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**Letter from S. Hall Young per F. K. Y. to John Muir, 1880 Jul 12.**

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Send kindest regards to Mrs Muir your sincere friend  
S. Hall Jones  
for G. K. G.

Fort Mangle. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

Prof John Muir

Dear Friend I knew you would, and now you have gone and done it. My wife and I claim the entire credit of it, such a picture of domestic bliss we knew could not fail to have its effect. We know you now to be a miser, better, but not sadder, and we are glad accept our united congratulation. I should have answered your letter, it is a shame that I did not I will send you a little article I published, on the Indian war we had. It will show you that our fine old Captain was not so much in fault; I wish I could shut out from my vision his dreadful death, Our mission was much demoralized, but is now slowly recovering Our Home is almost completed and is a fine building. This "dirty Angling" wrangling

Fort Mangle" will present some what a different appearance when you bring your bride up this way. I have made no long canoe trips since that of last fall in April and May, in company with Mr Lyons (our present missionary at Sitka) I made the circuit of Prince of Wales Sound I had a most delightful trip and returned home a "Lappy integer". I made several improvements upon the Chilkat trip, in the manner of getting up the expedition, first I had only one Capt and no chiefs, second I sailed for the trip, and not by the day. third the Indians provided their own mukamuk, as a consequence, though I visited seven towns, many camps, remaining long enough at each to do thorough work, and though we had few good sailing winds we made the trip of four hundred miles in two weeks, and two days. The finest part of this archipelago, as regards beauty of the soft, quiet, picturesque type, noble cedar forests, lovely green islands, fertile

spots, and fine Indians is Cordova Bay on the south west of the Island. The Indian huts and houses entirely eclipse all we saw north. We hope to have a missionary established there, a good man has been appointed to Chilkat. I thought not as fine a trip glacially speaking, it was a better one aboriginally. My other canoe trip was from the British missions at Metlakatlah and Ft Simpson in that I was cash, I undertook to bring Mrs Jorsett and the baby, Miss Dunbar, seven of our "Home" girls, and two Indian women with the help of only two Indian men. We went down in the Grapple had a fine visit, got two canoes at Ft S- and were eleven days getting to Ft W- I steered the largest canoe in which was the most precious and helpless part cargo, imagine my spiritual suffering, to live a lot of weak and headless girls stop faddling just as the wind is driving you upon a rock. We nearly ran out of provision and for the last two



days had only venison and coffee the latter  
 without sugar or milk. Had it not  
 been for two deer killed we might have  
 suffered. Two days before the conclusion  
 of the voyage, I dislocated my shoulder, but  
 got it in again (after a lead pull), The  
 morning of the last day, out it came again  
 and would not be reset, tossed in the canoe  
 all day with it out, reached here the eve-  
 ning of July third, and then got Brodie and  
 four other white men at work on it, after  
 nearly killing me, I was obliged to descend  
 to either, and it was replaced, I have been  
 disabled ever since, which accounts for this  
 letter being written by Mrs Jones. Can you give  
 me the address of that mechanical medical  
 establishment - ~~that~~ in San. Fr. that could provide  
 me with some thing to keep that troublesome  
 member in place, I would say "good  
 old cheese" look for a glacial letter next  
 time. Answer soon, Mrs Jones and I