppose he has not yet paid that, and he informed me that he would see it paid.

E. B. Will probably get you some Wood, he promised me that he would. Thos Russel must pay his rent he may be able to get you some things that you will want, call on him. Merritt has taken considerable pains to get him a wife I hope she will prove to be worth as much as she cost. It sometimes happens that wives are worth much less than cost. I rejoice in my own good fortune in this matter. now have been more so,

I was not prepaird to hear of the Expected marriage of Sister Mary. I heard while at Providence last Thursday that Mary had Rec'd proposals from Robt Macy but had decided not to accept them, I was glad to hear of that determination as I detest the practice of Cousins Marrying or any marriage between persons in which there can be traced the most distant blood relationship. I go for the improvement instead of the deterioration of our race, and as it is reasonable to conclude that marriage will be followed by offspring, I hold that it is proper to consider the matter in time. You did not inform me who she was to be married to, I hope not to her cousin at least,

The money that is due her she shall have in time,

I am sorry to hear that John has been so foolish as to leave home in the way he has. If he can be spared from home I should like to have him with me, so as to qualify him as fast as possible to take the charge of a Telegraph Station. I want Alonza to study hard also and be fitting himself to take charge of a Station for there will be a place for him as soon as he is qualified to fill it, I shall write to John, at Penn Yan,

Your promises to make me a happy home, and your ability to fulfill the promis, are my most valued treasures. And I hope circumstances will permit the more complete injoyment of them soon than I have had the two years past. Such treasures

are unlike the miser's instead of becoming exhausted they are increased by use, and yield there compound interest, the more readily the more they seem to be lavished, May the blessings of heaven and a loving and faithfull Husband ever attend your exertions,

"The circumstances relateing to myself" (yourself) I will have for your promised explanations. Congratulateing you at the same time upon your hoppy disappointment

Your letter I believe is fully answered I will now fill up any letter with other matter, I had a letter from Annie a few days since in which he informed me that his health had fully recovered, and he was evidently in good spirits, He is reporting the proceedings of congress for the Telegraph and I think is giveing entire satisfaction to Prof. Morse, If he adheres to my advice and pursuits and has patience he will come out the right side up, He complains at not hearing from his friends, He says that none but myself are punctual in writing to him, I felt as he does once but I should now think that something terrible had happened if I should get a letter from some persons that I know of who would wish me to rank them among my friends, So goes the world, and so it has gone for thousands of years, He will learn its ways after a while

I left Boston Wednesday evening and went over to Providence and staid there untill thursday evening when I shiped for this city. I found that my old coat was too small for me and I had Lucretia to take out the sleeves and let them out in the seams and put in new glazed lining so that it will now answer very good purposes and be plenty good Enough for some Cooper to steal from me, but I hope they would steal it untill worse comes, as I am not able to get another one.

Mr Springer and all the girls that you saw there joined in sending there love to you, Miss Smith has left and gone to another house to board, Hannah Josselyn has also left, the same hour all left except Ellen Wood, Francis Coffin got a letter stateing that her sister living at Lowell was very low so, that she left the day I did to go and see her sister, So that Springers family is reduced down pretty small,

I shall have a cold on muddy time putting the wires up here for the Telegraph for the Post Master but I hope I shall get along comfortably with it, and get there soon, I shall get one of my alarm machines made here, and go on and send it on to Washington to get a patent, If I send it I shall be at Home about the first of June, If I go to W. I cannot tell when I shall be home, I shant go to W. if I think I can get along as well not to go, Every days reflection convinces me that I can make money out of this new invention if I can get a patent, and I think I can,

you will please give my love to the children & any parents & friends after appropriately a good by shoin to your own house, let me hear from you again soon,

Yours with affectionate Regard

E. Corell

Mrs. M.A.C.

E. Corell
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.

E. Corell
1841 1844

Portland Jan 16/44

Dear -

I have but a moment to answer your letter of the 14th - All of instruments Col. Graham wants, must be made & you must rush them up as cheaply as possible - & as speedily as possible - You will want only two sets - & you had best get them up on the main line as rapidly as possible - & in the mean time get your instruments made - They ought not to cost over $25 each without cases - I will get two additional cases made here - perhaps four - & if you can get 4 instruments made cheaply, have 4 made - but wait for the making of the two additional ones, ~~before~~ making of the two first, that Col. G. wants - I shall be in Ny - probably about Christmas - I have my Knickerbocker go into the binders hands tomorrow -

Mrs Haley told me of a boarding house near his, where board could probably be had at $3 - but you will do as you think best - Haley will be of any service to you he can - He knows everybody in Ny York, & knows how to approach them. But you

has but got the mill up as soon as possible - but doubt that I have extra expidance in you assembling all that any body can.

