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masonry which great as they are could not contain even the mouldering dust of the crowd of victims here consigned by the infallible wisdom of the Popes & Councils of the Church of Rome. It is well to have access to such demonstrations of the Chaldaic superstition of Romanism as an antidote to the beguiling influence of lofty towers flying buttresses sculptured walls long drawn aisles, and the soul subduing sounds of swelling organ notes alternating with the soft cadences of pretty intonations and the intoxicating fumes of rising incense through which appear the costly vestments and stately processions and superb hangings of tapestry and altar pieces chef d'oeuvres of the Painters power.

Mainz. Augt 12th

We had a very interesting passage by steamboat yesterday up the Rhine leaving Coblentz in the morning and reaching this place about 6 P.M. Ehrenbreitstein frowned on the Rhine & all that lay below it in its military despotism. It would appear impregnable to the unskilled eye and is said to have yielded to the Conqueror but twice once to strategem & once to famine. It is said now to contain stores for eighty years. During the earlier part of the voyage the Rhine winds most tortuously through cliffs of rock often nearly perpendicular & wherever human ingenuity can construct terraces clothed with vines. The summits often crowned by castellated structures or ruins, stages of