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Mr Prescott,

Dear Sir,

In determining whether or not the Western Union have infringed either of Farmer's patents what must I assume that the Western Union have used? You mention, in your letter the systems of Steno, Edison, and Smith.

These men appear from your book to each have had several systems. It is necessary to know precisely what device or devices the Western Union has

used which are sup-
posed to infringe the
Farmer patent and
which of the patents
and what claim or
claims thereof. When
will it be convenient
for you to drop in at
my office to give
me information? The
Farmer reissues not
being in the package
you sent me I have
written to the Patent
Office for copies of
them.

Yours Truly
Geo Tifford

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Mr. Pope:

Dear Sir

As I understand it, the elements constituting the combinations as specified in all of the claims of Farmer's first and second patents, were all old at the time of his invention. Am I right in that? If not, which of them was not old?

Farmer claims that the W. H. has used the combinations of the 1st,

2nd, 3rd and 4th claims + the combinations of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th elements of his second patent. Were all of the elements con-

stituting the combinations thus claimed to be in-
fringements old at the date of Farmer's invention? If not, which of them was not then known?

I am intending to ask a conference with you some time tomorrow afternoon, the hour I will let you ^{know} about 12 or 1 o'clock tomorrow. And I write now to call your attention to the points which we will then discuss. If I cannot arrange for tomorrow afternoon, I will for next day morning.

Yours truly,
Geo Gifford