I will write again soon

yours truly H. J. Smith

Mr E. Cornell.

Newyork.

F. O. Smith
16 Drexel

Mr. E. Forman -
Terminal Apts -
Cor 12th & Spring -
No 30 Jones St.
Memphis Tenn

Ontario Dec. 17/44

Dear Sir.

In hastily answering your letter yesterday I over-looked your suggestion to dispense with cans. I approve your plan - if it can in all other cases be followed. I should suggest

I want you to see to the quantity of wire ordered - I see that I have the broken weights. Bradstreet writes me that the difference in the weight upon & after being ground, is 25 per ct - I should think it must be more - the account rendered by that firm to Mr Bailey is -

1 Pail	276=30	lbs. net per	
1 "	282=30	"	"
1 "	406.30	"	"
	964=90 =		574

the weights the pails at 30 lbs - each - deduct 1/4. 143 1/2

Total — 430 1/2 lbs.

See that those weights broke out - bought the pails after you on the mill - The pails you will save - They belong to me -

If you need any alterations in the suit - of Bills you left for me to have in Boston, after you wrote me from there, I wish you to appoint me & it - I cannot conceive how the dockmaker could have ordered so much

to his work after I left - The above movement was then complete - & 15½ days was all he then claimed - & I understood him that two or three additional days would complete all the additions & changes that would be wanted - I am sure I could get the whole power here for $25 a piece - But I should not you have looked after & sent the follow - & I should buy all you direct -

I think now I should get away from here about Christmas - Whatever we - Graham wants done, I wish you to have done - He is a gentleman of the nicest honor, & will do all that is right -

Truly yours
F. O. Smith -

Mr E. Connell -

Miss Stevens,

No 30 Perry St N.Y. Dec 20. 1864.

Wrote to F. O. Smith to day in answer to this letter and among other things informed him that I was satisfied that two wires from this city to Boston would give three circuits instead of two which has been supposed to be the extent of the capacity of two wires I look upon this to be a mere discovery in the capacity of Electric conductors.

E. Connell

From

Mr E. Connell
No. 30 Kong St.
Newyork city

J. O. Smith
Boston Mass

I should like an opportunity of trying an Experiment which will occupy three or four days the design of the Experiment is to prove certain laws in reference to Electrick Conductors

