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To Samuel and Nancy  
Edison

11/12/70  
Dear Father & Mother  
Newark, N.J. Oct 30 - 1870

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of property very cheap. If you have your eye on it still  
write me describing it, and why you think it valuable.  
I can send you the money for it. How is mother getting along  
you wrote the last time she was getting along nicely &  
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so you can write and say how much = I may be home  
some time this winter. Can't say when exactly for I have a  
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1. Newark Telegraph Works.
2. American Telegraph Works.
3. Carrie Buchanan, whom Edison later called "my old flame when a boy." See Chapter 1 introduction, n. 12.