finite pleasantly and then came down the Rhein to Mannheim from Mannheim where I went by railroad to Heidelberg where I spent several days. I found there one of two Americans and several Englishmen and had a pleasant visit. The old castle is magnificent. From Heidelberg I went to Frankfurt and thence to Mayence. Then down the Rhine to Coblentz and from Coblentz [illegible] After all if you take away the old castles the Rhine is not [illegible] as the Hudson. I have not seen a view either on the Rhine or Danube as fine as that from the Palisades. The vintage is just over and the crop is of extraordinary quality and the yield immense. It is considered one of the greatest [illegible] I left [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]