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Letter from Mrs. L. Strentzel to John Muir, 1878 May 5.

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Alhambra May 5th 1898.

Dear Friend.

Many thanks for the
Photograph, and also for the gem of word-
-painting of the angel. We were very sorry
to hear of your unpleasant experience of
a slow steamboat, but we now think
that the railroad will soon be finished
with the cars coming through by the last
of May. We learn that the construction
trains are now running regularly every
day, both below and above the obstructed
tunnel.

Our whole time during the past.

week was taken up with the May festivals and Grange meetings, but today we are resting in the Sabbath quietness with only the fragrance of roses and orange blossoms, and the music of the birds whose clear sweet tones seem to float down with the bright May sunshine.

The hills and trees are growing every day in beauty and richness, and the waving grain-fields give promise of a beautiful harvest. Yesterday we took a drive over the Pacheco valley towards Mount Diablo, and wished so much that you too could have been there to enjoy the same beauty of the view. The sun was shining brightly, but the hills were veiled with a thin gauze-like mist, and the whole appeared like a scene of enchantment.

We hope you will not fail to visit us again before going away for your long summer's work.

Truly yours friend
Mrs. L. Strenzel.