

Pavenport Dec 13/74

My Dear Cousin

We were very unexpectedly & painfully ^{startled} by the telegraphic announcement in our "Paper" of Friday of your great affliction, & I feel constrained, doubly, by the remissness of the post, in not conforming to my promise when we parted, to write you which has not been the result of indifference, but putting off, & also, and especially, to express the deep sympathy felt for you in this great bereavement, even at the risk of intruding upon the poignant grief, now shrouding your heart, & threatening to overwhelm you.

We were informed I think early in the fall, by our cousin Mrs Booth, of Cal. that cousin Ezra had been ill, but was better. I hoped I sought opportunity at that time, but was prevented by company, & a press of duties, from writing you, little dreaming that the present calamity, was to be the occasion for redeeming my pledge. Words are wholly inadequate at such a time, as my own painful experience has taught me, to assuage the sorrow of bereavement by death, — time & the great Healer alone can do this, — yet it is good to know one's friends think & feel for them, in these dark passages so insupportable to us, & wishing so much if ever so slightly, to alleviate the pain. May God's comfort & support you is my prayer. With much affectionate love in which my husband unites

I am most truly
S E. Gould

No 706, Western Ave.
Davenport
Iowa

Acquia Douglas Co. C.T.
Dec 14th 1874

Dear Brother

Yours of 9th inst came to hand this evening, and confirmed the reports of the papers in regard to Brother Ezra's death. I had heard of it on Friday evening the 11th inst. it was published in the telegraphic columns of the Denver papers on that day and there were several copies sent to me by friends in the city. I had heard of his very poor health several times during the summer and fall and a letter from Sister Mary of the last of Nov. stated that he was very poorly. I was therefore somewhat prepared or rather was not surprised to hear of his death. I had written him twice (previous to the letter I sent you) which yet remained unanswered. You ask me to let you know just what my prospects are. I am living on my homestead of 80 acres, but have another 80 joining it that I am holding and which I expect to have added to my homestead. I have no water on my land for irrigating purposes

I have on my place a comfortable log house, a milk house, hen house, & stable, a good well of water and 6 acres fenced which I wrote you I think of having planted & the grasshoppers cleaned it out for me, I have 4 cows 2 yearlings and 2 calves a colt that will be 2 years old next spring, and about 75 hens, As I said I have no water for irrigating, but my land is so situated that most of it can be covered by a ditch but I cannot make the ditch without a team, there are 4 or 5 of my neighbours who want to join me in making a ditch but only one of them has higher land than mine and those having the lowest land want to make it too low to be of much use to me, I also want fencing which I could get in abundance if I had a team outfit for just the cutting and hauling, I came on my place here, a year ago last september with 2 cows & their calves, I have made my living thus far & added two cows & calves the colt & the hens to my stock the whole of which is worth at least \$400⁰⁰ if I get them through the winter, but last season was very dry & there is very little feed for them out, I have however fed but very little thus far this fall, am feeding none now

as I have not enough to carry them through the spring storms, a team would enable me to haul wood to market & thus procure a little feed for stock. &c I am in no danger of starvation but I assure you the commissary department is at present sadly in need of replenishing. I had the promise a year ago this time of two barns & a house to build which I could have done easily, but the grasshoppers took their crops & therefore they needed not the barns & could not build the house. I also have 160 acres of land 14 miles south of here (I am 16 miles south of Denver) which I bought & paid government price for, that is \$1.25 per acre, that is now worth 5 or \$600.00 but there is no sale for it for cash or any thing that I can turn to help myself with. I could buy a good team outfit for about \$500.00, much cheaper now than in the spring.

If I could get a ditch and raise one crop I would be all right. You did not write me what was the trouble with Brother Ezra, did he have consumption or what was it, when was he buried & where, please write all the particulars.

Monroe has just commenced going to school this morning at Littleton 6 miles north of home he hires his board & pays it in work next spring he was 16 years old last October, he is very near as tall & full as heavy as I am, we both wear one size boots pants & coats, -

Kind regards to all,

Respectfully,

D. B. Cornell

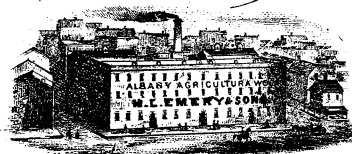
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Dec 14, 1874

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ALBANY, N.Y.

