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Dear Mr Muir:

When you kindly promised me something from your pen during the year, I did not mean to hurry you at all, but to leave it entirely according to your own convenience. But if you do happen to have anything in shape such that you could send it, it would be particularly acceptable now: for Noah Brooks and W. H. Rideing, both of whom solemnly and repeatedly promised to get copy to me in time for February issue, have neither of them appeared, and I do not see how I can possibly ~~get~~ wait more than three or four days more, and yet I don't dare to go to press without some important person in my table of

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contents, for every body is saying
that if we can keep up to the level
of the January number they will
have some faith in it, but that they
look for a great descent in February
— and you would out-weigh both
Brooks and Riding. As I said to Dr
Le Conte, I could not expect him to
give here as careful work as he
would prepare to sell in the East,
and ~~that~~ anything that was careful
enough for him to be himself willing
to have appear over his name, I should
be grateful for.

Sincerely

M. W. Shinn

We were all very sorry to
miss you at the Overland dinner.
Your name was often on people's lips
in my hearing.

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