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Letter from [Jeanne C. Carr] to [John Muir], [1874 ca. Nov].

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[Fragment of letter of Mrs. Carr]

[November, 1874]

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