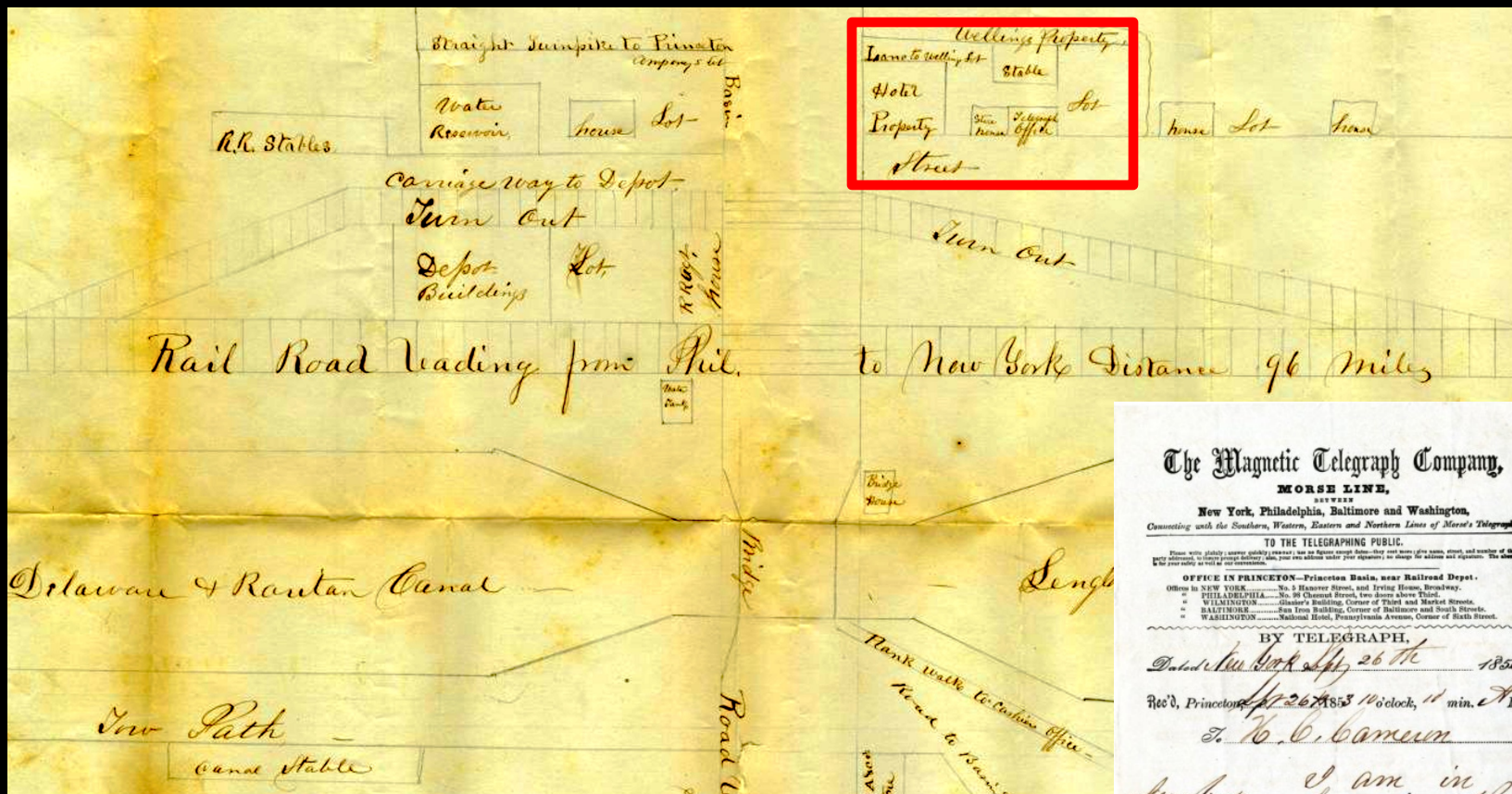




Grif Teller's Painting of Princeton Turning Basin as it would have looked in 1862. John Bull Locomotive shown on the Camden & Amboy Branch Line. Steamboat on the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Princeton Hotel (left) and Store and Telegraph Office (right).





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MORSE LINE,
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 New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,
 Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write clearly; enclose address; specify day or night; except when they are shown give name, street, and number of the office to which you desire to telegraph; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

OFFICE IN PRINCETON—Princeton Basin, near Railroad Depot.
 Office in NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover Street, and Irving House, Broadway.
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 WILMINGTON.....Glasco's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
 BALTIMORE.....Sun Fire Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
 WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

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**BY TELEGRAPH.**  
 Dated New York Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 Rec'd. Princeton Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1855 10 o'clock, 15 min. **A. M.**  
 To W. C. Cameron

New York I am in  
 leave for Phila  
 this evening at half past  
 4  
 Wm. Cameron

14/20  
 Historical Society of Princeton

1803 – Trenton to New Brunswick Road – gravel road including straight line segment – now US1

1825 – Erie Canal completed – New York to Buffalo using steamboats and canal boats

1830 – Joseph Henry in Albany rings a bell a mile away using electromagnetism – shows to his High School students

1831 – Mohawk & Hudson Railroad starts operation

1832 – Delaware & Raritan Canal and Camden & Amboy Railroad operational – Princeton Turning Basin

1832 – Joseph Henry comes to Princeton as Professor of Natural Philosophy

1832 – Samuel Morse conceived of an electromagnetic telegraph using a dot-dash code

1836 – Joseph Henry and the Campus Wire – a single wire telegraph from lab to home using earth for return to request his lunch

1838 – Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail demonstrate a telegraph system in Morristown NJ (Speedwell Iron Works)

1840 – Morse patent of Telegraph Signals (US1647)

1844 – Morse, Vail, and Ezra Cornell send a telegraph message between Baltimore and Washington

1846 – Morse patents the Receiving Register (US4453)

1847 – Morse starts the Magnetic Telegraph Company with offices between Phila and NYC – one at Princeton Basin

1848 – Morse reissues 1846 Patent (USRE118) showing receiving magnet – his claim to the relay

1853 – Telegram to Henry Clay Cameron received at Princeton Basin

1857 – Western Union formed

1858 – Transatlantic Telegraph Cable – it lasts only 3 weeks

1861 – Transcontinental Telegraph



VE-ROAD.

What is now US-1 between Trenton and New Brunswick was originally chartered as the Trenton and New Brunswick Turnpike in 1803. Throughout its history the Trenton and New Brunswick Turnpike faced stiff competition from canals such as the D&R canal and railroads such as the Camden and Amboy Railroad. In the later part of the 19th century, the turnpike company folded and the Pennsylvania Railroad took over ownership of the turnpike. When the charter for the Trenton and New Brunswick Turnpike expired in 1903, it became a public road. When the first numbered highways were legislated in New Jersey in 1916, the present day US-1 between New Brunswick and Elizabeth was to become a part of Route 1, a route that was to connect Trenton and Elizabeth.



### Distance Between Access Points (in Miles)

| Access Point            | Distance (Miles) | Parking |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Mulberry Street         | 1.2              | No      |
| Whitehead Road          | 1.7              | No      |
| Carnegie Road           | 0.6              | No      |
| Basin Road              | 0.5              | No      |
| U.S. Route 1            | 1.8              | No      |
| Port Mercer             | 2.6              | No      |
| Quaker Bridge Road      | 0.6              | No      |
| Alexander Road          | 0.6              | No      |
| Washington Road         | 0.4              | No      |
| Harrison Road           | 2.2              | No      |
| Millstone Aqueduct      | 1.9              | No      |
| Kingstone Road          | 1.0              | No      |
| Rocky Hill (Route 27)   | 1.4              | Yes     |
| Little Valley           | 0.7              | Yes     |
| Griggstown Lock         | 3.5              | Yes     |
| Griggstown Causeway     | 2.1              | No      |
| Blackwells Mills        | 2.1              | No      |
| Amwell Road (Route 518) | 0.6              | No      |
| Weston Causeway         | 0.8              | Yes     |
| Zarephath               | 2.3              | Yes     |
| Pillar of Stone         | 1.6              | Yes     |
| 10 Mile Lock            | 1.6              | Yes     |
| 5 Mile Lock             | 1.6              | Yes     |
| South Bound Brook Lock  | 1.6              | Yes     |

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Robt. L. Stevens President

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# Henry, Morse, and the Telegraph

Discovery by Scientist – Design by Artist-Entrepreneur  
Radical Innovation: Instant news by wire from afar



Many dates – pay attention  
only to those in boxes

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# Connecting the Continent 1830 – 1883

Information - Transportation

Edward Hopper's "Railroad Sunset"



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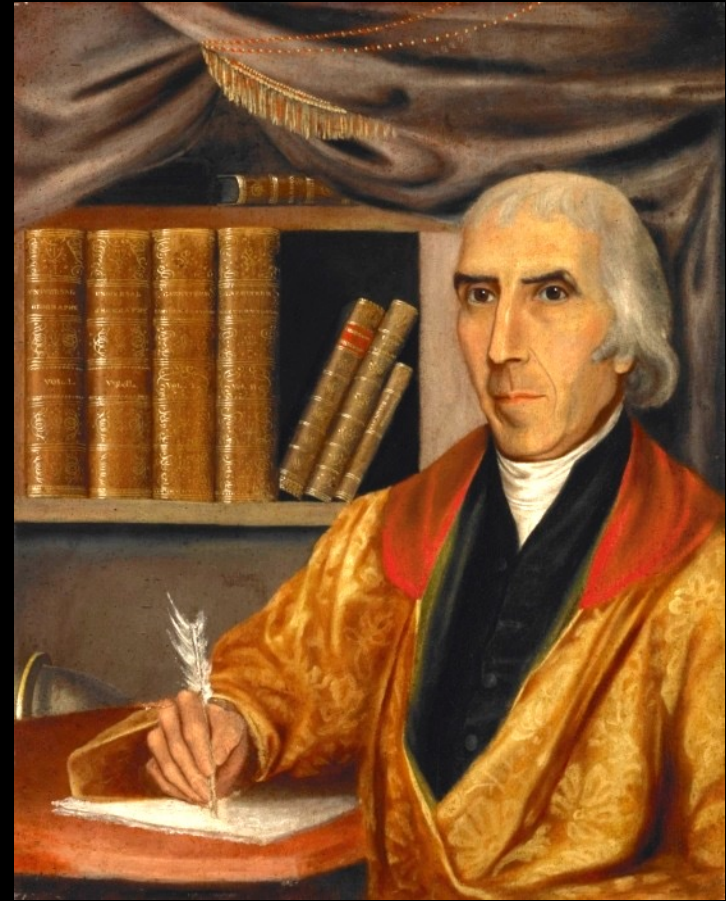
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Jed Morse (Father - Geographer) by Morse



