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## Letter from J[ohn] G[ill] Lemmon to John Muir, 1880 Jun 4.

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The most popular and useful Microscopes, Telescopes, and their furnishings, Scientific Books, &c.

Oakland Cal., June 4, 1890

John Muir }  
Naturalist &c }

Dear Sir,

While  
botanizing down in Ari-  
zona recently I received  
from friends here in Oak-  
land an item of news  
at once the most astonish-  
ing and pleasing that ever  
was heard.

"California's most-disting-  
uished naturalist & writer  
was married a few days  
ago to the the talented &  
lovely daughter of Dr. Street  
& of Martinez. Gls.

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Dr is a Millionaire and the daughter is the only child! Now our dear little Johnny Blair is in clover, Did ever such good fortune come to a scientist before!"

Arriving home I find the news confirmed and I hasten to congratulate you my dear fellow, on your good luck.

Now what schemes of conquest have you already planned? How soon do you start upon the circuit of the globe? Will you penetrate the Brazilian forests and seek out the heart of Africa! May we hope for lovely illustrations and graphic descriptions of its wild sources!

Really you are much to be congratulated upon your unprecedented good fortune. We Californians who have followed you enraptured ever since you began boldly depicting the sublimities of Yosemite are all delighted for now we hope for still more charming and instructive labor.

I hope this letter will not be considered impertinent and that you will believe me an honest though simple admirer.

Please present my regards to your wife who has displayed such good sense.

Your friend in the advancement of a love of Nature.  
J. H. Beaman