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## Letter from Annie K[ennedy] Bidwell to John Muir, 1881 Dec 21.

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Ever sincerely Yours

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Kaucho Chico

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

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