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Benjamin West



*American artist*  
10 cents U.S. postage

West by West



Morse by Morse



Lucretia Morse (his wife) by Morse

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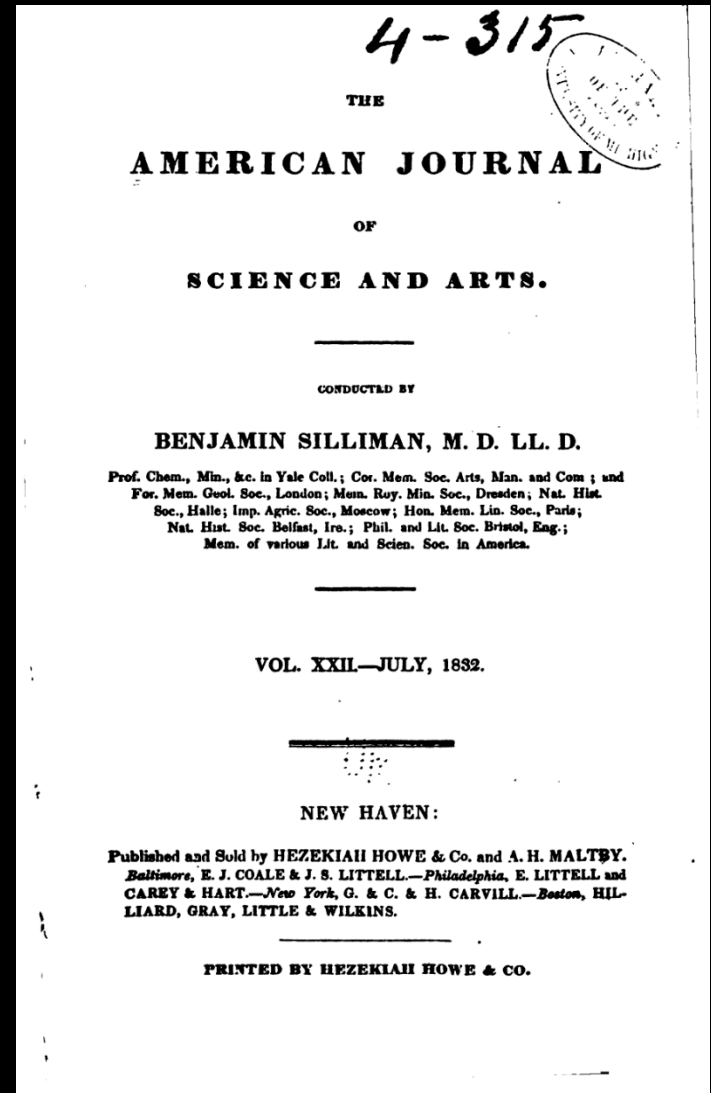


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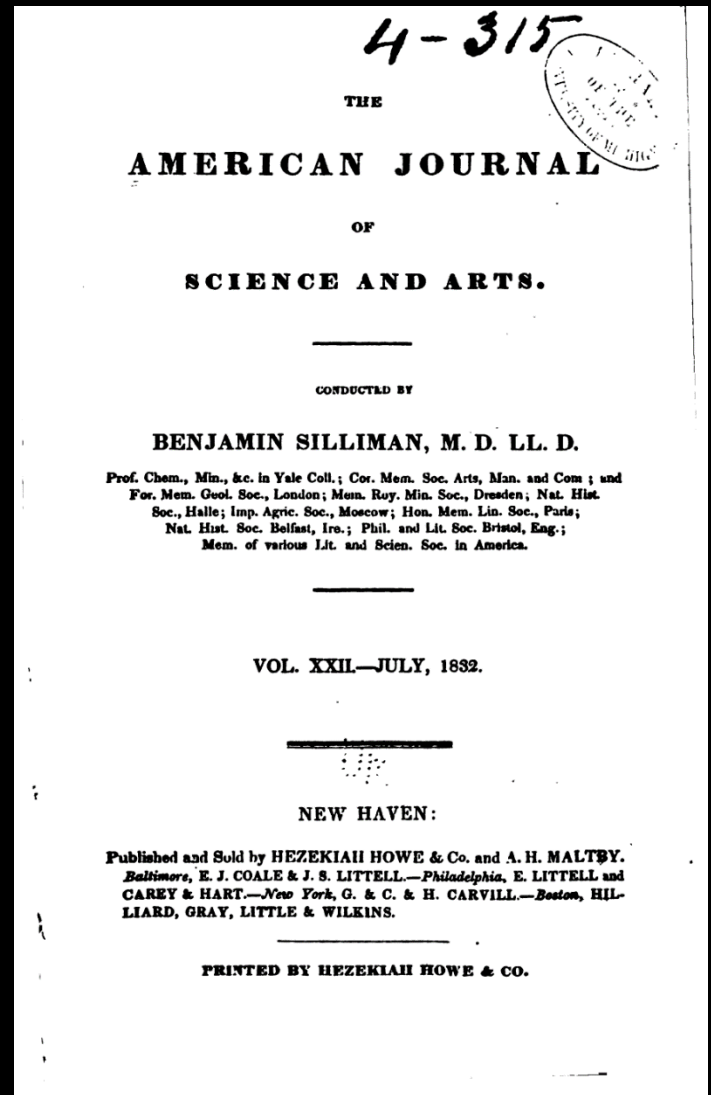
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Silliman's Journal of Science



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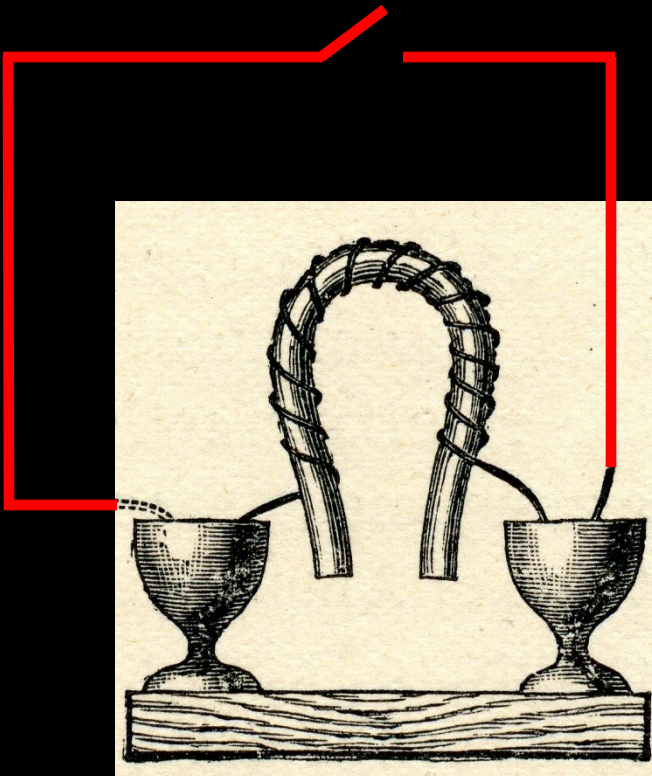
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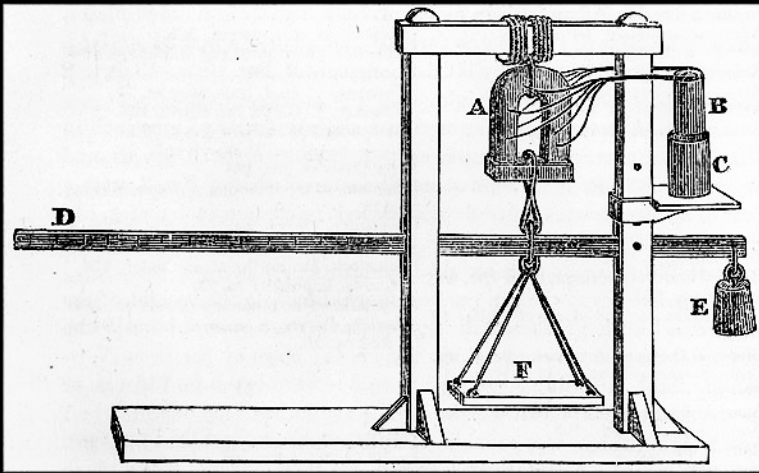
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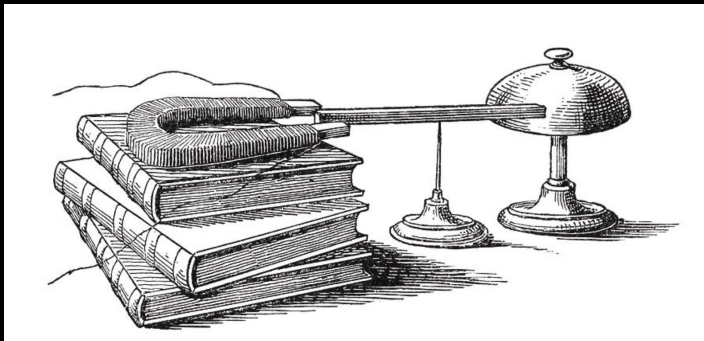


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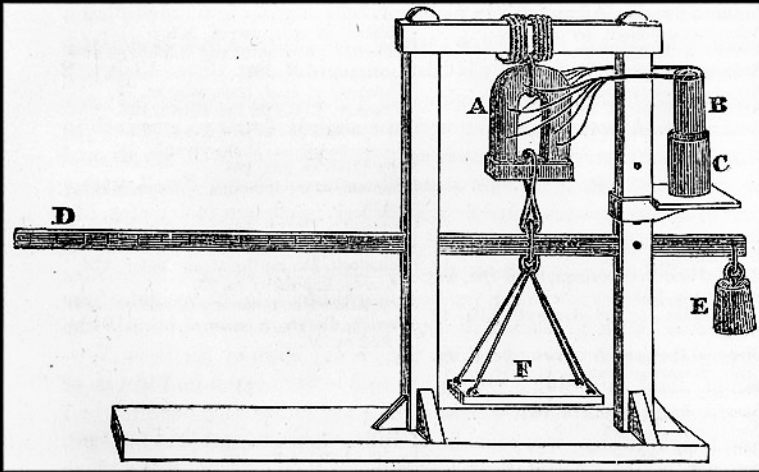
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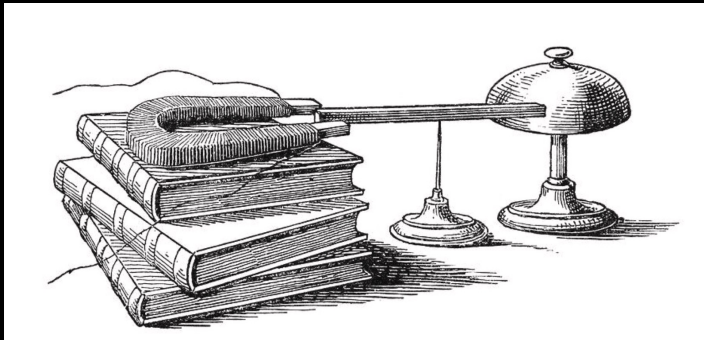
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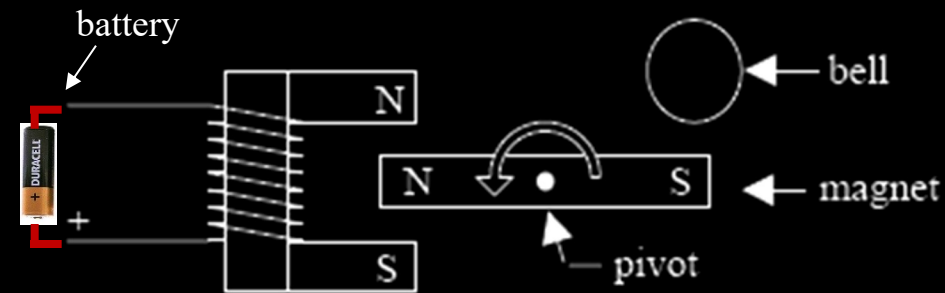


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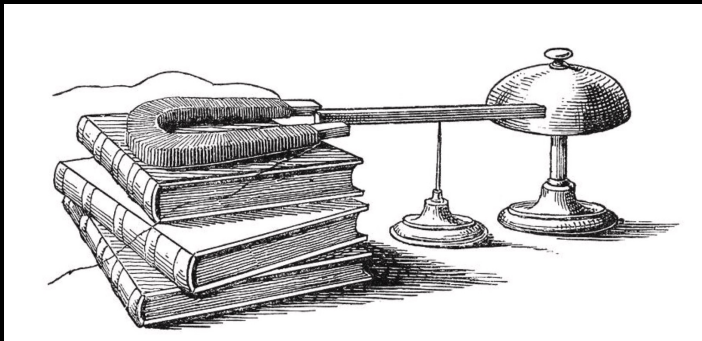


