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Letter from Anne W. Cheney to John Muir, 1875 Jan 1.

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return till the first of
May; Father's health does
not allow him to remain
in our cold & miserable
climate; I had hoped to
go to Cal^a this fall, more
particularly since my
dear friend Miss Bakfield
has returned, but it is so
far away, we do not feel
like leaving part of our
family behind, & as Mary
is in business, & Lu & Rob
at school, it is impossible
for them to go with us.

I wish you could meet
Miss Bakfield, for I know
you would like her,

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Home

Friday Jan. 1st 1875

My dear Mr. Kim.

So long a time
has gone by since I last
wrote you, that I really
cannot remember when
it was, but do not think
it was because I had for-
gotten my Cal^a friends,
that is hardly my way
of doing things; but with
every year, as my mother
& sister grow older, there
are more demands made
upon me as a housekeeper
& a hostess, & when I have
entertained a household
of young girls & boys,

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since that their stomachs
are well filled, & their
time pleasantly occupied,
what time or inclination
have I, to write more than
the faint notes to my
friends? & I try & like to
give you none.

My only vacation since
last August was a week
or two in Boston just be-
fore the holidays & it
could hardly be called
a vacation for I had so
much Christmas shopping
to do that I did not rest
at all; however to pay
for that, I had seven

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delightful evenings at the Opera, which
~~was~~ but one for a long time, for your
former promise to my brother & I, to
visit in N.Y. & return I can believe to all
else had not out of my mind, & I seem
to be in another world.
Your brother during the past few days
has been sold enough for a replacement &
I believe I am enjoying it just as
much as I could as much of it as we
can; we shall start about the
middle of this month, & not

She is very bright & in-
telligent, & not a bit of a
fashionable woman, &
frighten you, or make
you feel ill at ease, she
talks so well, & is so in-
terested in everything that
is worth being interested in
I know you will like
her. I have not heard
from her since she went
out, but think she is at
the Occidental Hotel with
her brother-in-law Mr. A.
L. Baker. Mrs. Baker has
just died, & she is taking
care of the little boy; she
is going to marry Mr.

Clinton Day ^{c63} of Oakland
some time before she
knows about you from
me, & wants to meet
you.

I have only written you
a jossify letter after
all, but what else can
you expect, when I have
been too busy for six
months, to have a serious
thought; I hope my
southern trip will give
me a little rest, but
I rather doubt it, for
many friends & acquaint-
ances are going too.

^{c73} I shall probably be in
as much of a whirl as
ever.

When you do come east
in your travels, you
must of course come
to us for a time at
least, we will try to
keep the world away
in order to devote our-
selves to you, only give
us warning -

With a "Happy New Year"
wherever you are,
I am very truly
Your friend
Anne P. Cheney