

Sing Sing, N. York
Thursday eve, May 27th / 38;

My dear wife,

I wrote you
of the children letters last Sat.
I left Auburn on Tuesday
morn, reached Albany in the
P.M. I left there for this place
at 10^{1/2} A.M. I reached this
place in the P.M. I think
of starting for N. York to-mor-
row P.M. I may visit Phil-
adelphia on Monday or Tues-
day next. if not I shall start
for Boston. In that case I
shall hope to see Kinsey on
Saturday of next week. I am
hurrying to get round as fast
as possible. I shall be tired of
seeing the elephant by the time
I get round. To day I saw about

100 female convicts eat their
dinners, & then go to their cells.
I've looked up, while the lady
Kempus should eat theirs. What a
sight! - some were good looking
girls, & some looked like the very
incarnation of sin.

To night I saw about 1000 men
march to get their supper & go
to their cells. They seemed almost
like a parade of soldiers upon a
muster field that is no number
& description of their march.

But let these unsightly, un-
natural things pass, & then to some
thing that is beautiful & majestic
the work of nature. I look from
the window as I write upon a sight
I have not seen for years, the
mountains, or rather abrupt &
rugged hills upon the opposite
side of the river. I have looked &
gazed upon the trees & hills & dis-

tant blue mountains till
my eyes are sore. During the even-
ing that I was in Albany I walked
about the city, through its finest
parts, for an hour or two, but I
saw nothing so beautiful, so
perfectly charming to my sight
as the shrubbery & verges & trees
that I saw in such abundance
& beauty in Auburn, of which I
wrote you a few words. If I do not
beautify my yard, now, it will be
because I cannot do it.

But it is growing dusky & I must
close. The affair is quite a dis-
aster. I must go to it before it closes,
I have not been upon the bluff
yet to see the city of Sing Sing.
My love to all. Tell them that I
am well, & would prefer home to
any prison I have yet seen.
A kiss to the children, & yourself. Love