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Letter from John Muir to Alice [Mc Chesney], 1875 May 5.

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[Original letter returned to Mrs. J. B. McChesney]

1419 Taylor St.,

San Fran., May 5th, 1875.

My dear Alice:

I have just received your wee letter, and I was glad to get it [and] to hear all about your going to school and about your brother and the chickens.

I got down to the city from Mt. Shasta last evening, and I would have been over at your house to give you some mountain lilies I brought for you had I not been lame. I got my feet frost-nipped on Mt. Shasta in a storm, but they are getting well and I will be over soon. I wish you could come and get them before they wither.

I saw a great many ferns and flowers growing along the banks of the Sacramento River and around the base of Mt. Shasta, but I had not time to gather them. The flower that eats butterflies lives up there. I hope you will get the lilies before they wither. I saw a bumble-bee on the very top of Mt. Shasta high above the storm clouds. I hope the fine strong fellow was not frost-bitten like me.

I am,

Ever your friend,

John Muir