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My dear Tom, Cooper:

The commander of the U.S. Arsenal at this place tells me that you would like some facts in regard to the old highway bridge over the Kennebec in this city. I can send you a drawing of the work, if you care for it, which gives a good idea of the structure. It is on a scale of 1/64th inch and is thus rather large. The bridge has nothing peculiar about it that I know of, except its age (62 years). It was a first-rate piece of carpentry, the two spans were 18 feet each, clear, and some years ago it was severely tested by a R.R. bridge above it which was carried away and passed under the highway bridge cutting off the anchors (It was Burr's plan) and damaging severely the trusses. I am about replacing it with new, as it is in rather a shaky condition.

I have also, if you care for it, a drawing of a marvelous exploit of Pratt's at Conway N.H.