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## Letter from Annie K[ennedy] Bidwell to John Muir, 1877 Dec 17.

Annie Kennedy Bidwell

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Cupressus	1
Lilac	1
Juniper	2
Yew	1
Torreya	1
Abies	2
Salix	1
Yucca	1
Quercus	1
Magnolia	1
Ficus	1
Tuber	1
Convolv	1
Flax	1
Fern	2

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Rancho Chico

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1877

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