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## Letter from Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore to [Louie Strentzel] Muir, 1891 Mar 31.

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given a banquet and reception by  
some three hundred admiring  
tourists of past seasons; and put  
through some mysterious mining  
deal, by which, I suppose, some  
more strangers will learn a  
deal more of geology than they  
knew before.

We are all hoping that Capt.  
Hooper will have orders that  
will allow him to cooperate with  
the Mt. St. Elias party and do  
some exploring and surveying  
himself. I fear that Mr. Muir's added  
cares will keep him far away  
from the glaciers this season,  
but I hope that he has written  
out some of the results of his  
last seasons work.

With regards, I am

Very Sincerely Eliza Ruess Scidmore

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Washington - March 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

My dear Mr. Muir

I enclose you  
the letter that I did write  
you in December, to prove  
that I intended to do this much  
long ago. I have had a very  
busy winter and lost three weeks  
of it entirely by illness, and  
between that and a few flying  
trips to New York, the season  
has slipped away from me.

I am getting the proof of my  
New book slowly, but it cannot  
be many weeks off now before I  
shall see its cover.

Of course Mr. Muir and yourself  
were interested in Mr. Kerr's article  
in the March Scribner. It was

<sup>[23]</sup> a piece of enterprise in stealing such a march on the Apoll Contest, but the mystery is, where did he get his pictures? The illustrations are all from the negatives made by Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell did not give him prints or permission to use, and no one knows how he got hold of them.

The Geographic Society is in the fire once more, and will send Mr. Russell back to Mt. St. Elias this summer, to find out its height, latitude and longitude, or not come back alive. A Coast Survey party will probably cooperate with him and the figures will have to be reliable. Mr. Kerr got three different heights himself - 13,500 ft 14,500 and 15,300 ft, and

the experts, put to work at his notes <sup>[33]</sup> after he left the Survey, could only get 17,000 ft for St. Elias — so that all the Kerr notes are suppressed, and no <sup>official</sup> publication will be made until this next expedition returns.

Lieut. Schmatka, having discovered the Yukon, is now about to discover gold along its banks, for the benefit of some New York capitalists.

The Contest will send Mr. Joseph Pennell with Mr. Russell, to sketch St. Elias and we may expect interesting things next year.

Capt. Carroll succeeded in getting land laws for his Territory, went to Boston and was