Dec 22 1874

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Thank you one friend
more

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retractable any information
is here as to our future
you tell all concerning

or some one more Experienced in business
(Certainly not one without any experience)
should take the responsibility - a divided
or double headed Management cannot
succeed - and by the construction and the
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our firm

Albion Jan 5 / '75
Dear Brother John

Your letter was received
in due course of mail and should have received
earlier attention But for the great dread of
writing letters I was quite surprised at
the news you received from Donnet as I had
been in correspondence with him through
the fall and he wrote me they were getting along
comfortably I however sat down and wrote him
a few lines and enclosed your letter and a
ten dollar post office order and sent him at once
hoping to relieve their present necessities but
two days after I had mailed my letter to him
I received one from him saying they ^{were} well and
~~well~~ and were blessed with all the necessities of
life and that some of the luxuries were shown
in their path

Of course Brother had not had time to receive my letter when he wrote and I have not heard a word since although I requested him to let me know at once if he received the order all right. He had been apprised of Brother's death (by telegraph message which reached us at four o'clock the day of the sad event) before receiving your letter. It was a shock to us all and still not unexpected to me as ten days before dear Mother told me plain and distinct in so many words (Ego can live but a short time). O Brother it seems they knew more of his condition and its ^{onward} ~~terminal~~ better than his friends around him did. It seems like a sad ending of a busy life. Had only because there were so many schemes and plans for others happiness unfinished. Some of them perhaps only merely contemplated in his busy brain which was ever active for others good. I so hoped he would be spared to enjoy life and some degree of rest in the new home which was being builded.

But it seems that was not to be. He was called to come higher. Perhaps has entered on a new life of usefulness and beauty far transcending any thing ever experienced in this life where he can still work for the elevation and amelioration of humankind. For surely there must still be some worthy position for so active an existence and identity as was our dear Brother. I have felt so sorry for his poor family. They indeed are the greatest-afflicted those who have from time to time looked forward to his return home from his many wanderings. Can now no more welcome him ~~there as of~~ old. You who reside at I have how many remembrances of his benevolence ^{and} goodness of heart in the beautiful structures bearing his name while we that are now distant can scarcely turn our eyes in our own homes but they fall on some article ^{of use or beauty} bestowed or so cherished likeness of the dear one now gone. ~~well~~ Brother I hope you will not so long remain silent a gone but write ~~again~~.

Tell Mary I find plenty of house work to
do as the girls are giving a good deal of their
time to their music. And then the baby has
to be tended you know I think it is going to
be a great job. You must all come and see
it no more at present Love to all

Affectionately Mary Robertson

To Brother John

Mrs H. A. [unclear]
Albany
Jan 5 1875

[J. H. Cornell]

[Jan 24, 1875]

Acequia Jan. 24th '75

Dear Brother

Yours of 16th inst received this morning, in which you say that Brother Ezra was very much embarrassed during the last year of his life & you express the fear that there will not be much left &c. I am not surprised at the information as E had wrote to me in the summer that if his R. R. project failed I would probably be better off than he would be. I was however in hopes that he would make a success of that as he had intimated to me that he should, if successful in that, then put active business & seek the rest he so much needed & desired. I am truly sorry for the boys if they are to be reduced to poverty or even to moderate circumstances, but there are many ups & downs in this life & I don't know but they are as well able to stem the tide of adversity as any one. I shall mention nothing you have written to any one. My family consists of my wife & son E. M. Cornell. He is 16 years & 8¹/₂ months, and has been going to

school at Littleton, 6 miles from home, for
several weeks up to last week - he left home on
sunday evening last at about 8 o'clock & started
for Littleton to be on hand at school Monday
morning, and I having some business down there
on Monday morning went down & found him
with his left hand shattered with a charge of
shot, he had carelessly taken a loaded gun by the
muzzle and it discharged the charge passing
through from the inside of his hand between ~~thumb~~
& index finger - the finger bone between knuckle
joint & wrist was the only bone shattered & I have
hopes of saving even that, but can't tell yet, it
is doing well & granulation has already begun,
I had so much experience in gun shot wounds in
the army that I know pretty well how to ^{treat} them,
I have had trouble with my wife more or less
ever since we were married & I expect she will
soon leave me - I am well assured that she
expected Ezra would make a will & leave her some
money independant from me & now that she has
failed on that I think she will leave soon