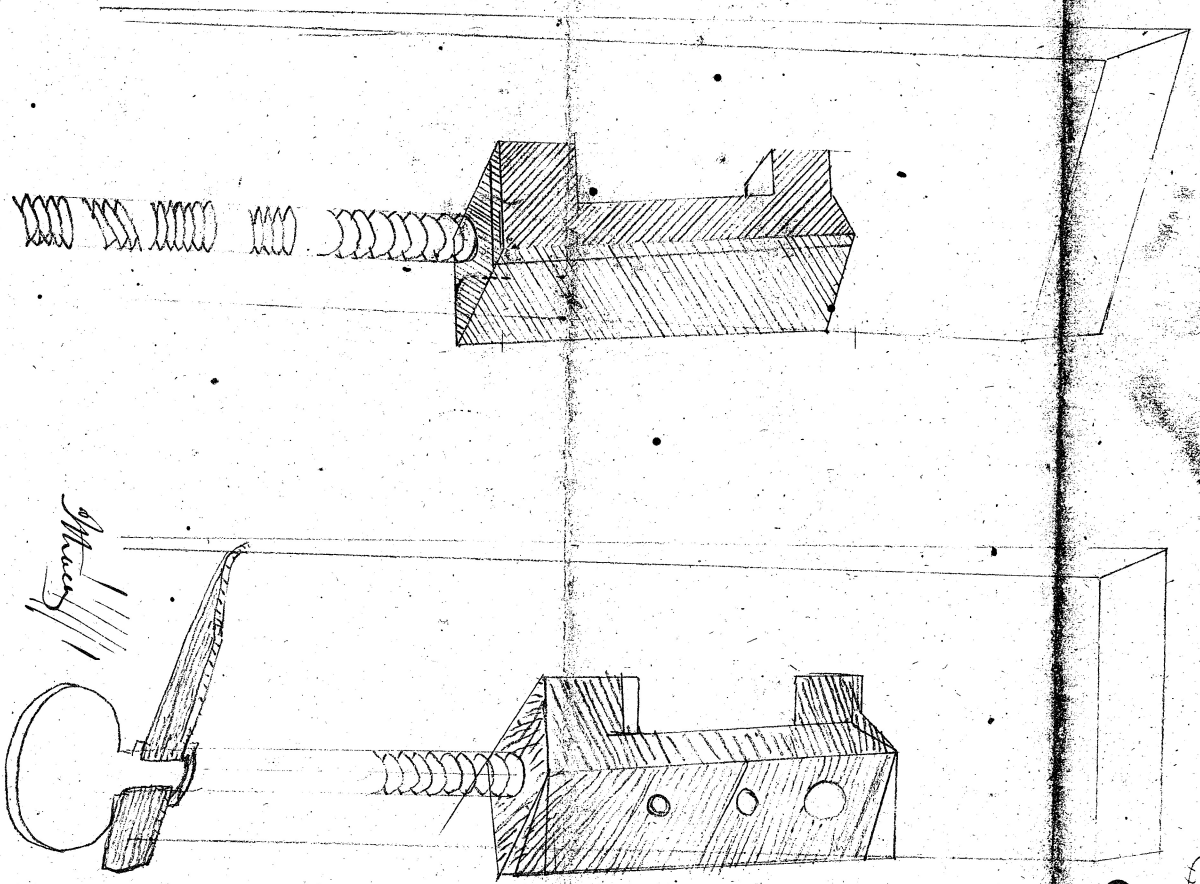
If you approve of my making the Experiment I should like to have Mr Avery to assist me and I will carefully note the results, and report them to you. In case of trying the Experiment I should like to have all the spare copper plates you may have at Washington sent over here by the cars

If you disapprove of my trying the Experiment I will abandon the Idea and await your orders

Yours Respectfully
E. Correll

Prof. S. F. B. Morse
Supt. U.S. Telegraph

Copy letter to
Prof Morse
1832
1844 [?]



This document was prepared by Prof S. F. B. Morse in his own hand writing to be used by him while building the first line of Electro Magnetic Telegraph in America between Washington & Baltimore in the Spring of 1844 - Prof Morse remaining in the Office in the Capital at Washington I communicated with him each day at 12 M. while building the line

Ithaca N.Y. Oct 16th 1865
E. Cornell

..... 6 Are you ready.
——.. 7 I am ready
—.... 8 How many are with you
—...— 9 How many ladies
—— 10 How far are you out
:—:—:} 11 The cars are coming
:—:—:} 12 The Cars are here
:—:—:} 13 I shall stop now
:—:—:} 14 repeat—
:—:—:} 15 I shall use the alphebet—
:—:—:} 16 Keep the circuit closed for minutes. (indicated by dots)
:—:—:} 17 Give me signal (I pay attention) when you intend a question and the same after it is finished.
:—:—:} 19 How far are the holes fast apart.
:—:—:} 20 How far have you gone to day. ¼ mile. ½ .. ¾ ... 1 .... &
:—:—:} 21 Will you come in tonight
:—:—:} 25 Write more deliberately
:—:—:} 26 Write faster.
..... Pay attention.
:—:—:} 28 Stop for a few minutes I am not ready
:—:—:} 29 I shall stop for minutes indicated by dots or figures
:—:—:} 34 How many men have you at work with you.

Yes .. ..
No —. —. .

