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Letter from John Muir to [Jeanne C.] Carr, 1879 Apr 9.

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ice. & may possibly find my
way home in the fall to see
my mother.

I wonder if you will really
go quietly away south when
your office term expires
& rest in the afternoon of your
life among your pine & orange
leaves, or, unable to get full
absolution from official &
woman's rights unrest, you will
fight & squirm till sundown.

I see nothing of you all
these bustling years.

I suppose nothing less than
an exhaustive miniature of
all the leafy creatures of the globe
will satisfy your Pasadena
aspirations. You know how little
real sympathy I can give in such
play garden schemes, still if so
much appreciation & unavailable a man
as I may be of use at all, let me know.
Ever cordially, Yrs John Muir.

H21

920 Valencia St
Apr 9th 1879.

Dear Mrs Carr.

I did not send
the pine book to you because I
was using it in rewriting a
portion of the Cal Forest article
which will appear in Scribner
May or June, & because before
it could have reached you
you were according to your
letter to be in San Francisco
& could then take it with
you. It is entitled "Gordon's
Pinetum". - Published by Henry
G. Bohn, Henrietta St, Covent
Garden, Simpkin, Marshall & Co.
Stationers' Hall Court. 1845. 2^d
Edition. It is an "exhaustive"
work, very exhausting anyhow,
& contains a fine list much of
little.

The summit pine of our Sierra is *P. Albigensis* of Engelmann. & The *P. flexilis*, ^{fore} given in this work as a synonym is a very different tree, growing sparingly on the eastern flank of the Sierra, from Bloddy Canon Southward, but very abundant on all the higher Basin ranges, & on the Wahatch & Rocky Mountains.

The Grange book is it seems another exhaustive ~~book~~ work. There is something admirable in the scientific nerve & aplomb manifested in the titles of these swollen volumes. How a treebook can be exhaustive when every species is everywhere from one form to another with infinite variety; it is not easy to see.

I haven't the least idea who

Mr Rexford is, but if connected with the Bulletin I can probably get the title of his Citrus book through Mr Williams. Will probably see him next Sunday.

The Sunday Convention managers stand me a hundred dollars for two lectures on the Yosemite rocks in June, I have not yet agreed to do so, though I probably shall, as I am not going into Colorado this summer.

Excepting a day at San Jose with Allen I ^{have} hardly been out of my room for weeks. pepping away with my quill & accomplishing little. My last efforts were on the preservation of the Sierra forests, & the wild & trampled conditions of our flora from a new point of view.

I want to spend the greater portion of the season up the Coast observing