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920 Valencia St.,

San Francisco,

May 3 1899.

Dear Mrs Bidwell.

Your letter, telling bunch of  
bloom is here, & how glad I would seek  
the fields when it came you must know, But  
Alack! work, work, work, holds me here.  
How beautiful the fields, & plains, & fence corners,  
about Chico must be. I have been hoping all  
through the winter that I should be with you  
in bloom-time for at least a week. now  
summer is coming on, & my chances to see Chico  
this year seem to be growing less. I may probably  
go into the Sierra above Yosemite for a month, &  
then up the coast to study the glacial phenomena.  
The Sunday school people from the east want me to  
lecture for them; but this is a business that I know little  
about. Am hard at work with my pen. Have not had  
a single excursion this winter. How have your flora studies  
prospered? With thanks for the bloom, I am cordially Yrs John Mearns