... 35 Is Mr Cornell there

a .— b —... c —.—. d —.. e . f ..—. g ——. h .... i ..
k —.— l .—.. m —— n —. o ——— p .——. q ——.— r .—. s ...
t — u ..— v ...— w .—— x —..— y —.—— z ——..
1 .———. 2 ..———. 3 ...—. 4 ....— 5 ..... 6 —.... 7 ——... 8 ———..
9 ————. 0 ————

The above is the Morse Telegraphic alphabet— Ithaca Oct 16. 1865
Ezra Cornell

No 30 Vesey St. New York Dec 22/44

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

The Old year is rapidly drawing to a close, in ten days more it will be numbered with the things that have been but is no more, have we all performed our Sword and alotted duties, so that we can look back upon the dieing — dead year with satisfaction, and forward to the new one with joiant hopes, and pleasing anticipations, If we have committed Errors in the past, let us now resolve to avoid them in the future, let our Watchword be Vigilance, not Vigilance in seeking the faults of others, but Vigilance in ferreting out and correcting our own faults.

In ten days, if we live We shall cross the threshhold of the new year, That is a season when all good children expect some little present from St Nicke, or a token of friendship or affection from their parents or friends, May I not presume that my children are entitled to the appelation of Good Children, And allow me to believe my Dear that you are honourably entitled to the first station in the little group, And pleas accept as an emblem of your Husbands opinion of your past and present virtues, the accompanying Volume, "Leaflets of Memory" and as a token of a Husbands affection, this, "The Token or Affections Gift", Thos two Beautiful Annuals, I present

to you My Love, as a token of a faithfull Husbands love and regard for the best of wives. As poorly and coldly as they represent my glowing feelings. Still I have no doubt, you will place a just estimate upon them and when your eyes are tracing their beautifull lines your mind will be with the donor, though roaming in distant lands far far from "home, sweet, sweet home" and you,

The next, in order is the first pledge of a parents love, Our fine tall boy, Alonzo. B. He will please accept as a token of his fathers Affectionate regard, "The Iris or Annual Visiter" and "Youngs Night Thoughts and the Reflections of Religion". He will find the Iris to abound in interesting and amusing sketches, well suited to occupy the mind in its liveliest mood. and in Young he will find suitable food for the mind in its grave and reflecting moments, I hope he will be interested and profited by the perusal of both little Volumes.

Now Steps up in her place, My own dear rose-bud, Elizabeth Percival, As a poor Emblem of her fathers love for his only Daughter. She will please accept, "Friendships Offering" and "The Queen of Flowers". And may their perusal offer suitable food for her expand mind at the sametime that it affords amusement and pleasure in her gay and frolicksome moments, It is the first wish of her fathers heart that her little mind may expand in virtue and knowledge, as the beautiful flower in the little volume from

from the Green opening bud, to the full blown and beautiful Crimson Rose, May it be her fathers good fortune to live to see her, burst into womanhood with all the Virtuous and amiable qualities of her beloved Mother,

Then up steps manfully in his proper place the youthfull Phylosopher, Franklin Cuthbert, He will pleas accept from his father, this beautifull little copy of the Testament, It is one of the neatest little Books I ever saw, and I have no doubt he will take great satisfaction in reading it,

And then up comes the youthfull Hero, to claim his birthright, Oliver H. Perry, He will find that his father has not forgotten his claims, to his affection and he will find it emblemized in the old-tooled American Primer, which he will accept as a token from his father and foreswear with a care and neatness that will make older boys and girls, blush with shame, when their father sees them little books now so neat and clean, all soiled by being carelessly handled with unwashed hands,

Now I have got through with the ceremony of presenting my little gifts for the New Year, I hope you will all injoy your selves with them until you can participate in the higher injoyment of a Husband and Fathers society,

Now it past 3 P.M. We are having an April shower and the weather is quite warm out, I have got the wires up for the Telegraph in this city and would soon have the instruments up and be

ready to leave now the rooms ready, and now that
that I shall have to get more instruments made then
I had I made in Boston, but four will be wanted
here and I shall have to superintend them making
them, which will take 3 or 4 weeks, so that my pro-
jected visit home about the first of June will be dis-
-cated, as matters are now shaping I may go on to
washington before I get home again, I want to get one
of my Alarm instruments done for a modell and send
or convey it to Washington and get a patent for it,

E Cornell
Geneva 2 June 1844

Mr E. Cornell
Clifton
N. Y

I will send a blank Letter Sheet with a Note drawn
on it to renew my Note with Mr. Munn, Which I want
you to get Your & my Fathers to indorse and send back to me
you can write to me on the front that the note dont
accuse, be careful and dont write over the back of the
note. Give my Respects to Friends, and accept my
love for yourself. Affectionately yours
E. Cornell

This Note I want you to get indorsed by our Fathers and have it sent to the bank before the old one is due, with the accompanying $25; which is the amount for which this is drawn less than the old one, and with it the amount of the discount about $2.62 which you must get from Potter. I am reducing these notes slowly and hope soon to see the end of them.

