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## Letter from Daniel H. Muir to John Muir, 1866 Aug 3

Daniel H. Muir

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for a house each  
so you see I am busy  
I command whatever I  
please but only take \$2.  
per day and pay \$4. for  
board & washing

The musquitos are biting  
me so I can not write more  
I will describe the place  
bye & bye, ever yours

Saml A Muir

please address me

Avery  
Berrien Co,  
Mich

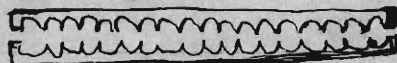
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Avery Mich Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 66  
Dear Brother John

I will  
now give you a short history  
of my doings since last I  
saw you. After leaving  
you I passed through a  
miserably flat half swampy  
country till I arrived at  
Safayette but from there  
to Michigan City was the same  
next day I found that there  
was no broom handles made  
in or near there, there had  
been a shop within 14 miles  
to the west but it was shut  
up it instead of turning  
them had planed them  
out by running boards  
between two knives thus

 or perhaps

a little more accurate. I made a great many enquiries that day and concluded to start eastward on the Mich. cen. R.R. I did so the same (Tuesday) evening and went to the village of Three Oaks but not being suited with the shop there I started next morning for Avery where I found a shop with one whipple-tree lathe and four for broom fork hoe &c handles. After some talk with the owners they told me if I could find something else to do for a week or two they would then give me a chance to begin on the whipple-tree lathe so I started out towards the sawmill

where their timber came from as there was a good deal of stir there it being a new get-up 2 1/2 miles from the station on arriving there I was tackled by one man who seemed eager to know whether I was a carpenter as he wanted a house built and on my intimating that I had boarded with a house builder and having often heard him speak of the business of course I knew something about <sup>(ha ha)</sup> it I was urged to take the job which I readily did and am now in full blast I have nearly finished hewing the timbers and get along finely, three other men are trying to engage my services