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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: A. B. Meeker & Co.

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No 92 Washington St.

Chicago, 9th Oct. 187 5

R. S. Stevens, Esq., Genl Manager
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Dr Sir:-

To reply to yr favor of the 2nd inst. we will sell you 1000 to 1200 52 to 60# Bessemer Steel Rails made to your pattern at Seventy one dollars & fifty cents (71.50) per ton on cars at Joliet & accept in part payment an equal quantity (or less if you choose) of old Iron Rails at twenty six (26) dollars per ton delivered at our option at any point on your line or branches. We do not want old rails at Joliet thence name delivery on your line.

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If we had the order next week we could ship you the quantity you want this month.

We enclose list of the principal sections we are making but can give you almost any pattern.

Soliciting your orders we are

Yours truly

A. B. Meeker & Co.

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