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Indianapolis June 6th 1880

232 N. Ala. St.

My Dear

'John & Louie Muir'

The little box enclosing
the 'orange Blossoms' and the cake
came safely to hand a day or
two since. We were all delighted
to have this assurance that the
rumors we had heard through
Prof. Jordan - were true. No
doubts after this! John Muir we
know - Louie Muir we shall
have to learn. But if she is a
part of John, the task will
not be difficult. Let us be
human enough not to be
entirely satisfied with faith -
we want to be told how she
looks - how & why she ran
away with John's heart - and

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made herself a part of his life!
One, or both, of you must write
and tell us the story. It has
made me think of Klopstock's
Meta:-

I want to know - indeed we all do
whether 'Lonic' is a sprite - a
wood nymph - or a dryad -
or whether she is real flesh
and blood - and had taken
this scientific in hand to
tame. I take that back for
never was man of gentler
blood than John Muir.

Janet + Katy + Merrill
Jea even Miss Elyja - & sisters
Kate + Mina - are all on the
qui vive then - your tale of
Lone.

I thank you for your sweet
remembrance - I sent portions
of the cake about to the

youngsters - and on it they
have been dreaming &
weaving visions of lone - for which
you two must be responsible!
The blossoms were still fragrant
~~but~~ ^{and} we imagined them as
they were in their dewy freshness
when shut within the little box - &
so enjoyed them.

→ Pardon this silly
note - but write to me - my
dear friends - and you will
see that I can be in earnest.
Tell me of your home. May God
bless and keep you - and spare
you year upon year to one
another!

Affectionately
Julia M. Moores