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New York.
Thursday, Sep. 28, 1893.



Dear Louis. I had hoped to be in Chicago ere this but have been waiting for Mr Johnson who is hard pressed with work on account of the absence of Mr Gilder. Johnson thinks it is very important that I go to Washington to see Hoke Smith & the Chairman of Land Committee & your telegrams point the same way. Mr Gilder got back last evening & Johnson & I will start for Washington tomorrow remain there a day or two, then go on together to Chicago where Mrs Johnson now is. I mean to stop only a day or two at Chicago then go to Portage & then straight home. The days spent here have not been wholly unprofitable as at the Century rooms & the Clubs I have met some interesting people. One evening as I sat at dinner with Johnson at the Club called the Players I noticed a gray haired man looking hard at me. Presently he came across the dining room & asked if this was John Muir

Then I recognized him. It was Irwin the artist. Then General McDowell
soon joined us & we had a pleasant California evening.
Irwin said he recognized me by my head which he had sketched
as you know some twenty years ago in Yosemite, I inquired whether
he still had that sketch he said he had it in his studio & when I told
him that you were curious to see it, he at once said that he
would take pleasure in presenting it to you. only he was sorry it
was not a better & more carefully executed picture. So I went to
his studio next day & gained possession of it for you.

The Art Critic Sturgis took me out to dine at the Century Club one evening
when I met a number of well known literary men &
then ~~at~~ ^{or} at the Players & the Century Editorial rooms I met Mark
Twain, Aldrich the poet, Chas Dudley Warner Judge Howland & many
others of less note. With Warner I had a long talk on Yosemite & forest affairs
last evening. He promised to do all he could to help us, & seemed surprised to learn
the methods of the Yo Commission. Rudyard Kipling is another notable one to see. Had a
pleasant talk with Judge Howland last evening. So glad your letter. Love to all Kinners to the babies
Ever Yours John Merri