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## Letter from Sallie J. Kennedy to John Muir, 1878 Jan 31.

Sallie J. Kennedy

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boldly declaring that the  
Douglass, did not enjoy Old  
Sumner's; Now I am sure  
you struck the wrong note, and  
offended his delicate ear.

If now I am so happy as to  
reach the miles again I will  
examine it. I am not going  
to condemn him on your I fear  
some-what prejudiced judgment.  
He certainly in every other par-  
ticular received full justice at  
your hands.

These several  
was to give for my enjoyment  
of "Douglass Squibs".

The Signora was full of solid  
information and interest.

The March Scribner are only

Washington Jan, 31<sup>st</sup> 1879.

My dear Mr. Mur.

If I had not been  
the busiest body or thought I was,  
I would ere this have thanked you  
for your welcome letter of December  
24<sup>th</sup>. I was sure a long  
time receiving mine of the Sum-  
mer, and I was glad the little  
gentians did not fail to perform  
their mission.

What a delightful Summer  
you had! Mine was full of  
pleasure to me! I can hardly  
tell you how much we have en-  
joyed your Scribner articles.

gift to day. But I know a treat  
is in store. My sister was  
very glad to see you in San Fran-  
cisco, and expressed the hope  
that you would visit them during  
the winter. But if you adhere to  
to plan you have made they  
will be disappointed.

We had the pleasure of  
a morning call from Mr & Mrs  
Gray, some ten days since. They  
looked well, and were as lovely  
as usual. They remained in  
town but two days I believe.

'Tis now February 3<sup>rd</sup>. I  
laid aside the fire-going to  
attend to some duties which  
presented themselves, and



"Wind starns in the Guba Forest,"  
was charming - exquisite

While I was on terra firma not  
perched as you in a Douglas  
spruce, I too could close my eyes  
and have the vividly drawn  
scene before me, that in all the  
beauty that was disclosed to you,  
but beauty enough to make  
me grateful and happy for the  
pure delight.

The very names  
of the trees send a thrill of pleas-  
ure through me so much scenes  
associated with them.

"The Mountain Lakes", was also  
charming. Do you recall  
the lovely little blue saucers

filled to the brim, which no  
I can snugly nestled among the  
peaks, the day we went to the  
top of the Mountain from which  
we looked into Cinder Cone?  
and a game the day we were  
looking for "Bumbers"?

Oh dear what a day full of  
pleasure and merriment.

I should like to follow you  
step by step and feel on paper  
just the memories which are  
stirred, and the longings which  
are excited by what you write,  
but I fear it would be pleas-  
ant but to me, one thing I  
must do, quarrel with you for

have been so foolish as to take  
a miserable cold which has  
placed me under the best  
care, and prevents my  
writing more. Thanks  
for the "Colorado cities".

Your friend

John G. Kennedy

I was glad to hear from news  
from Prof. Butler. How  
happy he will be over Mr  
Carpenter's success.