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Blacksmith Shop  
150 x 150

Machine Shop  
50 x 150

Drawing Room

Store house for  
crew

Boiler & engine

pattern  
Shop  
30 x 30

200 x 60  
Setting up shop

Boiler Shop  
Brass foundry  
36 x 40

# M & C Shops

Yard full of tracks

Round House for  
abt 12 engines

100 x 50  
Carpenter  
Shop

8

main line Running East & West

Yard full of tracks



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Dear Friend Sewall

Your card ought to have been answered long ago but I have been waiting to see what kind of a job I could find out here so that I could have something special to write. Well at last I have gone into business.

I am in the shops of the Marietta & Cincinnati R.R. in this city - with the understanding that I shall do all the draughting that there is a necessity for. In the mean time I work as a common machinist and get a little of the practical knowledge of the business



They are simply repair shops  
so there isn't need of so many  
drawings as in a shop where  
locomotives are built.

This job is by no means  
the one on which I shall settle  
down but it helps me pay  
my expenses till something better  
comes up. I think there is  
an opening now which I shall  
take the advantage of.

The Hocking Valley R.R., a <sup>new</sup> road  
of about 200 miles - running  
from Toledo to Athens both  
in this state - has no draught  
man on the whole road and  
the master mechanic - who is  
a nice man to work for and  
by the way is an old R.R.  
friend of my father & uncle  
- wants me to go to Columbus  
and go into his shops and  
I think I shall make the



change. I don't think I shall have  
much drawing here because  
the road being so old has a full  
set of castings & patterns for  
every thing and few new ones  
are designed whereas if I go  
to Columbus where the road has  
been running but a few weeks  
I shall have plenty of drawing  
to designing for new castings  
patterns  
"etc" which will of course be  
required,

Hope you are not out of a  
job - would be content to do  
most anything till something  
better comes up. We can't expect  
any very high positions at  
the first move. This letter  
will be directed to Holly Sq.  
for fear that you may have changed  
your place. Please write and  
let me know what you are up to  
as I have and oblige  
Your Old Chum  
(over) Newc.