Done
Jan 24 1875

As family troubles, however are not apt to
interest outside parties I will not inflict or
afflict you with mine unless you wish to hear them.
In regard to your making a home here in Colorado
I have no doubt about your making a success of
it. \$1000. is rather a small capital to go into stock
raising with, but if you could invest one half of that
sum in yearling heffers & make your living out
side of them for 3 years, you could then begin to sell
enough to live off from & let the herd increase &
in ten years you would be independent. Sheep
yield quicker returns & greater profits than cattle
if properly managed, but require much more
care & attention. I live 16 miles south of Denver
1/4 mile from Aegina station on Denver &
Rio Grand R.R. I think your route here would
be via Chicago, Quincy Ill. Kansas City Mo.
& then via K.P.R.R. to Denver. you would ar-
rive at Denver in the morning, between 5 & 6
o'clock & could take the cars for Aegina at
8.30 A.M. let me know when you expect to
start long enough beforehand so that I can
write you again. I can give you notes so that
you can save money in buying tickets.

Idaho where you say Alonzo Chace is located is in the mountains & I think about 60 miles from here. I have never been there but will go & see him next summer.

I know of one man, a German who has made over \$50,000 in cattle here since the war & began without a dollar. - I know another who lost a fortune by joining the Rebellion & came here in '66 strapped has now 2000 head of cattle & is independent.

I know a man by name of Phillips who came here up than ten years ago with only a few hundred dollars & went into sheep raising & is now worth from 12 to \$15,000. I know others who came here poor & are still poor & always will be. I have no doubt about your doing well here & I should be mighty glad to see you out here, but I must not conceal the fact that the time for rapid money making is gone by - Yet a person can make money here yet by industry & economy. Please let me hear from you more often in future. Kind regards to all the friends.

Respectfully Yours

Please consider what I have written about family troubles private, please do not mention it

D. B. Cornell

Wm Loomis

Apr 6 75-

Holborn

Dear Sir

I water has gone
down a a nice

lot of gravel with
we could not not
helped the mill so much
by moving the saw
for \$100, as the water
did we have got
to fix the mill this
summer I think we
had better keep Dan
White for I would
rather have him
than any hand I
know of to fix it
for he will do any
kind of work

he can Build the
hairs Shed he
Build a 30 by 40
Barn last Summer.
I you want any
feed now we have
plenty now

I bought about \$1800.
Worth R.R. orders

S. J. P

Albion Nov. 8th 1875

F. C. Cornell Esq
Dear Nephew

Your letter of 13th Sept^r in regard to taking stock in our new Bank is all satisfactory, and as I have made a subscription for stock I must of necessity depend on you to furnish the money to pay up for it.

I have become obligated to furnish Eleven thousand dollars if need be in the space of ten months, but I hope I shall not be obliged to call on you for all of it. I must meet \$3000. of it by the 15th of this month and I have enough come-atable here except about \$700. which I wish you to furnish, and monthly instalment of one thousand for seven successive months. I feel confident I can get the ballance here where it is due although it is drawing from 9 to 10 per cent

M B Wood Esq.
Nov 8/95

I am acquainted with the officers of several Banks in this state and their reports show their nett earnings to be from 16 to 20 percent, and one bank in our county have their stock run up in market to \$1,80⁺

If you can manage to forward to us one half of the obligations against the estate for the coming year it will be all that I think we shall need or call for.

Our Bank will open on the 15th and commence business and get our circulation as soon as possible.

As a director I have been placed by the board at the head of the finance committee, I would say that checks or drafts on the Union Trust Co is just what I would like to receive.