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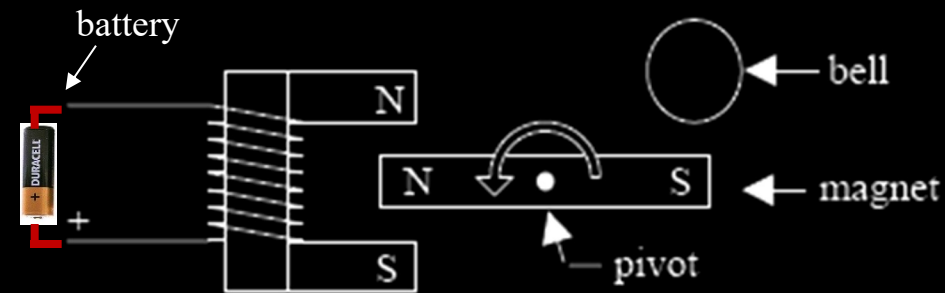
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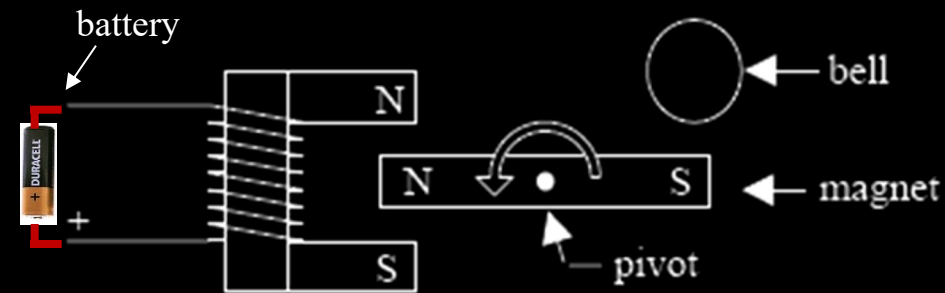
**Poles in horseshoe electromagnet reverse when current is reversed**

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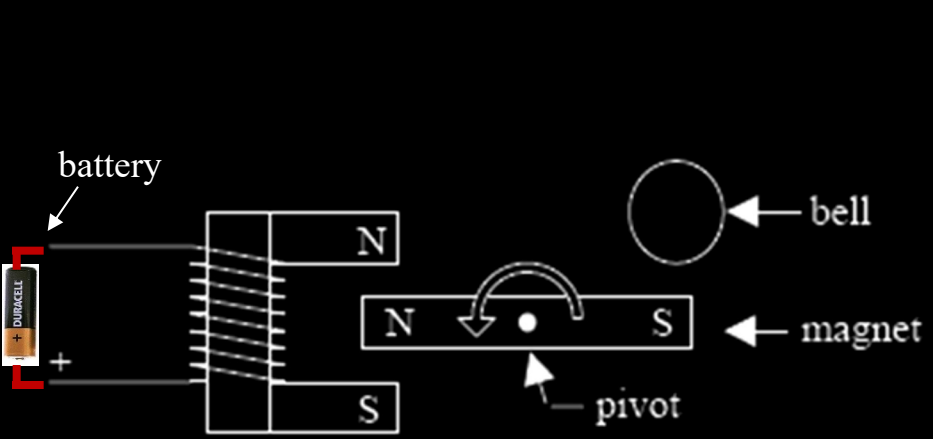
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The longer the path, the greater the resistance

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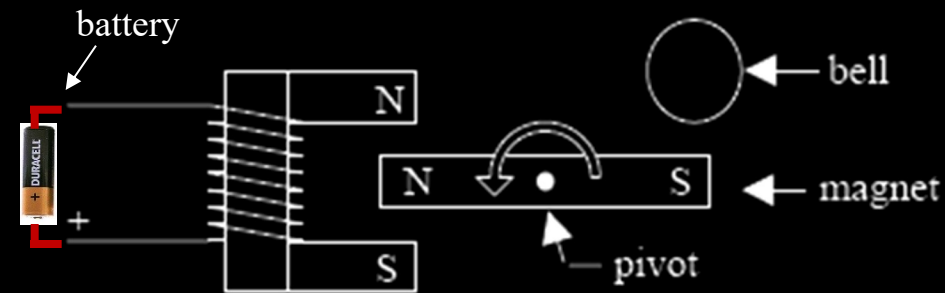
1 volt and  
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Parallel – more available current



Series – greater voltage



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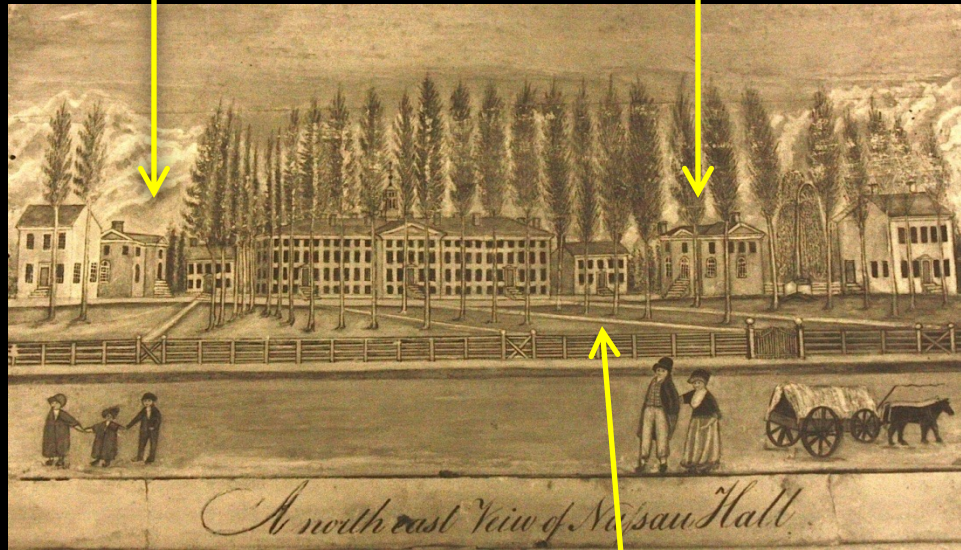
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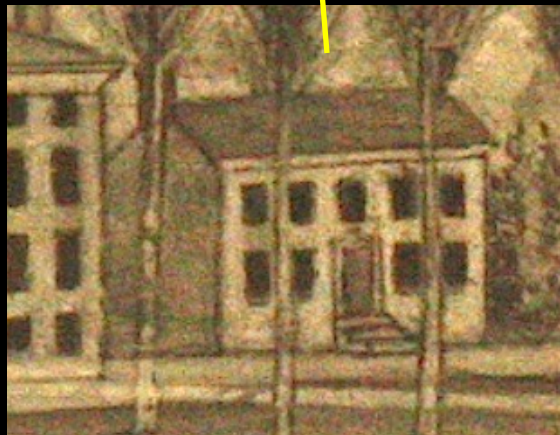
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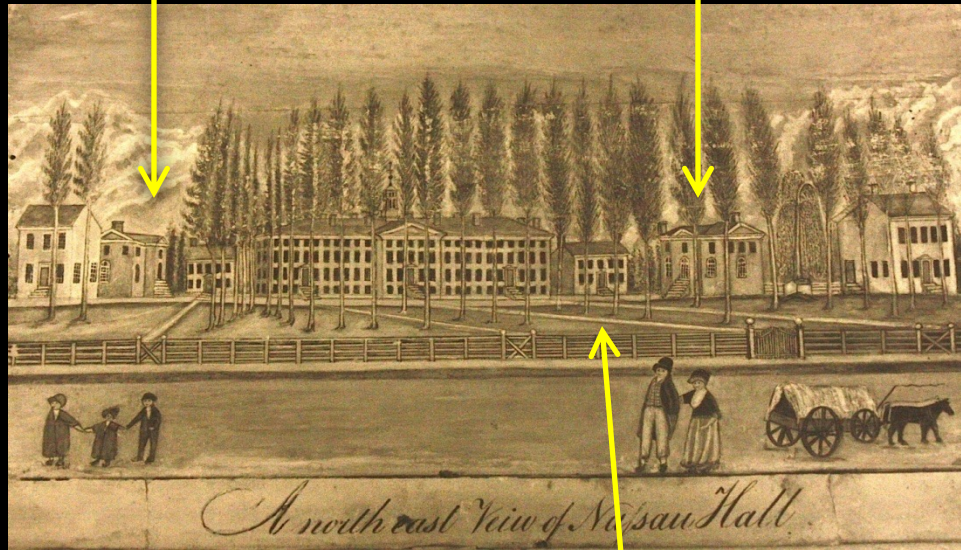


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Joseph Henry's House in 1836

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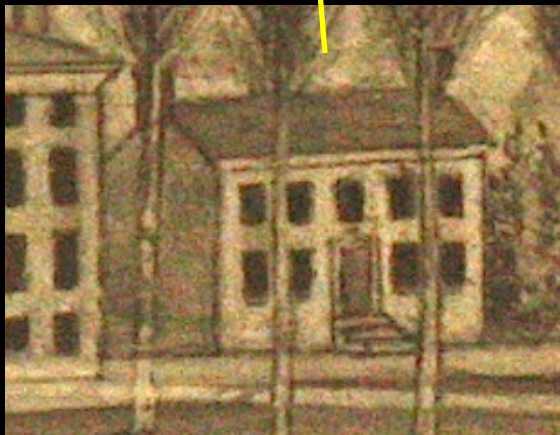
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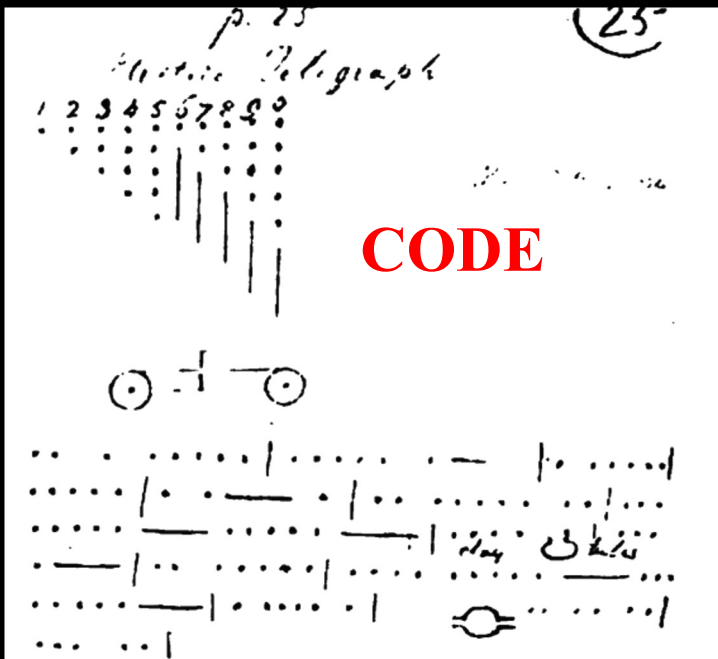
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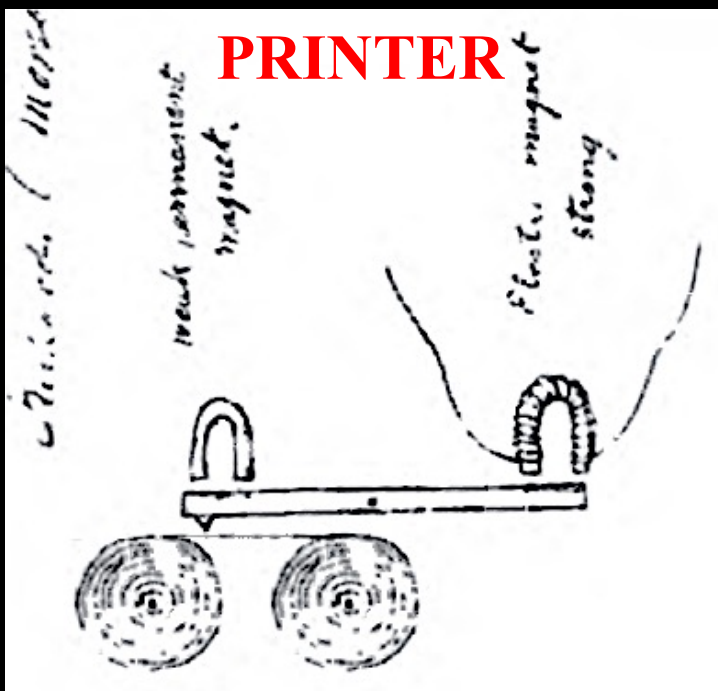


