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## Letter from John Muir to [Bidwell Family], [1877] Oct 21.

John Muir

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Sagmoia woods on  
Kings River Oct 21st

There have been during the  
age of the giants here  
yesterday & today. Just  
westward into the South Fork  
Canyon, thence over the  
divide into middle fork  
& down here as possible.

Cloudy - no snow as yet  
Rec'd for just before leaving  
San Francisco - will write  
on return in two or three  
weeks - hard work ahead  
but glorious.

Ever cordially yrs

J.M.

Hydes Mill North Fork Kaweah  
~~to~~ Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1892

My dear Mother -

My Kings River work is done & in a couple of weeks or thereabouts I'll be back in S F at work for the winter. I went up the South Fork Canon & down the Middle Fork according to my plan sent you. The trip has been a very trying one a storm three days without food & ten days of exhausting cliff work but I have been wholly successful nevertheless & though faint in making the last climb of 5000 feet out of the Canon I'm rested & well as ever already. & the results are truly glorious. A new Yosemite in one of the most remote & inaccessible fastnesses of the range with finer sculpture than I have ever before seen in all the Sierras some thirty first class Cataracts from 2000 to 4000 ft high - three new Sequoia forests & a fine fact about bears - with landscapes lakes meadows etc beyond telling about - Probably I'll have no more work of this kind to do in the range.

As I hope to hear from you on my return  
to the City I will not write further at present  
Fondly hoping you & all the family are  
well I am ever your affectionate  
Son John Muir

St. Matthews 1877

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