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Letter from John Muir to [Jeanne C.] Carr, 1877 Aug 12.

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SAM'L C. HOUGH,
Manager.

Los Angeles, Cal. Aug 12th 1877

Dear Mrs Carr I've seen your
sunny Pasadena & the patch called
yours, Everything about here pleases me
& I felt sorely tempted to take Dr Conger's
advice & invest in an orange patch
myself. I feel sure you will
be happy here with the Doctor & allie
among so rich a luxuriance of sunny
vegetation. How you will dig & dibble
in that mellow loam, I cannot
think of you standing erect for a
single moment unless it be in
looking away out into the dreamy
west. I made a fine shaggy little
five days excursion back in the heart
of the San Gabriel Mountains, and
then a week of real pleasure
with Conger re-surveying the past
about Madison. He has a fine little farm
fine little family & fine cosy home.

Sos Angeles. Aug 12. 77.

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I left at home with Conger & at once took possession of his premises & all that in them is. We drove down through the settlements eastward & saw the best orange groves & vineyards but the mountains I as usual met alone. Although so gray & silent & unpromising they are full of wild gardens & ferneries. Lilyries, some specimens ten feet high with twenty lilies big enough for bonnets. The main results - I will tell you some other time should you ever have an hours leisure. I go north today, by rail to Newhall thence by stage to Soledad & on to Monterey where I will take to the woods & feel my way in free study to San Fran

may reach the City about the middle of next-month.

Heard through your factor here that Miss Powell is worse & that you would not be down soon. I received your letter & Postal, also the letters you thought I had lost viz One from Salt Lake for which I sent - & one from Yosemite, wh Black forwarded with love to all. I am ever Yrs cordially M