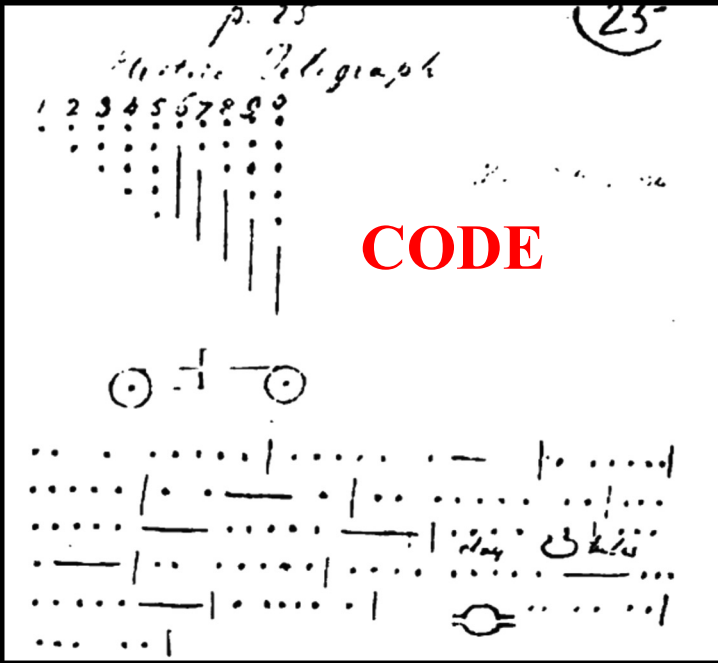
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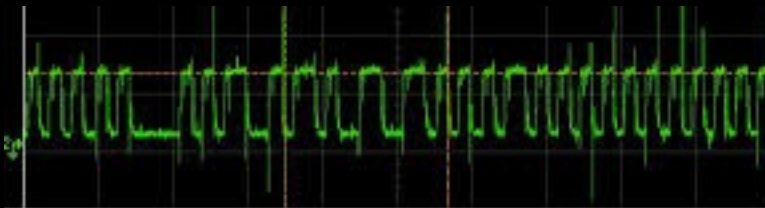
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Digital signals in use today – WiFi, Ethernet