Please write the prospects & oblige

Folks all well & weather fine

Truly Yours M B. Wood

Denver C. T.,
Jan 30th 1876

Dear Brother

It has been so long since I have heard from any of you at Ithaca that I have concluded to write you a few lines least, as I still keep the memory of my relatives & friends fresh in my memory. I recieved a call one evening last fall from Alonzo Chace who left here the next morning for Ithaca intending to stop in Kansas & Michigan en-route - he promised to write me but I have heard nothing from him since. I have since had one letter from sister Mary

And one from Brother Edward
but neither of them mention him
which I thought rather singular.
Edward here sold all his personal
property in Gratiot Co
& gone to Kalamazoo for the
purpose of procuring medical
attendance for Angeline who
has been insane by spells,
as Brother C informs me: do
you hear any thing of them
I sent a few specimens of
Rocky Mountain curiosities to
some of the friends by Chace
and was sorry he could not
carry more - Well Brother
I expect to leave here next
summer for the San Juan
Mining district, situated in
the S. W. Corner of this territory
There are very rich mines
being discovered in that section

And I have concluded to
try my hand at the business.
My wife is going to Illinois
to visit her mother & Monroe
will probably continue at
school unless the Military
Company of which he is a
member goes to the Centennial
in which case he will also go.
he is a drummer in the Governor's
Guard of this City

Please let us hear from
you & give us all the news
you can think of. Give our
kind regards to all the
friends. Respectfully and
Affectionately yours
Brother. D. B. Cornell
J. A. Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.

ad at foot
of Orob Corp
The expression ma
He to Thee
for sins pro
mised, stand
ship of life
Oh, God, our
Father comfort
t them from ex
nor of their reu
ys and Thy
peace becom
their days on
earth, and at the
in death preserve
them unto the
eternity of life
Amen

Alama for Jan 31st A.D. 1876 Second Day
My Dear Brother John Cornell.

Edward S Cornell Box 924 Where dwellest
thou, in Heaven, or in Hell; 'Tis passing
strange, I write to Thee. no letter it tel
us to me. I remember when in Youthfu
l, days I skained Thy plays Thou and
me would stryed a pole, and play we
wer the swiftest steed in our day. Well
do I remember, when one time in Nov
ember Father set us plawing Thine
did not no how to drive Figer and Na
ree, Figer, would dance, and Nance wou
ld Figer her foot outside year And
Thee and I would ball and cry As
bookes do this year Our separation dear
Brother is designed to make us lose each
other. our Heavenly Father said, our
carts must have a little to hand mine
the has Contrited threes many a year

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them
line
for thy
names
take me
ask it
all
amen

in Gratiot woods of woody farm. I reap the that sooth to the flesh shall of
learned His will to do from hasty the flesh reap corruption He that sooth
passion flying to Him through to the spirit shall of the spirit reap eve
His Holy One Pleasance hath rock everlasting life, Oh Brother. Sister.
right wrought a better manly Friends, think on this What will a
heart. Temperance, two, hath made man give in exchange for his soul
her mark, upon this outward bark or what profiteth a man to gain
no beverage from the still, doth glide the whole world and loose his ~~own~~
from Serpents tempting eye to Thy soul. He whose tongue, spake as new
brothers will. Who bits of paste hard hand or as man spake, uttered thus men
hath taught thy brothers mind how to orable words, and sentences, for the
find ~~an~~ idle hour, ^(for) to many find the profit of the whol world of mankind
time to circumvent the toil from that brother should, ^(and) a brother in Lapla
brothers gathered store. And call it ga nds snows and China's sunny China
thred bread earned from sweat of face e. I know to well what Infidels
He, whose scorching eye doth close think and speak Salvation unive
ry. Transactions vile, of brother unto real was guaranteed in Jesus
brother made Hath said rock mite eth. to Adams race with out and
shall be returned to him where it be ition by Him who gave His Son
ags This, Voice, doth also say, be not on Calverys Cross to dye, for Sins
deceived. God is not mocked. Whatso of World. pleas lett us turn to Gospel
over a man sooth that shall be also by St John Chapter first read ~~V~~ ¹²

