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Fort Mangle. July 12th 1880

Prof John Muir

Dear Friend I know 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 radder, and we
 are glad accept our united congratula-
 tions. I should have answered your
 letter, it is a shame that I did not
 I will send you a little article I publish-
 ed, 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 demoral-
 ized, 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 & 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 forest, lovely green islands, fertile

spots, and fine Indians is Cordova Bay on the south west of the Island. The Indian poles and houses entirely eclipse all we saw north. We hope to have a missionary established there, A good man has been appointed to Chilkat. Though 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 Grappler had a fine visit, got two canoes at Ft S- and were eleven days getting to Ft W- & steamed the largest canoe in which was the most precious and helpless part cargo, Imagine my spiritual suffering, to live a lot of weak and luddish 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 deal pull), The
morning of the last day, out it came again
and would not be reset, trussed 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