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Letter from John Muir to [recipient unknown], 1891 Oct 20.

John Muir

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S. F. Oct. 20, 1891. ; ;

Dear Madam -

I will send you a
photograph of myself as soon as I
can get one. I had some
taken years ago & may have
some copies left but cannot
find any at present.

With best wishes
I am M^{rs} truly
John Muir

We have two photo

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Full name? *John Muir*
Place of birth? *Dunbar, Scotland*
Writings best known to the public? *Descriptions of the Sierra & Alaskan wildernesses*
Most ambitious work? *"Mountain building", distribution of plants etc.*
Author's favorite writing? *Pure wildness*
Author's prevailing idea or motive of thought in writing?
The moral purpose? to amuse or entertain?
to find outward expression for inward unrest and mental activity?
or merely as a profession?

If free to write as fancy dictates, instead of filling an order to please the editor, the publisher or the public, to what style of writing would you naturally give expression? *prose?*
..... or poetry? the delicate pencil sketch?
..... or the vivid cartoon? the flowery?
the philosophical? the analytic? the study of human life?
..... or do you now write that which comes most natural to you?

Kindly tell where your writings may be found? *Harpers Scribners & Century Magazines*
Or in what journal on file in the libraries? *The S. F. Bulletin*

Or will you please enclose a few printed slips of most characteristic writing, which will be faithfully returned? *will as soon as I can find one*

Also will you kindly enclose a photograph, three of which of California Writers, will be used each week as a vignette heading to the department?

There will probably be a competition as to the best poem, best short sketch, best short story, best novel yet written by a California Writer.

Kindly address Editor, "Department of California Writers."

WASP OFFICE,

27 Main Street,

San Francisco, Cal.