Baldpatey life
e may they see
the scales of Ego
ity. And with
it delay make
haste to obey
Thy Voice Great
in Power. Rede
eming Grace
wash the sinful
soul. Hallelujah
That cannot
cleanse the hea
rt of sin.
Oh Lord for
Jesus sake,
spare Thy
wrath Let
dancing cease.
the golden calf
with the horns
of flesh continue

and be not faithless but believing
Salvation has been purchased by the
precious blood of Jesus Christ and
he who would have Peace on Earth go
will Goods here, and Treasure in Hea
ven must work out Salvations probl
em with fear and trembling in
this life. "Put Thy house in order for Thou
shalt die and not live!" Isaiah 38 Chap
Latter part first verse. Prayer is the key
whos mystic power, breaketh Satans chain
in an hour, Escape there goes the soul from
woes on Earth begun when Eve to Adam
said take eat this fruit and cover up thy
head, Heavenly Father for Jesus sake send
convictions arrow, to Johns and Marys heart
give Them no rest until they find on Jesus bre
ast the Balm that cures sin and lead their
souls to shine the Truth, the Light, the Life,
weaken their rigid limbs, ^(weak) hand writing on the wall

Albion March 12 /96

My Dear Brother and Sister

As I have this week received letters from Sister Deborah Brothers Edward and Daniel and as it is one year since I have heard from you I wanted to write you. I wanted to tell you what I did with the stereos you were so good to send me. Well I made eight copies of it with its history and how it was found and by whom and sent one to each Eunice in the families and one to Matt and Gra one one to Mary and Nettie and by request. When I got Eunice Chores ready I did not know where to address her so I sent it to her sister Rebecca Potter. I soon received a letter from Rebecca saying that her sister Eunice had passed on about a month before and also informed me of Mr. Angells death.

I will tell
 was a great
 many of
 no one
 but now
 we are
 getting
 them
 out
 tonight
 you
 sister
 Mary &
 Robert

the year before he was Eunice's husband
 and like wife of Mr. Potters death in
 the past year and of her father (Brother
 Thomas Chorus) death in January of 95
 Rebecca said she gave the Acrostic to
 Eunice's daughter, who was very glad to
 receive it - I sent one to Frank Cornell
 his daughter not knowing where to address
 her and got a lovely letter from Dorothy
 Cornell in reply I sent a copy to Eunice
 Parker (Isabel's daughter) Eunice Bernard
 and Brother Edward and Daniel Cornell
 Now I tried to do my best - and if any
 one was neglected it was not intended
 Well friends here as for as I know are
 well I believe Father is some expecting
 Louise for a visit this spring he
 never here from I have heard any
 more Do you know where Monroe
 Cornell lives Phebe saw Mrs. Bernard's
 daughter a few weeks ago so we
 conclude your sister is here again I
 think of nothing more at this time
 Tell us all about your daughter when
 you write

Albion Cal Co Muk May 1st 1876

My Dear Brother

Your
Excellent letter came
duly to hand some
time last month or
later. Our health are
pretty much now as then
and Mary Robertson
has got a very bad line
to or ankle I am afraid it
is going to kill her she
groans very much with
it. Phebe and Arline M
Robinson was up here a week
ago to day Arline Hosgo
me back Jane has a baby
boy very smart and pretti
ty. Mother Wood is not

very well this spring
age is creeping upon him
like all the rest of us
well if you have repen-
ted of your sins you
may come to my heart
even when you die. if you
can find out where I live

I see you have got to be
a book farmer just like
Frank Cornell though
I hope you are a happier
and better man than him
who I have been told writ-
ten to the doctors who at-
tended to Edna in his last
sickness to keep the knowl-
edge from him that he was
approaching dissolution
that he might not make
a will including any
members of his Father's fami-

ly in it if Frank Cornell
does that he will peris-
h and go to the devil whe-
re he belongs. as a wine
bibber and keeper of hotels
before he married who loves
to spoil widows houses for
fitty income

Well Angelina is getting
well and I shall see her
restored to her accustomed
health well Deborah Wood
is well and family write
you & I am glad you will
I must close this Epistle
hoping I shall hear from
you and book farming aga-
in I remain as ever your
Dad Brother C. J. Cornell
J. M. Cornell

[May 30, 1876]

Ithaca May 30th 76
J A Cornell Esq

Dear Uncle

Will you please get
a receipt for the Taxes on
the farm for 1875 & send
to me I want it in the
following form unless the receipt
you look shows that the Farm
you Paid Taxes on belonged to the
Estate of Ezra Cornell

I hereby certify that the State
& County & Town Taxes have been
paid on the Farm of 125 Acres
belonging to the Estate of Ezra
Cornell due for the Year 1875

Respectfully

Collector

I want this to send to
the Ins Co that has a court
on the Farm in New York

Yours Very Resp
Frank Clarke

D. K. Brown
Attn
May 30. 1876

spring that may not be
possible - How I will
certainly not
than is ne
all so shocked to
Aunt Annas death, what
will the girls do now? We
have had no winter wear
as yet.