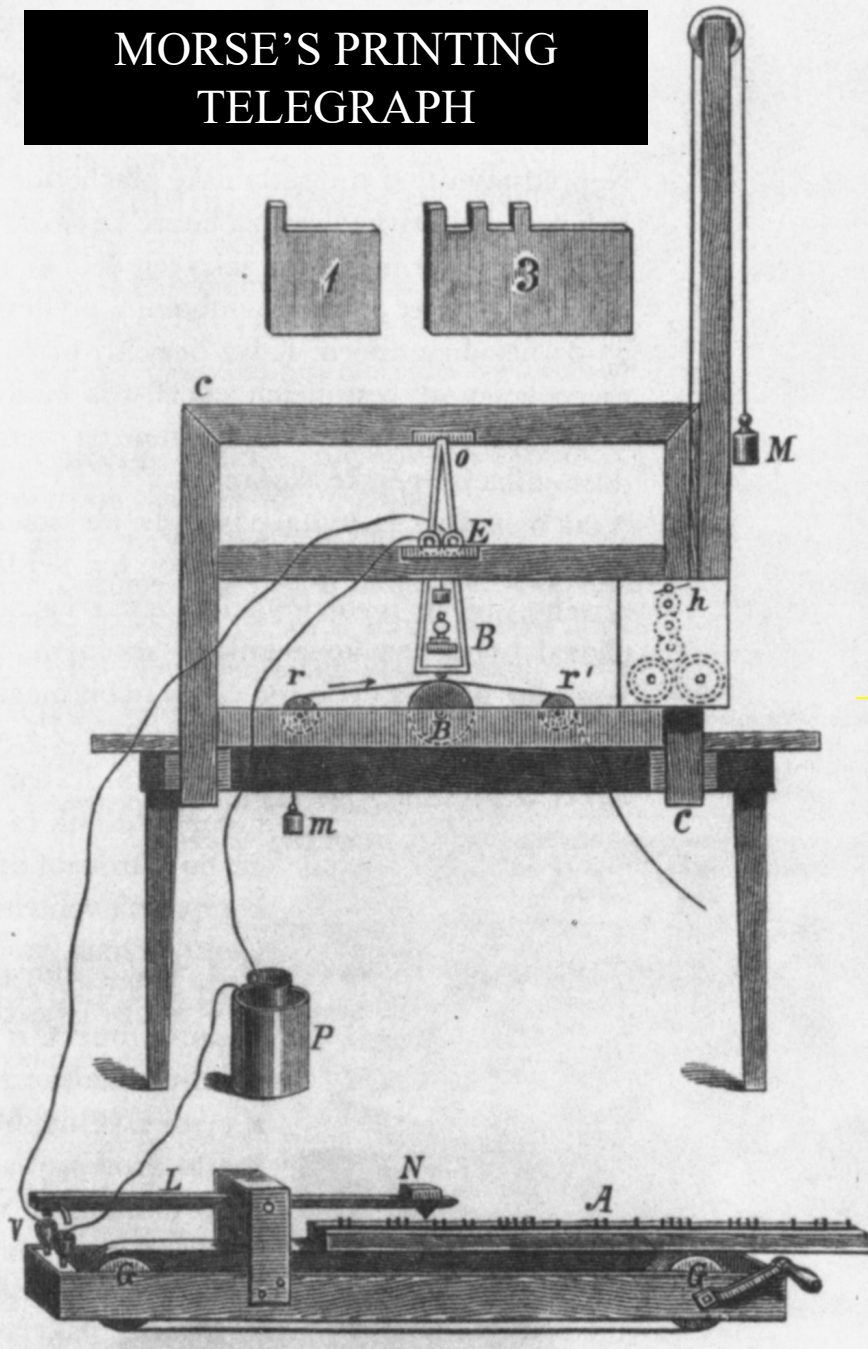
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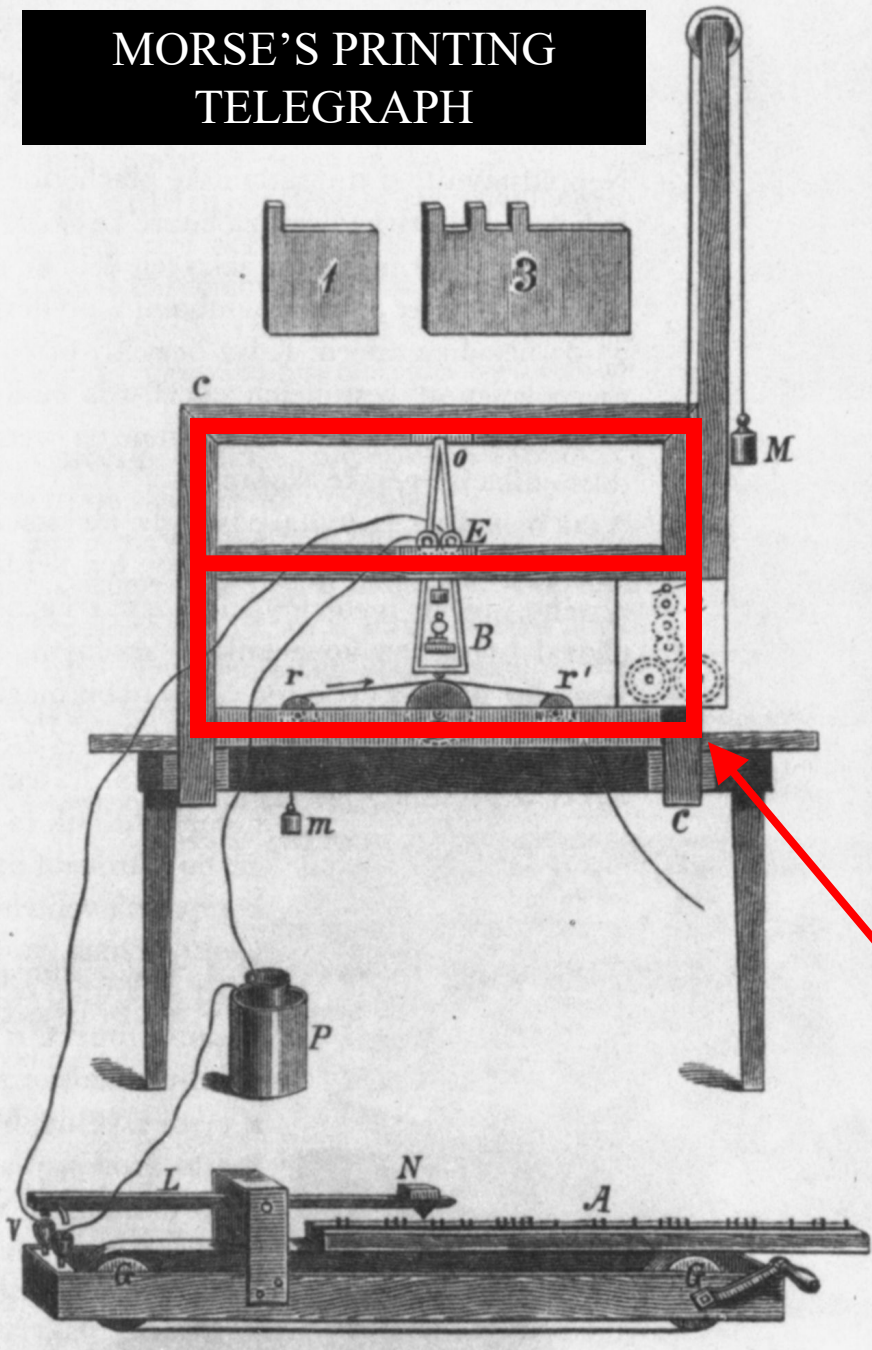
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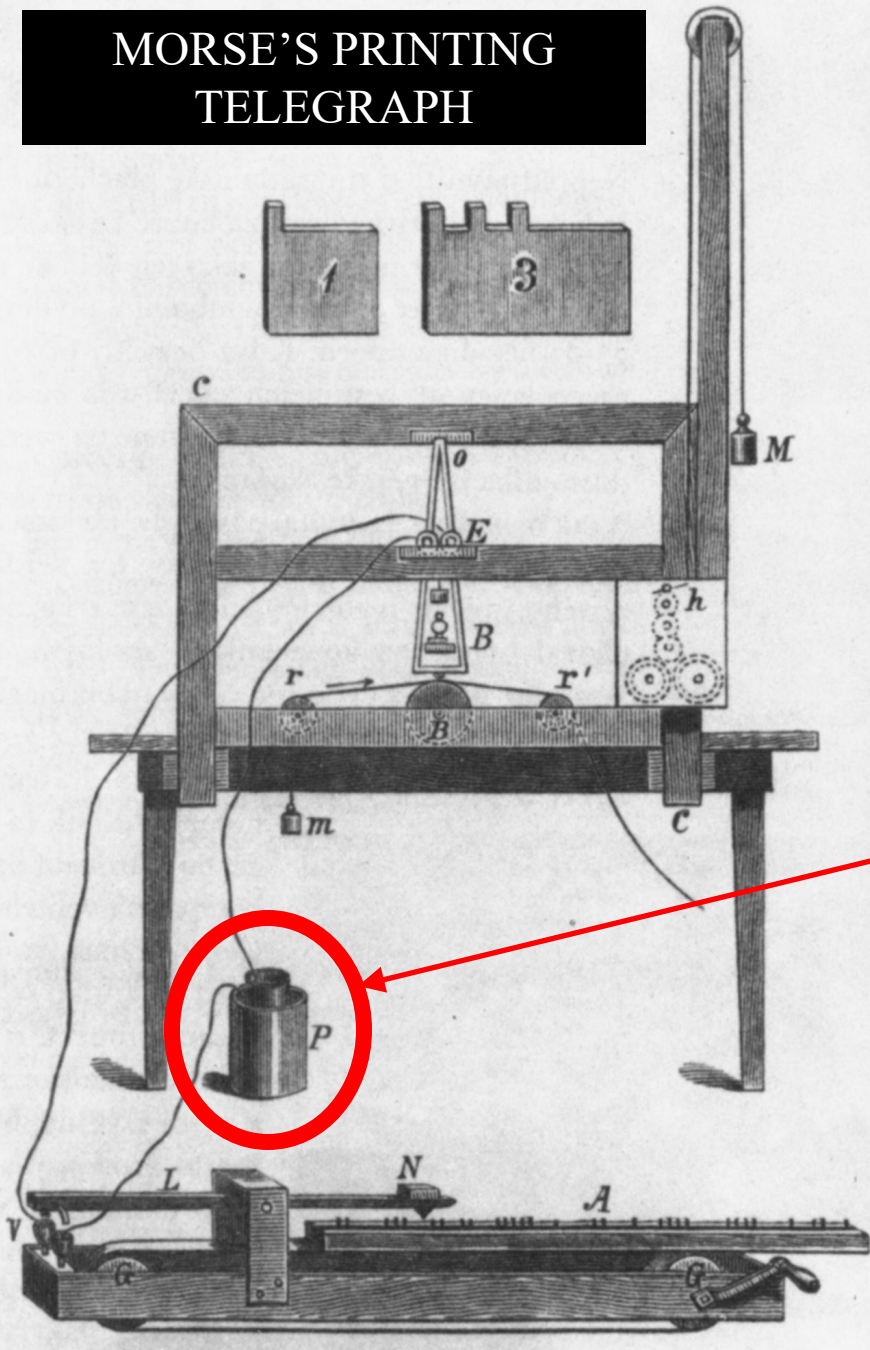
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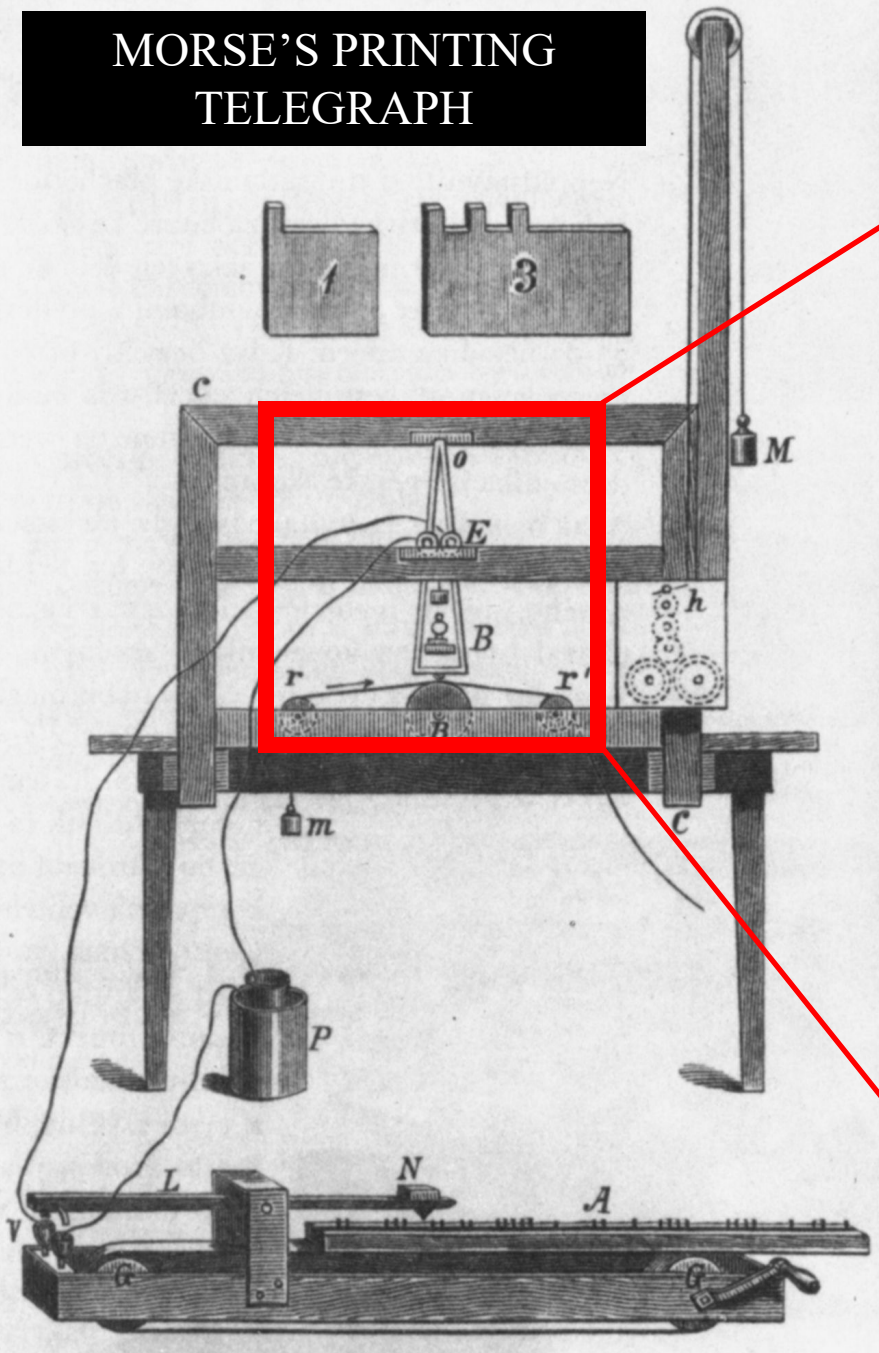
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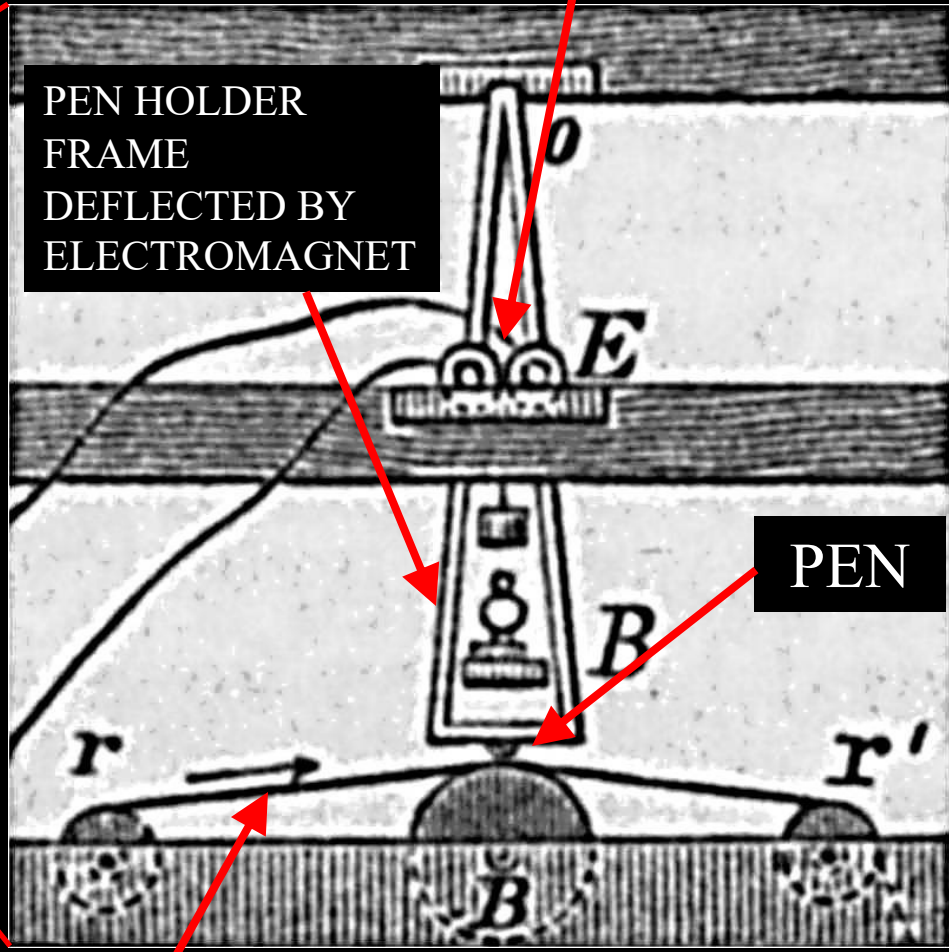


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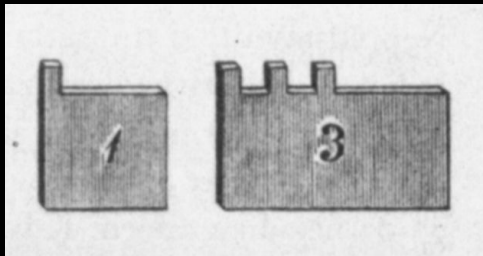
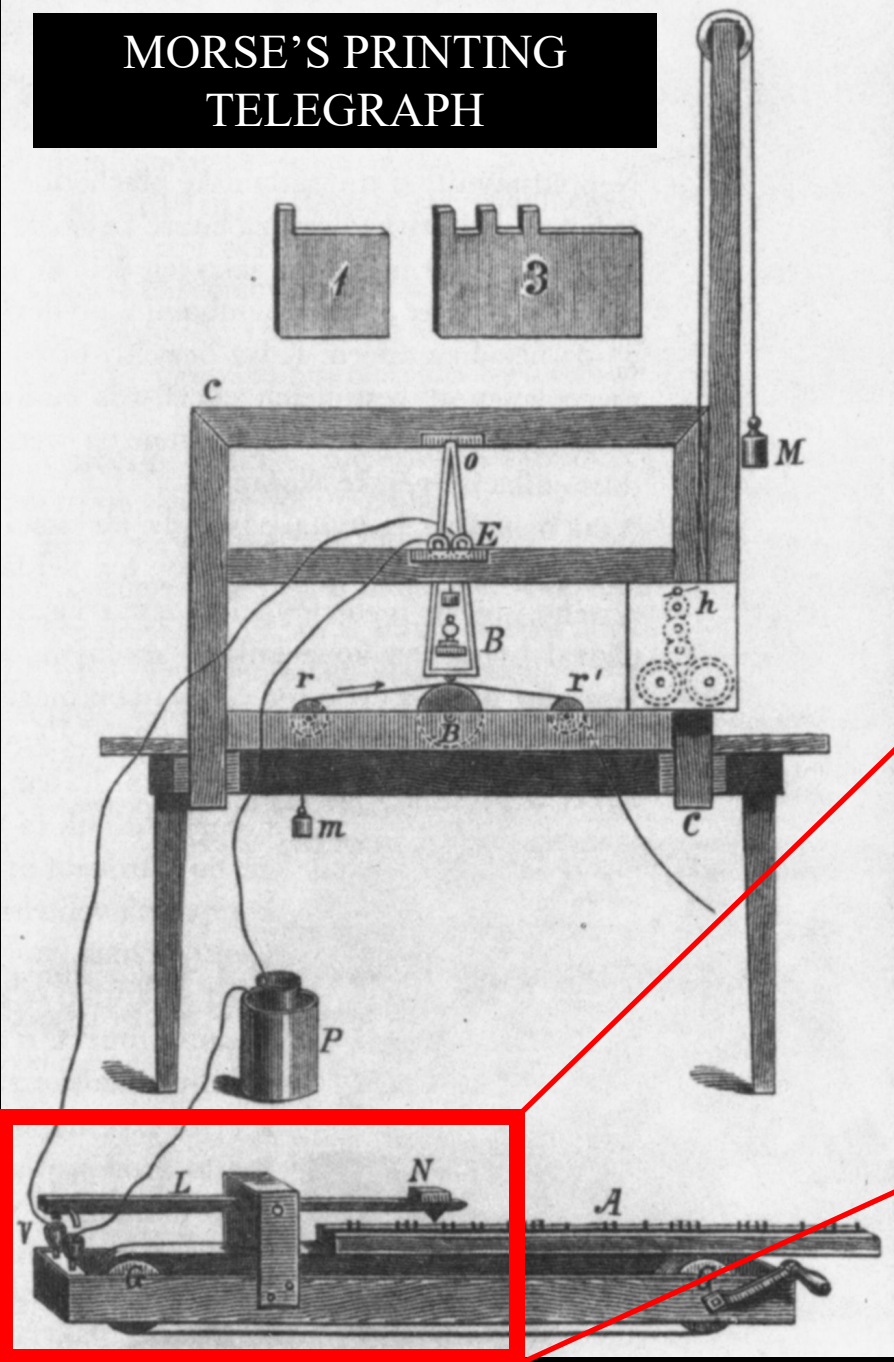


