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## Letter from Harvey Reid to John Muir, 1861 Jul 13

Harvey Reid

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Union Grove, Racine Co.  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Friend Gird:-

On arriving home from the University and ~~unpacking~~ packing our books, Fuller and I found that we had your Geometry with us - it having been packed with our books through mistake.

As we did not know your P.O. address we concluded we would be obliged to keep it until we returned to school next term; but

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as matters have now shaped  
it will be impossible for  
either of us to return, near  
term at least; so, recollecting  
your acquaintances with Mr.  
Dates, I write to you at his  
P.O., hoping that it may  
reach you. If you will  
send me your address I  
will forward the book by  
return mail.

We found our friends all  
well on arriving home and  
glad to see us. Crops  
are looking very well in this  
neighborhood, but will not  
be half the yield of last  
year, the drought having affected  
them materially, and also  
there is some complaint of  
rust in wheat.

The "Fourth" was celebrated  
in our village with great

enthusiasm and success, the  
newly awakened military  
excitement being represented  
by two companies of "Home  
Guards" who contributed in  
a great degree to the interest  
of the occasion.

Have you heard from  
your application for a Patent  
yet? and what new  
wonder have you been  
inventing lately?

Hoping that our unintentional  
theft has caused no serious  
inconvenience

I am

Sincerely your friend

Harvey Reid