Mary Cornell
Nov-25/76

118 Union Ave.
Montreal P.Q.
Nov. 25. 1876.

in preparation for the as I received so many
winter weather, and as I on my birthday
money with the I feel very
be not to
give any to the girls at
Christmas, and if you
will be so kind as to
hundred

E. J. Cornell
Jan 4. 1877

Albion Jan 6th. 1877
John Cornell

Dear Brother

Martin, handed me your letter with request, to read, and answer it. There are some five, or six, seed planters upon the market in this Country. I have not now any one of the number to plant as acretty as hand planting. ~~Travanc~~ Corn planting is done in this way. the Land is first checked out, then a man with team attached to a planter takes a hand with him seats themselves upon the machine and starts, the man drives the Team, the hand works two droppers as they get over the check mark lets the seed fall and something under covers and rakes the earth above the seed. this machine drops many seeds when

On the receipt of this letter, and in your letter
of the 10th I want to see how you work. I expect I need a few
more and how to use them. I will be glad to hear from you.
J.H. Cornell

is thinned out to 3 or 4 seeds in a place.
O.H. Cornell has an excellent seed planter
but it won't place the seed evenly in the
marks or hills.

Now Sir, did I possess a planter, as
nearly perfect as your description of your
planter indicates yours to be. I would lose
no time before I had it patented for im-
mediate use as follows. I would have
a number of them made, and when
spring opened. I would have a smart
man with one or two of the planters into
every state of the Union to give notice to
a collection of farmers to gather at some
central place see the planter operate, and
sell Territory fast, as possible.

An Inventor ought not to dabble in ma-
nufacture and peddling out his ma-
chines, which involves an enormous outlay
of capital, and generally explodes soon after
starting, it is your only safe plan patent
the thing, and sell Territory as fast as you
can. Truly C.S. Cornell J.H. Cornell William C. Cornell
Josephus N.Y.

[J. H. Cowell

Lake City Colorado
Feb 21st 1878

Dear Brother

I recieved a letter yesterday from Bro C.B. in which he told me where you were & as I have not heard directly from you for a long time having written you several letters I concluded to try again hoping soon to hear from you. This place is situated about 140 miles in the mountains and about 300 miles from Denver, its altitude is nearly 9000 ft above tide water, it has about 1500 inhabitants and is a "mining camp" as is termed, that is it is supported exclusively by mining interests. It has three smelting works for the reduction of ores. I came here last June and have been at work at my trade mostly since, I have bought however $\frac{1}{3}$ of a partially developed mine and think I have got a nice thing of it but cannot tell untill the snow gets off which will be some time between 15th of May and the 1st of June, the mine is on Alpine

mountain. Several hundred ft above timber line and the snow up there is now from 6 to 15 ft deep. The quartz in the lode is as fine looking as in any mine in this vicinity and has shown by assays as high as 600 oz of silver per ton; it is now 75 ft deep and has cost \$1,500 — the one third of it however cost me only a trifle over \$200. I expect to remain here until I can get up to the mine and unless we can make a favorable contract with some one for its farther development I shall probably go to work in it next summer. I shall however go to Denver sometime during the summer as my family are there. Monroe my youngest son is now there going to school and I am going to send him to Ithaca to the University if possible. He was 19 years old last Oct. — My other son Austin is a sailor and will sail from Provincetown Mass. next month as mate of a whale ship.

The weather here has been very cold this winter. The thermometer often indicating 30° below zero. I am keeping back in a log cabin 16 x 20 have my work bench on one side stove in one end & bed close by stove in one corner. Wish you could step in & see me some time

It has been winter here since the 1st of October
snow is now about 8 in deep but is begining to go off.
Well how is the world using you these years.
please write me all about your family and all
the rest of our friends as I have heard but little
from Ithaca for a number of years. As it is
now late I will close hoping soon to hear from
you. I will send you papers occasionally.

