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just opposite the Bridge, we had time to see a bottle of the
brown as opposed the above & mounted up the Fortifort hill
we had a fine view of Coblenz & the country. When you
come there I suppose there will be a fine view. They have
now a very good brick bridge between the towns. Nothing
had surprised you & a factory more than a flying bridge,
the 1st we crossed, she would not believe till I made her
take round that we had left the other bank.

Thurs. 24 we were off at 6 1/2 & had a delightful stream.
The view of Koblenz as we approached it pleased
me more than anything. I think most of the castle
very inferior to our double ground at Fortburg.
The Prince Bish of Munster has a pretty castle at this
end of the valley. It about 4 we reached Mayence
put up at an immense house the Kaiserliche Hof
now. We waited till 7 the evening after to hear the
Munster Band. I went over there. Houlan (Lancet) and
many other stables; the latter were useful animals.
But the other though good horses, very small & light.
The wine was superior to a French light regional. I saw it for
the first by continuing to Wiesbaden, how beautiful the
view of Mayence is from that road. Though late we
were taken in at Wiesbaden in two days. What I intended by
you besides dear charges they asked to Mainz for our horses
was twice as much as the dearest Hotel, so we went to the

Hotel by Landwehr having the impudence to order our Coachman
not to stop for his door till fixed - however the Police voted it
was a strong word to the Mayor, we deposited the money
till the case was decided & proceeded to Frankfurt in the
You & Play. 3 dollars followed us on the horses - good justice.
Since Saturday we have been at the Roman Emperor, killed
by the heat which is something so intense that even sitting
will work do. There is however Ice, Letters water & English
English Porter to console me. I have been plagued about
a carriage, having found one that just suited & agreed to buy
it; the Council of some Napoleon's General persuaded the Mayor
to take his money & does me out of it, the police could
not settle the matter without a process, which might detain
me a month so I must take a very inferior vehicle but
at a much lower price. I am now having new leather Acan
& a spoon & to it is hope to have it ready to start tomorrow;
to sleep at Diddelberg on Sat. either Carlruhe
or Baden Baden, where we shall remain a few days to
see the neighbourhood & then for Sinsle by Freiburg & Schaffhausen.
Your books & maps are very useful indeed. We hope to see
a good many of the places marked before 6 weeks are over.
The mountain air will be very refreshing after that boiling
no letters at yet. You will understand for you only say just July.
We shall not reach Rome before the 20 or 29 of that month and
letters will find us at Geneva at any rate till the 3rd of July
to I hope you will not forget us. How does the Harriet & Merton
O'Brien & home do? We had young Hertford at dinner yesterday
which Wood of Fortin the 2nd of October helped to do justice to.