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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 en-
raptured ever since you
began boldly depicting the
sublimities of Yosemite are
all delighted for now we
hope for still more charm-
ing 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 dis-
played such good sense.

Your friend in the ad-
vancement of a love of Nature.
J. G. Bennett