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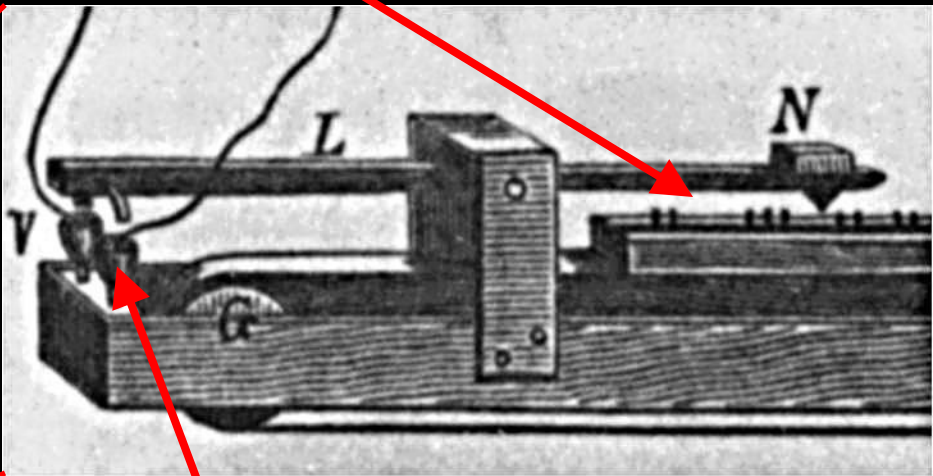
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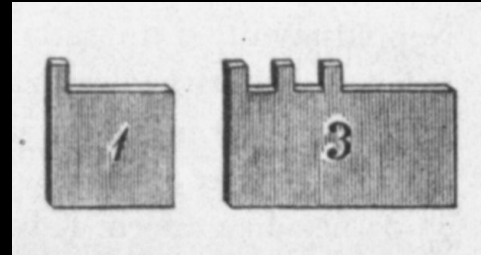
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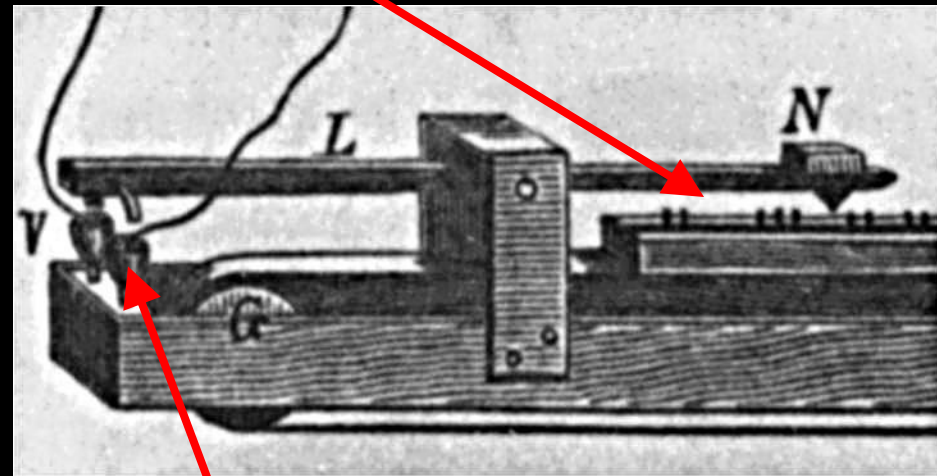
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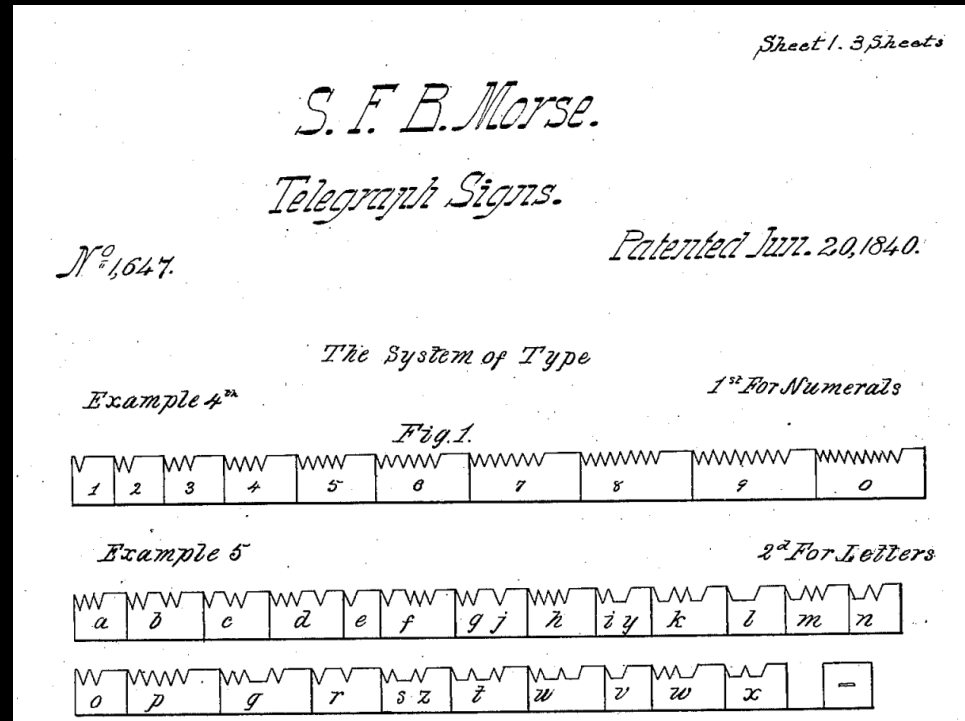
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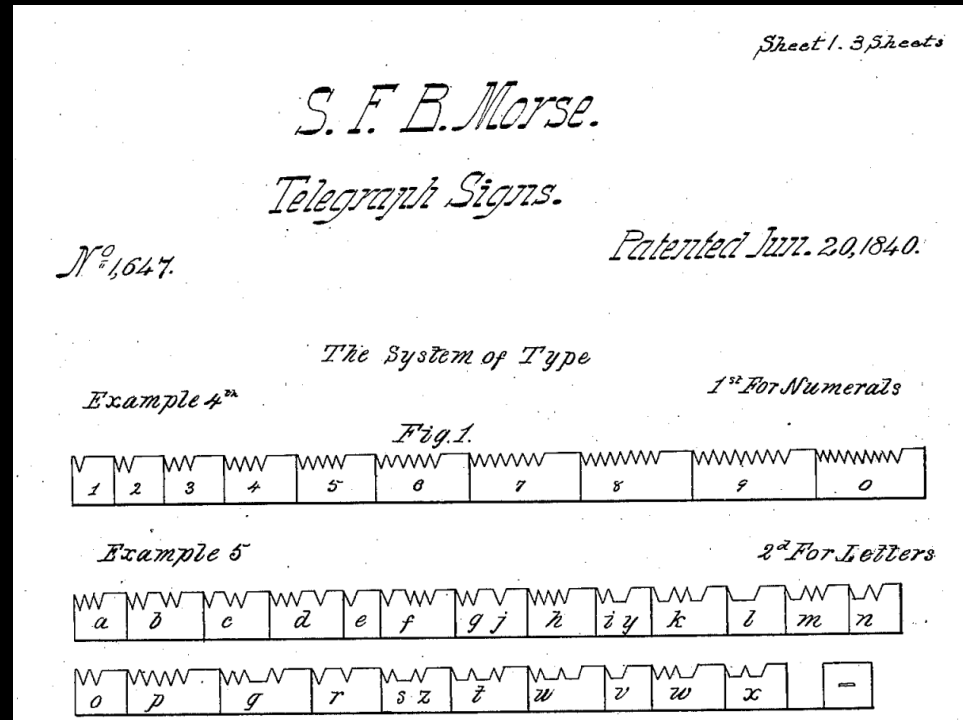
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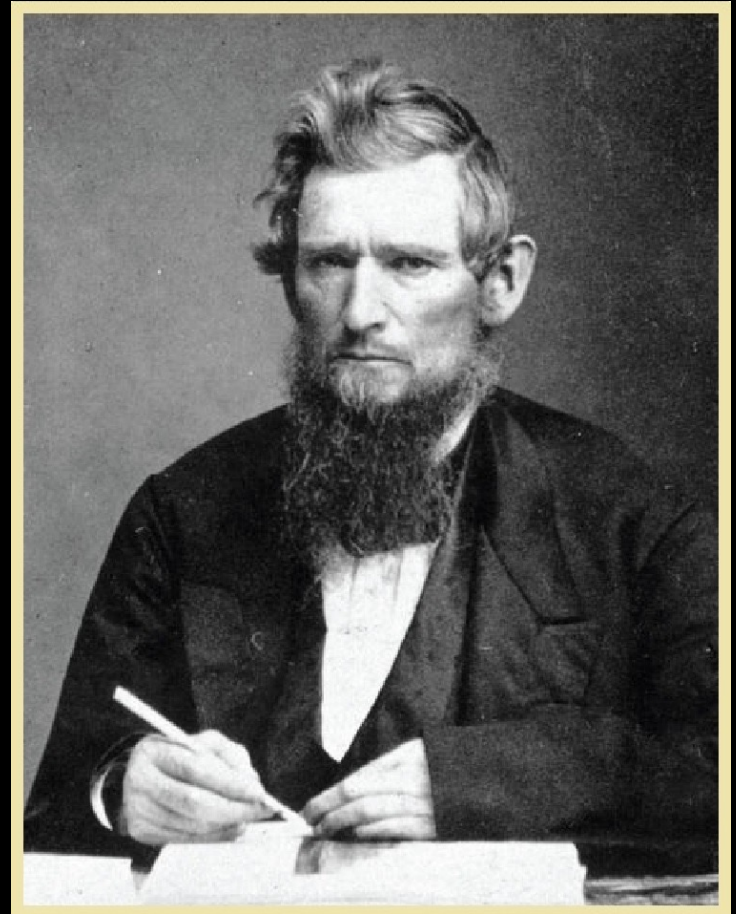
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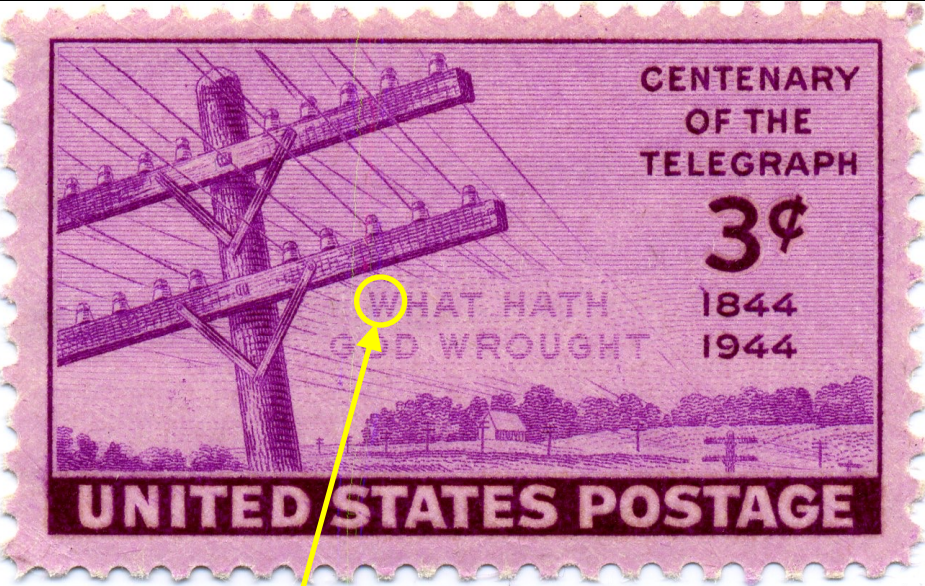
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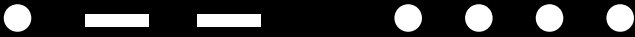
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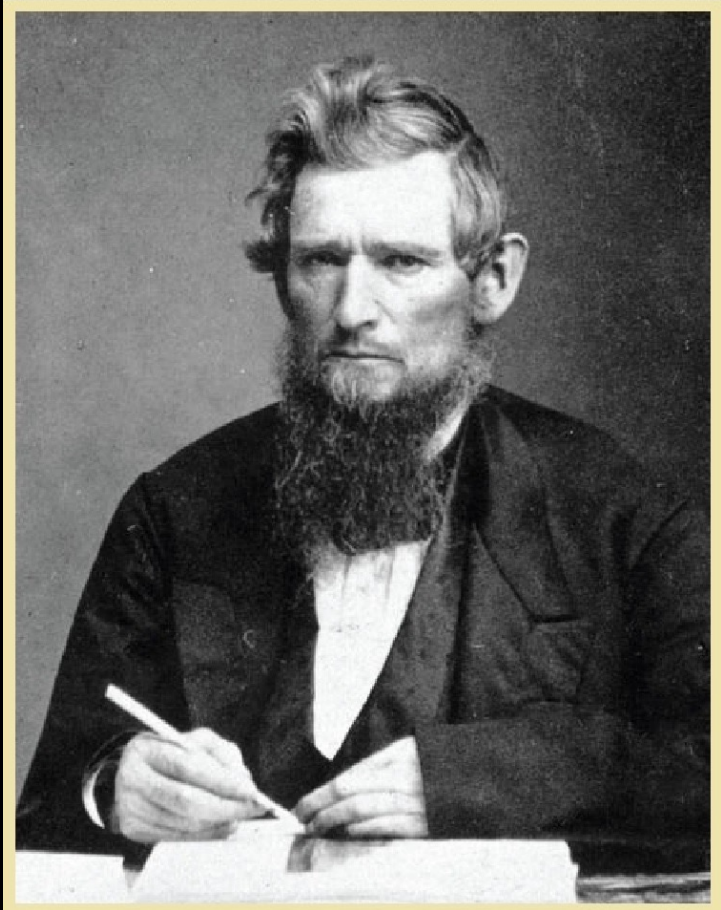
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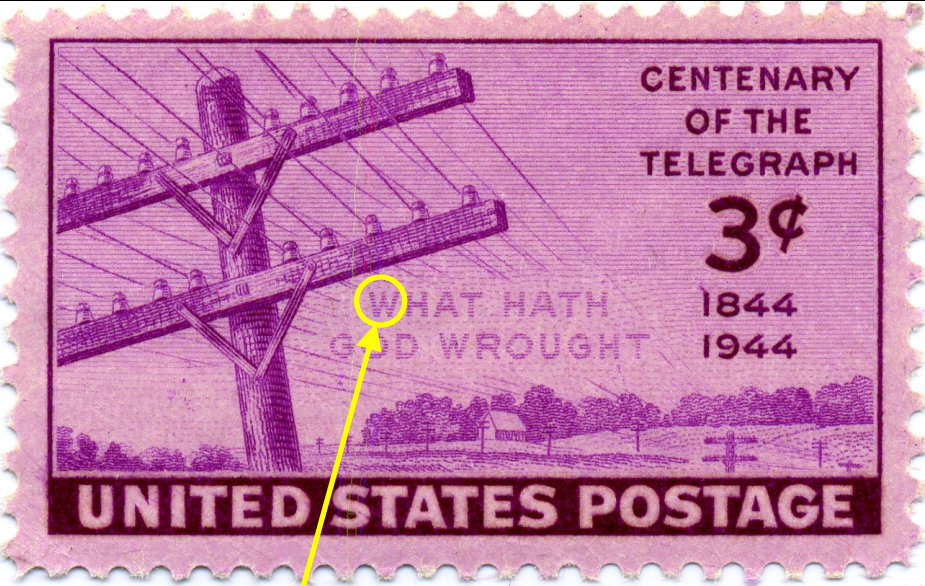
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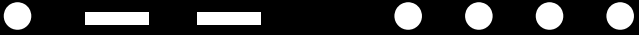
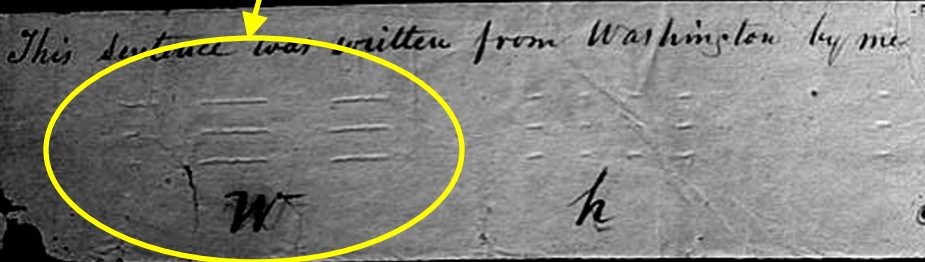
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# Science and Engineering

