Guide to Correspondence, Estimates and Other Memoranda Relative to Motive Power on the Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit Company’s Elevated Road 1891-1893
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Abstract
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