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WILL EXPLORE COLD SIBERIA

JOHN MUIR,
The eminent scientist who is going to Siberia to study the vast forests there.

John Muir and Sargent, the Tree Man, Are to Cross the Great Steppes.
By Bailey Millard.

In his sixty-fifth year, and still as sturdy a mountain climber as when he discovered the great Alaskan glacier which bears his name, John Muir, who has carefully explored all the wildest and most inaccessible places in our land where Nature hides herself away in secret beauty, and who has sailed the fords of coldest Norway and the coral-lined coves of warmest Polynesia, is off on a fortnight's expedition to the top of Mount Tyndall and afterward mountains of the West. His rehearsal of the trip, his estimation of his equipment, and note so carefully made of his most wearisome and stupendous tasks, will leave his home at Yosemite and the Yellowstone must be the despair of all the truly appreciative writers who come after him.

Given such a sensitive, receptive mind as Muir's, with his ability to report what he sees, and forty years of careful observation of Nature's wildest moods and greatest pictures, and you have a man fit to voice the message of the wilds. His work is recognized among all the high scientific and literary authorities in the Eastern States, and to this he should be able to add the general run of people in California.

To the discerning minds of this country Muir is the accredited spokesman of Nature. In the West, where all the greatest mountains are, he is the accredited spokesman of Nature, and he should be able to report what he sees to all the general run of people in California.

In talking with me the other day at his pretty cottage home in the hills near several miles of his adventures in that quiet, off-hand manner which always characterizes the report of the man who does things and speaks the truth. Speaking of his tour of exploration, which will take the better part of a year of his valuable time, he remarked:

I shall extend our journeys to Japan and to Java and the Philippines. I should like to go to the Himalayas, too, but we cannot go everywhere. He also describes trees with genuine section, as of human beings. "I expect to find some relations of our old friend, the Sequoia, in the East, but we have never known to exist in Japan. But I am satisfied that nowhere shall I find any trees as large as our great redwoods." The hazardous journey is not one to daunt the spirit of the man who discovered the great Muir glacier and who stands on the tops of all our highest mountain peaks.

Mr. Muir does not write his wonderful books for money. He has a horror of the things we call business. He always prefers to think of what he has done. Simplicity! There is a man after Thoreau's own heart.

ARMOUR PLANT HAS WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Messages Sent Several Miles Clearly and Without a Break.

CHICAGO, March 25.—The first practical test of a newly installed wireless telegraph plant was made to-day, messages being transmitted several miles between the Armour Packing House at the Union stock Yards and the general offices in the business district of the city. The messages were all sent one way. Arrangements are being made to extend the system to Armour plants in the

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