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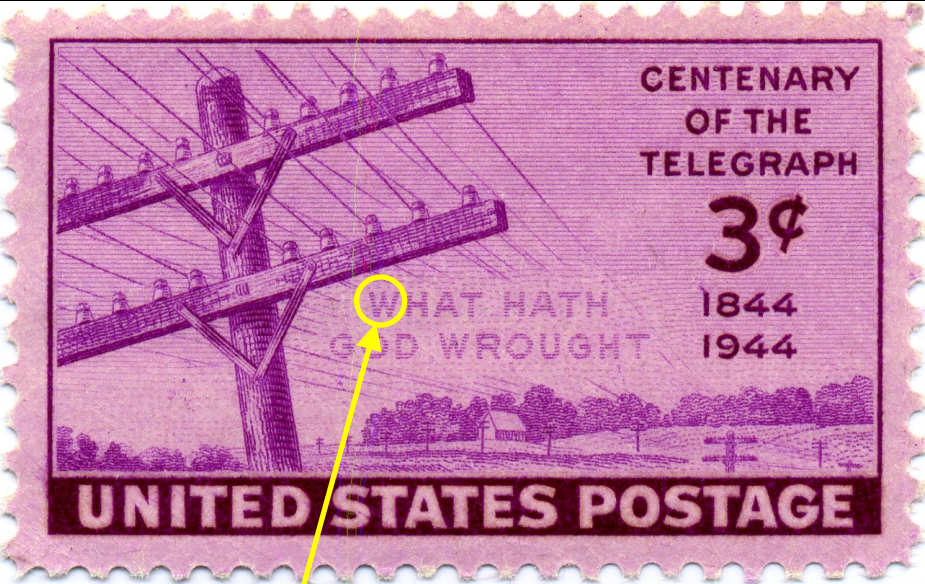
Scientist rings bell at a distance

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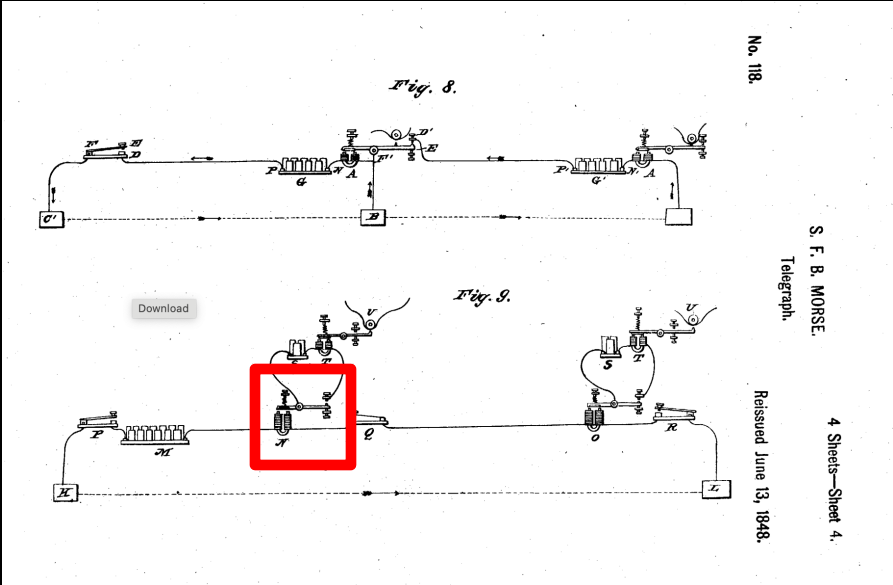
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## Design

Artist gives telegraph language and plans wide-area network



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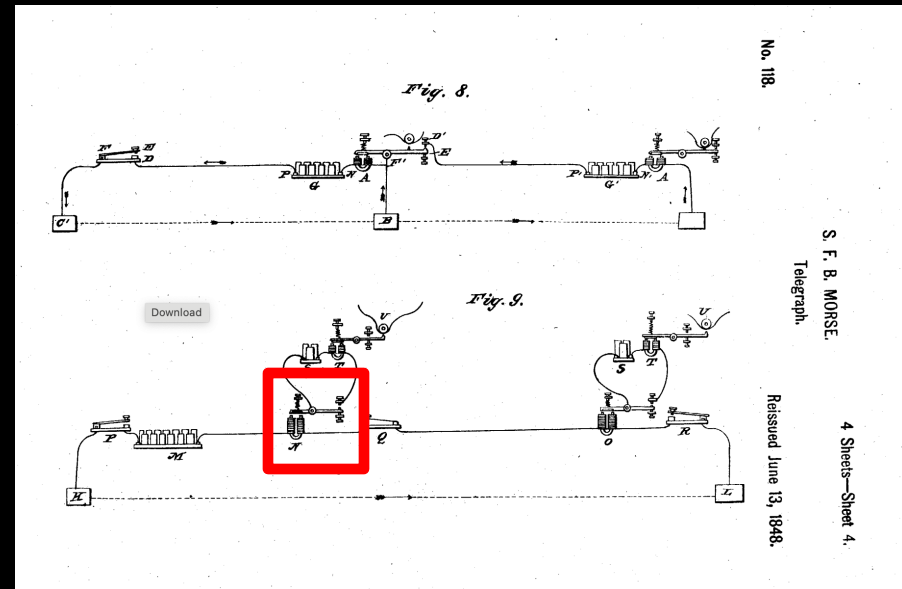


