Editorial Symbols

Newark Overstruck letters
Legible manuscript cancellations; crossed-out or overwritten letters are placed before corrections

[Newark] Text in brackets
Material supplied by editors

[Newark?] Text with a question mark in brackets
Conjecture

[Newark?] Text with a question mark in brackets followed by a textnote
Conjecture of illegible text

⟨Newark⟩ Text in angle brackets
Marginalia; in Edison’s hand unless otherwise noted

[ ] Empty brackets
Text missing from damaged manuscript

[--] Hyphens in brackets
Conjecture of number of characters in illegible material

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Superscript lowercase letters in the documents refer to textnotes, which appear at the end of each document.