Respectfully Yours
D. B. Cornell

[To J. H. Cornell]

Sept. 15, 1878

St Louis. Gratiot Co. Michigan. Sept 15th 1878.

My Dear Brother John H. Cornell

I've closed. our Pictures, please find

With hope Thou, and Family, are well

Not getting picture to our mind

We propose to sit, at another time.

Thou, wilt see, these, are poor and dime

Please send us family group, with Wm.

I continue tall and slim.

When Thos. Daniel, and I.

Went Boys, at our Parental home

Before Brother Benjamin, did die

And separation, caused us, to roam

How much we thought of each other.

I'm helping our dear Mother, and Father.

Ere we knew Evil, our hearts, would bother.

Oh do I recall your pleasant day.

The Shop, and Father's wheel, turning pot, and pan.

And the Mill for softening the Clay.

Wishing ourselves Men, then, how we would plan.
The Crucible where we caligned the ledges
The kiln, and damp clay cellar.
Gone our dear Parents, both dead
In the Celestial Country, a dumber.
They are Angelic Spirits wadding our feet.
The weary hours that intervene.
Cuteen us, and then we soon shall greet.
Life's journey, how transient it doth seem.
The hop goblin stories, of Sinners, in chimney corner
Dined our Spirits, in days of our youth.
Great hero was Master "Jack Warner."
Deluding with follies, departing from Truth.
Filling the mind, with useless trash.
Acting the Chieftain for weal or woe.
Historic with flails. Why bread, to throw.
And Old Sauty Glass, reaping to sow.
That all dear Children have plenty of toys.
All manner of trinkets to little ones to please.
Babys for Girls and Ponys, for Boys.
Taking their time, preventing their tease.
How many little ones, gather round thy table

Grown to Womanhood, no doubt by this time.
Reliving dear Ma. Ma. when getting able
Chase, and beauteous. Their faces, to shine.
Oh Lordy Children. how happy you are lot.
How little do you know, of Pioneer life.
Stumpy land and the humble log cott.
Where dwells Uncle Edd, and his good Wife.
Sweating, and toiling, for Twenty Three long years.
In Michigan north wilds, to "Carve out a home."
With pinching poverty. Suchness, sorrow, and tears.
Fading, and sheltering fromps, on the roams.
Who peradventure are Angels in disguise.
Sent by Our kind Father above
As lights descended from the skies.
Filled with ought, but Peace, Truth and Love.
Oh the wrongs, inflicted on the Poor, by the Rich.
In Oppressive, most galling, to behold
Little caring for their cries, give them, the swick.
Black men are free, ^{Eare Sould} shed the poor whites, in bondage.
In conclusion, over look, this letter, written in verse
As we are wont, to do writing, in this way.
Dont think us a Lunatic. Our efforts to curse,

We have left off bowing the knee trying to pray.

Respectfully Edward Cornell

Ithaca Falls Sept 3rd

Dear Parent

As F R Burker is going to your part
of the country I will write a line. we are all well
Mary has been trying to have the chague and fever but I think
she will escape it. that complaint prevails up the Creek through
Dryden - Ezra gets along with ploughing very well he has
engaged fifty bushels wheat for sowing Elijah gets along very
well with his business. Wm Henry has been very sick but is getting
very smart. Gilberts folks are well Davids also.

I want thee to pay good attention to them sheep. them close
for the hoof etc tell Edward if he will take good care
of them when I come out I will make him a present
I want D. Kings bushhook carried home for I neglected it
when I came away. I have not entered into any engagement
yet. But think I shall take the farm North of the Creek there
is about 75 acres to clear off this fall and next Summer to be
put in with wheat next fall besides the rest of the work
on the farm which will make business enough for me
I think I shall want to drive them out here when I come out
I dont think of any thing more at present and as I think
is in a hurry I will close with saying keep things all
straight if possible. With due Respect I remain
B. Cornell

we are going up to Martins tomorrow. Elyahs folks
Mary D. J. S. B. B.

E. A. Cornell
March 26/7
E. A. Cornell

~~by E. A. Cornell~~

E. A. Cornell
D. M. Wright