City New York Dec 29. 1842

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

Another week has glided away and I set me down to pen my weekly scroll, Which I hope will find you all as well as it leaves me,

I wrote you last Sunday by Mr Daniel Place of Ithaca who I found here making purchases and who expected to be at Ithaca last Thursday. With the letter was a Second one containing a Note of $150. and $25. in cash to pay my note at Tompkins Co. Bk. of $175. due Jan. 1st 1843. also a Note to be indorsed and returned to me the same my note to Mr Mum. and also a small catalogue of Book to be disposed of as per directions in your letter to my best friends. They were all put up snug in one side of my Valleas, and I allowed Place to occupy the other side with his own goods. I hope you have rec'd all safe before this and distributed the books, Which I hope and trust will be an acceptable little present for the approaching New Year. Giving you all as much pleasure in the Rect. and perusal, as I rec from the purchase and presentation, A small tribute of unalayed affection,

I have only recd. two letters from you my Dear since you left Boston. Ho am would you have felt if I had not written you more than twice in the time? Do you think your letters are less acceptable to me than mine are to you if you do, you will allow me to correct the mistake, for I can assure you it is the greatest mistake that I ever knew you to make. I hope soon to hear from you.

I am getting on here with my telegraph business very well. Am having 4 New Telegraph instruments made here, with some improvments, I dont think they will be complite so that I shall get away from here before the first of Feb. I have the superintendence construction, If so, I think I shall stop to Washington in the time with my Alarm machine which I shall have done in this week and get it Patented if I can,

I have not given up the idea of making you a visit soon, and if nothing happens more than I can now foresee I will be with you about the first week in Feb. - but you will hear from me a number of times before that, and know from time to time how I get on,

I have not heard from Orrin since I left Boston, I recd a paper from him a day or two since, so I suppose all is correct with him

I hope your Father and family are all well and getting along well, I have had no letters from him since I left home,

My Father and family I hope are also well, and I can also say that I have had no letters from him since I left home, I hope Mother and Susan enough from her Eastern visit, to last her the winter with what can be gleaned from the society of her friends and Children at home you will please give her my compliments as from a Son who respects his mother, and esteems her above all others now in exception you do not mention it that is understood between you and S. How do they get along without E. and what do they hear from him,

I have not heard from E. B. lately nor have I written to him, give my respects to him and family,

I hope the Children are all industrious in there studies, and we ill be able to give a good account of themselves when I get home, Give them my respects

Yours. Faithfully

E. Cornell

E Cornell
Dec 9th 1844

Mrs E. Cornell

Ithaca

Tompkins Co

N. Y

Single

[Dec. 1844?]

Mr. Morse -

To heal up all differences in relation to your travelling contract with Mr. Bartlett, I will submit to you this offer, which is without doubt within the power of the Treasury Department to accept, if you can recommend it as to the interest of the Government & the Telegraph, viz.

If you will pay whatever amount ~~[illegible]~~ is ~~may~~ due & owing on the Bartlett contract, & cause the same to be paid & that contract cancelled, I will contract, with satisfactory security, if you desire, to entrench the pipe, in the manner you have had it entrenched thus far, over the unfinished route covered in the Bartlett contract, for the difference between the amount, that shall thus be paid on the Bartlett contract, & the amount of that whole contract

Captn Foster
Ordnance
Office
Pall Mall

be it what it may-
and obliged myself to do it at any time between the
1st of April, & the 18th of June next, that you may de-
side, upon paying only the expences of keeping the Vessels
which I shall have occasion ~~of~~ / Men employed
necessary to perform the Work, from the time the Bar-
gain contract was discontinued, until the time between
the 1st of April & 18th of June when you shall direct the
entrenching to be recommenced.

I would have Leave for government or any
good contractor as if the whole work had been executed
under the Brickleer contract, and subject the govern-
ment in fact to the Repayment of nothing in the nature
of damages.