



French Litch Feb 10th 1857

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Dear Sir Yours of Jan. 2^d came to hand a few days since & by its contents I have to learn the news of Cousin Laura's death I was expecting it since your last letter. I have sent yours & Sakes to F. W. Smith & I presume he will get them about the last of this month. I have not heard from him in some time. You say he had better come home, but I think he will not take your advice. For I think he is some like my self the longer he stays in this country the better he likes it. I do not know how he does enjoy him self. But he says he is at work at his trade & plays for a party now & then & gets £6.00 per night. I guess he has got some considerable of the row. How does Leeb. get along with his Fever & ague - ask him how he would sell some to his friends or perhaps he wants all to him self. Where is Perry & how does he like the nest by they year

How far from St Paul is Lebo land
Just let a fellow know. Have you
got in to the berth of keeping the States
prison, I think you wrote to me saying
you were going to Sing Sing. Be careful
you do not get in to look out through
the grates. I presume you have had
some considerable snow in your region
of country. Such has been the case in
all the Mountain districts. but in the
valleys the snow has melted off as fast
as it came, on the mountains the snow
has lain from 7 to 20 feet deep & the
only conveyance was upon snow shoes.
all the country north of this place has
been traversed over by snow shoes.

Deer came down in to the valleys
so thick that they could be killed by
dozens I have had some rare sport you
bet & then my dog is some on a Deer
hunt he will walk behind me & keep his
place if half a dozen runs past unless I
tell him to go, he has caught over 20 that
were slightly wounded, ^{that} would of got away only
for him

I presume you get tired of hearing me
tell about my hunting yarns, But I have
got to write something as else you would
have one of Frank's kind of letters.

My health is good & my weight is 180
& I feel just as well & look as well as ever

I am at work at my trade
at the present time & I think I shall the
coming summer, I have got a shop in
this place & I make all kinds of mining
tools & repair wagons, & in fact I am
the jack of all trades I have got some
mining claims yet & some good ones
to you can bet. My Ditch property is
paying well & I think that I am as
well located for the present as I could
be & for this reason I do not want to
pull up & leave for the States, altho I would
like to visit the land of my birth & see all
my old friends & acquaintances. But I have
in hopes, of better days coming &c.

Write as soon as convenient.

Respectfully Yours &c
David J. Rogers