Morse Relay USRE118 in 1848

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7<sup>th</sup> and E St, Washington, DC  
Morse idea - replace Post Office



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Telegraph Lines in 1853  
**CONNECTING CITIES**

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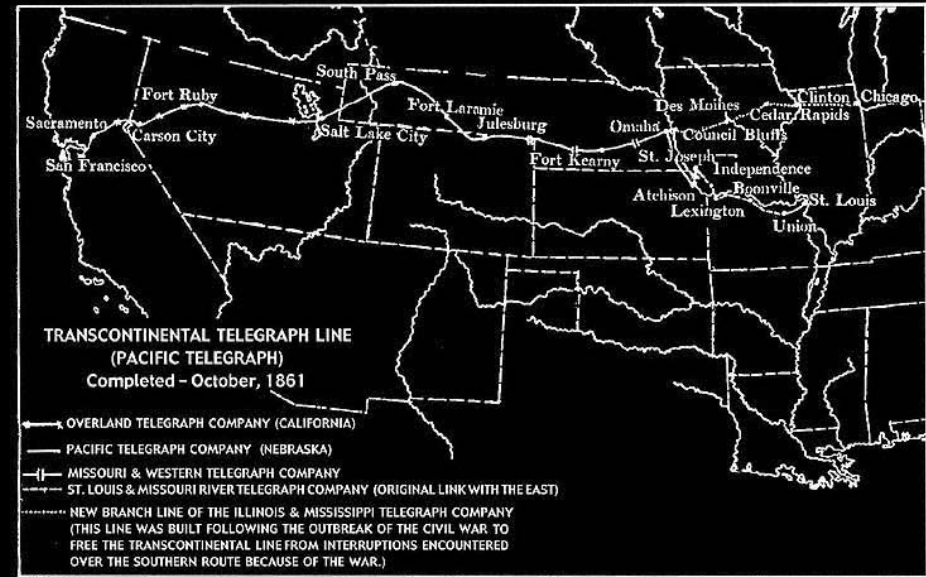
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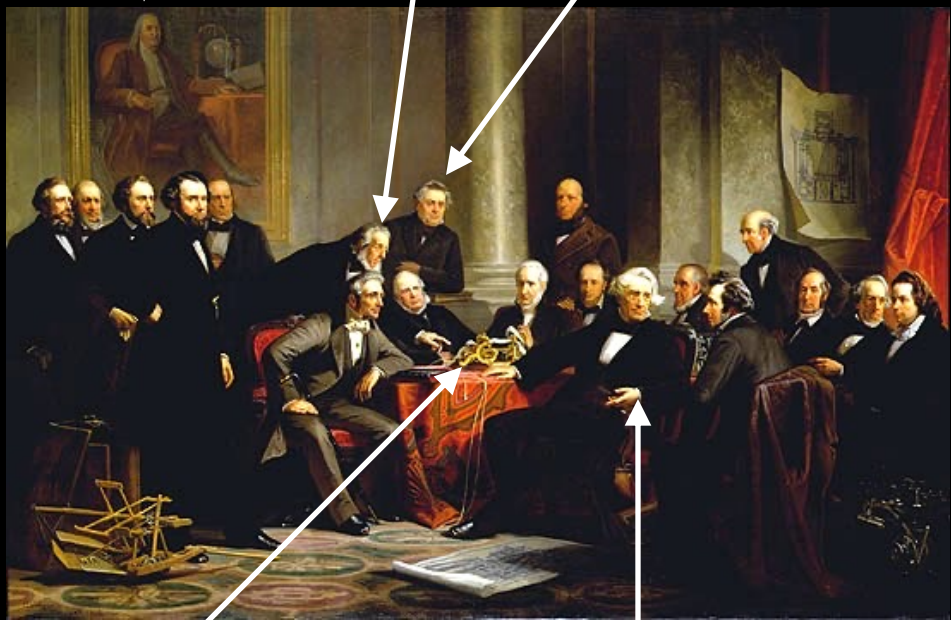


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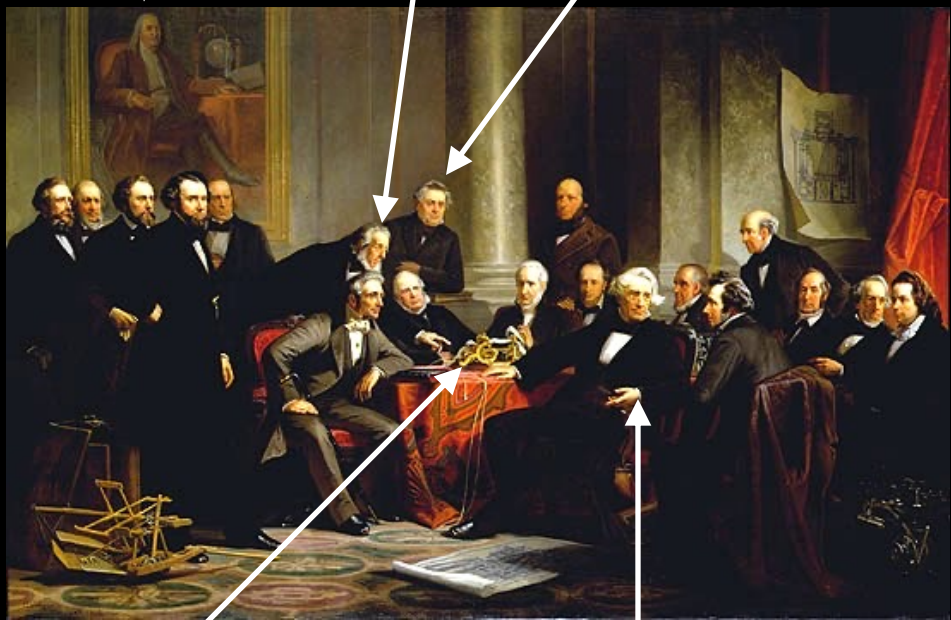
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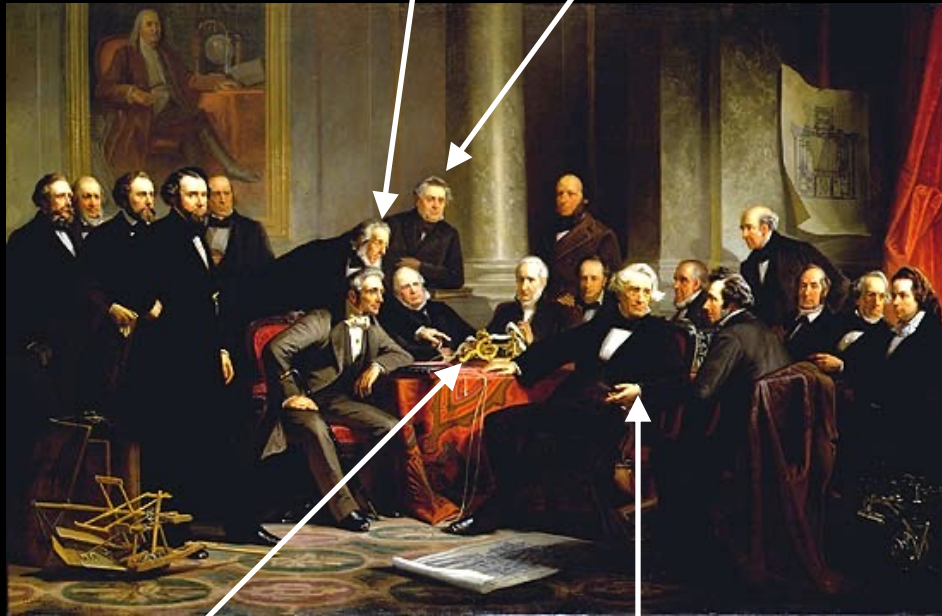
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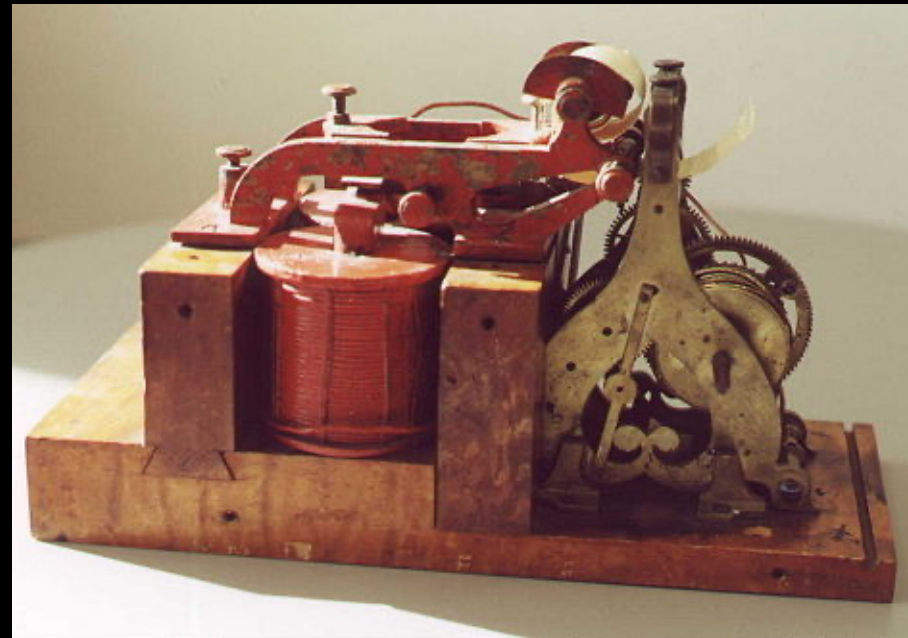
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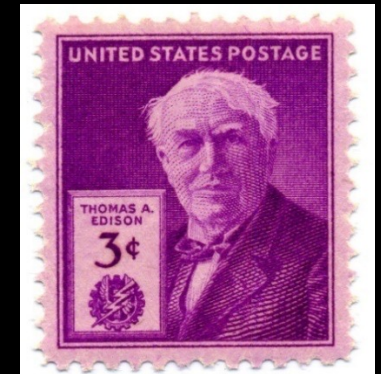
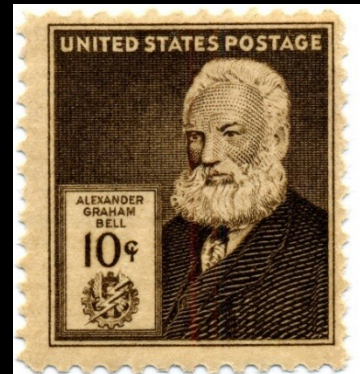
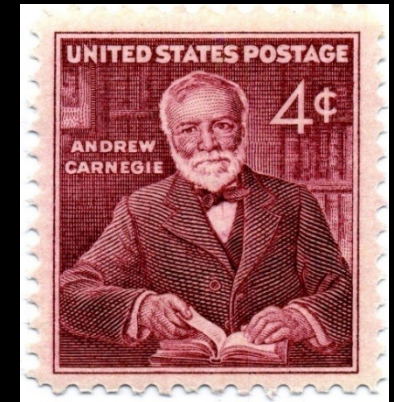


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## Key Ideas

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### Scientific

Strong Electromagnet  
Binary (dot-dash) Code

### Social

Government Investment  
Private Telegraph Company  
Wire Services inform Public

### Symbolic

Artist as Innovator

