Knowing that, as a rule, the cost of Iron Bridges, for a term of years, is less than the cost of building, repairing and replacing wooden bridges, and believing the only reason so many bridges are still built of wood to be that those who are charged with the duty of contracting for them are not aware how little difference there really is in the first cost of a good Iron Bridge and a well built wooden one, of equal strength, we are at all times pleased at an opportunity to quote prices to officers of Counties, Cities and Townships, even if they have no intention of buying an Iron Bridge, so that they may intelligently compare the cost of the different constructions.

To enable us to name prices intelligently we need information upon the following points:

- Number of Spans and length of each Span.
- Width of Roadway, and number and width of Footways or Sidewalks.
- Kind of Lumber to be used for Joist and Planking, and its value.
- Name of nearest R. R. Station, and distance of bridge site from Station.
- Depth of water at ordinary level, and height of floor above water.

Also strength or capacity of bridge required, if any particular strength has been determined on; or a general statement as to the nature of travel over the bridge; whether on a country road, a well-ballasted turnpike, or located in a village or city, and subject to very heavy loads.